

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE AMATOLA FLY FISHING CLUB (AFFC)**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

In this Constitution, unless the context indicates otherwise -

"Chairperson" means the Official mentioned in clause 5 (1) (a);

"Club" means the club established in terms of clause 2;

"Executive Committee" means the executive committee contemplated in clause 5;

"Member" means a member of the Club as contemplated in clause 4;

"Official" means any one of the officials mentioned in clause 5 (1) (a) up to and including (e), and "office" shall have a corresponding meaning;

"Prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under clause 20;

"Secretary" means the Official mentioned in clause 5 (1) (c); and

"Treasurer" means the Official mentioned in clause 5 (1) (d).

### **2. THE AMATOLA FLY FISHING CLUB**

(1) A club, known as The Amatola Fly Fishing Club (AFFC), is hereby established. The AFFC was formed in July 2013 from the amalgamation of the STUTTERHEIM TROUT ANGLING CLUB and the FRONTIER ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY, which names shall be incorporated as secondary names, the primary name of the club shall be the AMATOLA FLY FISHING CLUB (AFFC). The headquarters of the AFFC shall be at GUBU DAM.

(2) The Club is a common law corporate body and as such -

(a) its assets, liabilities, rights and obligations vest in it independently of its members;

(b) it may not distribute any of its profits and gains to any person and it will use its funds solely for the objects for which it has been established and for investment;

(c) it will have perpetual succession; and

(d) it may sue or be sued in its own name.

(3) The members will not by reason of their membership be liable for the liabilities and obligations of the Club.

### **3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

(1) The aims and objectives of the Club are:

(a) To promote and popularise an enriching outdoor experience for all through furthering and supporting the provision of quality fly fishing waters and related facilities;

(b) To popularise fly fishing for all fishers by securing for its members the right to fish in rivers and dams in the Amathole District;

(c) To popularise fly fishing for all by furthering and supporting the propagation and protection of trout through preserving trout waters and controlling and managing the fishing therein;

(d) To popularise and preserve fly fishing and an enriching outdoor experience for all by furthering and supporting best practice principles with respect to restoring, protecting, and preserving the water quality and ecological integrity critical to the healthy functioning of the aquatic ecosystems and the fishes therein under the club's control;

(e) To enter into any lease, agreement, or other arrangement conferring upon the club and/or its members any exclusive or non-exclusive, limited or unlimited right to use, fish, or otherwise employ rivers and dams situated in the club area, and such offices or premises as may be necessary for the use of the club;

(f) To raise funds for, and generally to do all such other things as may be conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above objectives.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

(1) Membership of the Club is open to any person who subscribes to this Constitution, who pays the prescribed membership fee, who submits to the control of the Executive Committees and who has not been excluded in terms of proper disciplinary proceedings conducted under this Constitution.

(2) An application to become a member is submitted to the Secretary on a form substantially corresponding to the form in Annex A.

(3) The Executive Committee shall consider each application for membership and may accept or reject an application.

(4) If the Executive Committee rejects an application, it shall forthwith provide written reasons for its decision.

(5) An applicant who feels aggrieved at a decision by the Executive Committee to reject his or her application, may appeal to the Executive Committee.

(6) The Executive Committee shall consider an appeal as contemplated in subclause (6) and may accept or reject an application.

(7) The decision of the Executive Committee under subclause (7) is final and binding on all concerned.

(8) Each member will receive a digital membership certificate by e-mail, issued annually by the committee upon receipt of the respective member's annual subscription. It is the responsibility of the member to print a hardcopy of the certificate, which must be carried on their person at all times while fishing club waters. A club member must produce their certificate on the request of a water bailiff, forestry staff, security staff, or fellow club member.

(9) Valid membership allows the club member full access to all of the club's waters and facilities.

(10) Right of admission to all property under the control of the club is reserved. In the event of an infringement of the club rules or any behaviour by any member being deemed by the club committee to be unruly, unreasonable, untoward, or unacceptable, the Executive committee retains the right to terminate the membership of said member with immediate effect and said member shall forfeit any membership fees paid.

#### **(11) THERE SHALL BE THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OF MEMBERS:**

(a) **JUNIOR, SCHOLAR, or STUDENT MEMBER:** A junior shall be under the age of twelve (12) and a scholar or undergraduate student shall be enrolled full time at a recognised educational institution at the commencement of the club's financial year (1<sup>st</sup> June). The committee can request proof of scholar or undergraduate student status.

(b) **RETIRED MEMBER:** Shall be a person of sixty five (65) or older.

