

LAKELAND NATURIST ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The name of the recreational organisation shall be **LAKELAND NATURIST ASSOCIATION**, hereinafter referred to as the **ASSOCIATION**. This Association shall incorporate the activities of the naturist recreational organisation known as the **LAKELAND OUTDOOR CLUB**, which name shall be identified in the title of the Association.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 The Association shall seek to improve the conditions of life of the public at large, both male and female, in the interests of social welfare and for the public benefit.

2.2 These interests shall be achieved by providing a site or sites for the lawful recreational activity of naturism, hereinafter referred to as naturism, and to include such facilities as shall be deemed to be necessary for the pursuit of naturism, and by arranging functions relevant to naturism.

2.3 The foregoing aims and objectives shall be subject to restrictions in so far as may be necessary and requisite, and shall be carried out solely and exclusively in a manner recognised by the Law of England.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership of the Association shall comprise such persons from the public at large who pay an annual non-prohibitive membership fee as shall from time to time be determined by the Association at Annual General Meetings.

3.2 Members of the general public may be permitted to use the facilities of the Association on payment of a non-prohibitive entrance fee as shall from time to time be determined by the Association at an Annual General Meeting.

3.3 All members of the general public are eligible for membership of the Association in so far as they are sympathetic to the cause of naturism.

4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

4.1 The activities of the Association shall be under the control of a Committee which shall consist of the following officials:-

4.2 Chairman; Vice Chairman; Honorary Secretary; Honorary Treasurer; Conservation Officer.

4.3 The Committee shall also comprise one Ordinary Member of the Association in total per 20 units of the Association, up to a maximum of six (6).

4.4 The Officials of the Association shall hold office for a term of two years, the Chairman and Honorary Secretary taken together, and the Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Conservation Officer taken together, retiring on alternate years. Ordinary Committee Members shall hold office for a term of (1) one year

4.5 Officials and Ordinary Committee Members shall be elected from Members of the Association at an Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held each year between May and September. Retiring Officials and Ordinary Committee Members are eligible for re-election.

4.6 The Committee may invite a person of suitable standing in the community at large to be President of the Association, who shall remain in office for an indefinite period. The President shall be an ex-officio Member of the Committee and he or she shall have full voting rights.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS

5.1 The Committee may establish Sub-Committees to carry out special tasks. At least one Official must be present at all Sub-Committee meetings as an ex-officio member. Sub-Committees have no powers to incur expenditure on behalf of the Association.

5.2 Persons with special skills may be co-opted onto the Committee on a temporary basis.

6. MANAGEMENT

6.1 All arrangements for the use of the site(s) and its' (their) facilities; the organisation of any relevant functions and events; and the control of finance, shall rest with the Committee.

7. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

7.1 The Association may collaborate with other organisations having similar aims and objectives or which are sympathetic to the naturist movement including Tourist Boards and other Local Government Departments and Central Government Departments and Ministries in so far as the requirements of Section 9 Sub Section 9.5 herein and of Section 10 herein are in no way violated.

7.2 Such collaboration shall be confined to matters as are of mutual benefit and advantage to the collaborating parties and may include the following:-

- (i) joint use of facilities
- (ii) participation at national meetings; rallies; seminars; workshops; conferences; and other meetings,
- (iii) initiation and participation in research projects

8. CONTROL OF LAND

8.1 The Association shall through its' Committee, undertake to provide an appropriate site which is suitable for the lawful pursuit of naturism. The use of the site may be arranged on an informal renting agreement; by a formal leasing agreement or it may be owned by the Association.

8.2 The Committee shall be responsible for the operation of the site and the drafting of site rules.

9. FINANCE

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- 9.1 The financial year shall end on April 30th.
- 9.2 A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Association and cheques shall be signed by two Officers of the Association.
- 9.3 The Association may receive grants in aid; guarantees; and other sums offered under deed of covenant.
- 9.4 The Association may negotiate loans from other charities and/or grant making Trusts.
- 9.5 The income and property of the Association from whatever lawful source it may be derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the aims and objectives of the Association as established in Section 2 herein (q.v.), and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any Member or group of Members of the Association and its Committee except:-
- (i) in payment of legitimate expenses incurred for work which has been carried out in furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Association and with the agreement of the Committee;
 - (ii) the repayment of loans, together with any accrued interest.
- 9.6 No employee of the Association shall have control over any of its finances.
- 9.7 The due date for the payment of the annual Membership fee is January 1st., or within 56 days thereof, otherwise membership will be deemed to have lapsed.

10. WINDING UP OR DISSOLUTION

10.1 In the event of winding up or the dissolution of the Association, any assets remaining after all liabilities have been discharged shall be transferred to an organisation or organisations whose aims and objectives are similar to those of the Association and whose rules preclude the distribution of income and assets amongst its members. No member or group of members of the Association may benefit from the transference of assets on winding up or dissolution except in respect of the re-payment of loans together with any accrued interest.

11. AUDITED ACCOUNTS

11.1 The financial accounts shall be audited and submitted to the Members of the Association at an Annual General meeting.

12. QUORUM

12.1. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of a minimum of four (4) of its total membership.

12.2. A quorum at Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings shall comprise a minimum of eight (8) Members in total of the Association.

13. TRUST PROPERTY

13.1. The title of all and any real property which may be acquired by or for the

purposes of the Association shall be vested in Trustees who shall be appointed by the Committee and who shall enter into a Deed of Trust setting forth the purposes and conditions under which they shall hold the said property in Trust for the Association. The number of Trustees shall not be less than two (2) nor more than four (4).

14. RESOLUTIONS

14.1 Resolutions raised in Committee at AGM's and at EGM's and which do not affect the Constitution in any way shall require a simple majority vote. The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

15. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

15.1. Resolutions which are agreed at AGM's and EGM's and which affect the Constitution must be tabled for discussion and voting at an AGM or EGM.

15.2. No proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be offered for voting at an AGM. or EGM. except under the conditions outlined in Clause 15.1 of this Constitution. A minimum of fourteen (14) days prior notice shall have been given to the Members of the Association.

16. AFFILIATION

16.1. The Association shall at the discretion of its Members be affiliated to the Central Council for British Naturism or any other or successor organisation which represents the interests of naturists in the UK, nationally and the Association shall pay such affiliation and/or capitation fees as shall from time to time be determined by the national organisation.

17. REFUSAL AND CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP

17.1. The Committee may refuse membership to any applicant upon such grounds as the Committee shall think fit without having to justify their action.

17.2. The Committee may refuse to renew or cancel the membership of any Member or Members upon such grounds as the Committee shall think fit. The Committee shall give the Member(s) one month's notice of refusal/cancellation. Members who feel they have been unfairly treated shall be allowed to state their case before the Committee. If the dispute is not then resolved it shall be tabled at the next AGM. Until such time the said Member(s) shall be suspended from Membership of the club. The AGM's decision shall be final.