(c) **ORDINARY MEMBER:** Shall be a person over the age of eighteen (18) but under the age of sixty five (65).

(d) **MARRIED COUPLE:** Shall be a married couple both of whom are under the age of sixty five (65).

(e) **RETIRED MARRIED COUPLE:** Shall be a married couple one of whom is over the age of sixty five (65).

(f) **FAMILY:** Shall be any couple and their direct progeny all of whom are eighteen (18) or younger.

(g) **FRIEND OF AFFC:** Any person who renders a service to the club may, on the recommendation and unanimous acceptance by the club committee, be allocated temporary membership for a period directly correlated to the period of active services rendered, and shall become entitled to all the privileges of ordinary membership without subscription.

(h) **HONORARY MEMBER:** Any person who has rendered distinguished service to the club may, on the recommendation and unanimous acceptance by the club committee, be elected as an honorary member for a specified period or life, and shall become entitled to all the privileges of ordinary membership without subscription.

(i) **TEMPORARY MEMBERS:** Any member of the public may become a temporary member, by purchasing from agents approved by the committee, of a daily rod ticket and/or accommodation ticket at such fees as determined by the committee. Temporary members shall be subject to all the rules and regulations of the club. Temporary membership shall be valid only on a ticket by ticket basis.

#### **(12) ENTRANCE FEE, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND ELECTRICITY CHARGE**

An entrance fee for all classes of permanent membership shall be determined by the committee and must accompany applications for membership.

Subscriptions payable for an ordinary member shall be determined by the committee and fees payable by other classes of members shall be in the following proportions to the ordinary, local membership subscription and rounded up to the nearest ten (10) Rand:

- (a) JUNIOR, SCHOLAR, or STUDENT MEMBER: *less 33%*
- (b) RETIRED MEMBER: *less 33%*
- (c) MARRIED COUPLE: *plus 66%*
- (d) RETIRED MARRIED COUPLE: *plus 66% less 33%*
- (e) FAMILY: *plus 133%*

A person qualifies for country membership if they reside further than 160 km from Gubu Dam. Country membership is a different fee structure only and not a separate membership class. Country members shall have all the same rights and privileges of the membership class to which they are eligible as described in clause 4 of this constitution, but pay *less 25%* of the fee for their determined membership class.

The annual subscription shall become due and payable on 1<sup>st</sup> June each year.

In the event of a member wishing to use the club's facilities but who has not renewed their subscription by 1<sup>st</sup> June, a period of grace of three (3) months, i.e. to the 31<sup>st</sup> August, will be granted.

Should any member fail to pay their annual subscription by 31<sup>st</sup> August each year, such member will be in default and shall automatically cease to be a member of the club. To be reinstated as a member of the club after the lapsing of membership, the entrance fee must be paid.

Any person who becomes a member of the club after the 30<sup>th</sup> June in any year shall be required to pay the ruling entrance fee, but only the pro rata subscription fee for the remaining months of the current financial year.

Electricity for the Gubu Dam clubhouse is supplied through a meter, tickets for which are available from the bailiff at a cost set by the committee, and which cost can change without notice.

### **(13) KEYS**

- (a) No keys will be permanently issued to members or temporary members.
- (b) All members and temporary members wishing to use any of the locked facilities (e.g. the Gubu clubhouse) must collect, pay a deposit, and sign for a key (thus becoming the temporary key holder) from the bailiff for Gubu Dam or Target Line and Criterion Supermarket for Maden Dam.
- (c) Keys are to be returned immediately upon departure from Gubu Dam or return from Maden Dam respectively.
- (d) The temporary key holder will be held financially liable for unreturned and lost keys.
- (e) In the event of any of the locked facilities being left in any form of unsatisfactory state, the temporary key holder for the respective date will be deemed the responsible person and will be held financially and/or legally liable for any costs incurred in restoring the facilities to their former state.

### **(14) MEMBERS' CLUBHOUSE OBLIGATIONS**

When using clubhouse facilities a member's obligations are -

- (a) Keep the clubhouses, their contents and appliances clean and tidy at all times.
- (b) The temporary key holder must complete the attendance register before departing from their stay at the clubhouses.

### **(15) RESIGNATIONS**

Resignations must be submitted to the chairman of the club, in writing and no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> June. No subscription fees will be refunded.

## **5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

(1) The affairs of the club shall be managed and conducted by The Executive Committee of the Club and shall consist of a least eight (8) members; namely -

- (a) Chairperson;
- (b) Vice-chairperson;
- (c) Secretary;
- (d) Treasurer; and
- (e) four (4) additional members with or without portfolio as dictated by the needs of the club, to be elected at the annual general meeting;

(2) The Executive Committee is responsible for the administration and financial management of the Club.

(3) The Executive Committee may appoint honorary members but such honorary members shall not, merely by virtue of their honorary status, have any rights to participate in the management and/or decision making in respect of the Club.

(4) The Executive Committee shall annually at the annual general meeting appoint as an auditor/s, an official auditor/s or honorary auditor/s for the Club. If at any annual general meeting no auditor is appointed, the previous auditor shall continue in office as if reappointed.

(5) An Official shall cease to hold office if -

- (a) he or she is excluded in terms of proper disciplinary proceedings conducted under this Constitution;
- (b) he or she resigns from office by giving written notice to the Club;
- (c) he or she is convicted of an offence which involves dishonesty;
- (d) he or she surrenders his or her estate as insolvent or if his or her estate is sequestrated;
- (e) he or she is removed from office by a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Club if the intention to vote upon the removal from office has been specified in the notice convening the general meeting; or
- (f) if he or she is or becomes of unsound mind.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Executive Committee shall manage and control the business and affairs of the Club, shall have full powers in the management and direction of such business and affairs, may exercise all such powers of the Club and do all such acts on behalf of the Club as may be lawfully exercised and done by the Club and as are not by this Constitution required to be exercised or done by the Club in general meeting or by another Official, committee or sub-committee, subject, however, to such rules as may have been made by the Club in general meeting or as may be made by the Executive Committee from time to time.

(7) Save as specifically provided in this Constitution, the Executive Committee shall at all times have the right to engage on behalf of the Club the services of accountants, auditors, attorneys, advocates and any other professional firm or person or other employees whatsoever for any reasons deemed necessary by the Executive Committee and on such terms as the Executive Committee shall decide.

(8) The Executive Committee may co-opt any person or persons who may, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, contribute to the performance or exercising of the powers, duties and functions of the Executive Committee, but a person who is co-opted in this way shall not be entitled to participate in the actual decision making process of the Executive Committee.

(9) The Executive Committee shall be entitled to appoint committees consisting of such number of Officials, members and such other persons as they may deem fit and to delegate to such committees their functions, powers and duties as they may deem fit, with further power to vary or revoke such appointments and delegations as the Executive Committee may from time to time deem necessary.

(10) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Constitution, the Executive Committee may in the name of the Club enforce the provisions of any rules by civil application or action in a court of competent jurisdiction and for this purpose may appoint such attorneys and counsel as they may deem fit.

(11) If the Executive Committee institutes any legal proceedings against any member for the enforcement of any of the rights of the Club in terms of this Constitution, the Club shall be entitled to recover all legal costs so incurred from the member or resident concerned, calculated as between attorney and own client.

## **6. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

(1) The Executive Committee meets as often as required but at least once per year inclusive of the AGM.

(2) Meetings of the Executive Committee are convened by the Chairperson or by the Secretary on instruction from the Chairperson.

(3) Five (5) members of the Executive Committee shall be a quorum.

(4) The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and, in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside and, in the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, an Official elected by the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall preside.

(5) The Secretary shall cause minutes to be kept at meetings of the Executive Committee and, in the absence of the Secretary, the Official presiding at the meeting shall instruct another Official who is present to keep minutes.

(6) Decisions of the Executive Committee are as far as reasonably possible taken by way of consensus.

(7) If the Executive Committee is not able to take a decision by way of consensus, a decision shall be taken by way of ordinary majority vote.

(8) If the Executive Committee has to take a decision by vote and the vote is tied, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

## **7. GENERAL MEETINGS OF CLUB**

(1) The Club shall, within six months after the end of each financial year (31<sup>st</sup> of May each year) hold an annual general meeting and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices in terms of clause 8.

(2) An annual general meeting shall be held at such reasonable time and place as the Executive Committee shall decide from time to time.

(3) The Executive Committee may and must on petition of no less than 10 ordinary members convene extraordinary general meetings. Any such requisition shall state the desired business for the meeting.

## **8. NOTICES OF MEETINGS**

(1) An annual general meeting and a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by giving at least 21 days' notice to each member at the e-mail address which appears against his or her name in the digital records of the club.

(2) Notice of an extraordinary general meeting, other than one called for the passing of a special resolution, shall be called by giving at least 14 days' notice to each member at the e-mail address which appears against his or her name in the digital records of the club.

(3) A general meeting of the Club shall, notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice than that specified in this Constitution, be deemed to have been duly called if it is agreed

(a) in the case of an annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; or

(b) in the case of an extraordinary general meeting; by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 95% of the total voting rights of all members.

(4) Any period referred to in subclause (1), shall be calculated exclusive of the day on which the notice is given, and shall specify the place, the day and the hours of the

meeting, and in the case of special business, in addition to any other requirements contained in this Constitution, the general nature of that business.

(5) The accidental omission to give notice of any resolution, or to give any other notification, or present any document required to be given or sent in terms of this Constitution, or the non-receipt of any such notice, notification or document by any member or other person entitled to receive such notice, notification or document, shall not invalidate the proceedings at, or any resolution passed at, any meeting.

## **9. QUORUM**

(1) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business.

(2) The quorum at any annual general meeting or other general meeting of the Club shall be at least 10 members.

(3) If, within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same place and time or at such other place as the chairperson of the meeting shall appoint.

(4) If at an adjourned meeting contemplated in subclause (3) a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

## **10. AGENDA AT MEETINGS**

(1) In addition to any other matters required by this Constitution to be dealt with at an annual general meeting, every annual general meeting shall deal with -

- (a) consideration of the chairperson's report;
- (b) consideration of the accounts of the Club for the preceding financial year;
- (c) consideration of any other matters raised at the meeting, including any resolution proposed for adoption by such meeting, and the voting upon any such resolutions;
- (d) election of Officials;

## **11. PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

(1) The Secretary shall cause minutes to be kept of every general meeting, which minutes shall, without undue delay after the meeting has closed, be reduced to writing and certified correct by the Chairperson.

(2) All minutes of general meetings shall, after certification, be distributed by e-mail to all members and placed on the Club's website.

## **12. PROXIES**

(1) A member may be represented at a general meeting by a proxy, who must be a member of the Club.

(2) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and signed by the member concerned or his or her agent, duly authorised in writing, but need not be in any particular form.

(3) The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or any other authority under which it is signed, shall be tabled at the meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote.

(4) No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of three months from the date of its execution.

(5) A vote given in accordance with the terms of a proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death of the principal or revocation of the proxy, provided that no intimation, in writing, of the death or revocation had been received by the Chairperson at any time before a vote is taken in respect of which the proxy exercises such vote.

### **13. VOTING**

(1) At any general meeting of the Club, other than temporary and junior members as defined, every paid-up member, in good standing, and present in person or proxy, shall be entitled to one vote.

(2) At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote shall be decided on a show of hands and a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or negatived, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Club, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

(3) In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

(4) Every resolution and every amended resolution proposed for adoption by a general meeting shall be seconded at the meeting and, if not so seconded, shall be deemed not to have been proposed.

(5) Unless any member present in person or by proxy at a general meeting, objects before the closure of the meeting to any declaration made by the Chairperson as to the result of any voting at the meeting, whether by show of hands or otherwise, or to the propriety or validity of the procedure at such meeting, such declaration by the Chairperson shall be deemed to be a true and correct statement of the voting, and the meeting shall in all respects be deemed to have been properly and validly constituted and conducted.

(6) An entry in the minutes to the effect that any motion has been carried or lost, with or without a record of the number of votes recorded in favour of or against such motion, shall be conclusive evidence of the votes so recorded.

(7) The Chairperson may from time to time circulate by e-mail to all members, proposed resolutions for adoption, and which circular must be copied to the Executive Committee. In the event of objections being received from no more than 10% of the members within a period of thirty (30) days from the date appearing on the original circular header, the resolution may be adopted.

### **14. ELECTION OF OFFICIALS**

(1) The Officials are elected at the annual general meeting and shall ordinarily hold office from the date following the date on which they are elected until the date of the next annual general meeting.

(2) An official may be re-elected to a particular office.

(3) If any Official ceases to hold office as contemplated in clause 5 (5), the Executive Committee may appoint a member to hold such office for the remaining portion of the Official concerned term of office.



(4) Any member may, subject to subclauses (6) and (7), before the commencement of an annual general meeting, submit written nominations for the various offices to the Secretary and such nominations must be countersigned by the nominated member and at least one other member seconding the nomination.

(5) If only one or no nomination is received for a particular office in terms of subclause (4), the Chairperson may invite nominations during the course of the annual general meeting, self-nominees may also volunteer their services.

(6) Only members of the Club are eligible to be nominated for an office.

(7) Officials are elected by ordinary majority vote by the members present in person or by proxy at an annual general meeting.

(8) If there is an equality of votes in respect of a particular office -

(a) the Chairperson has a casting vote if there are only two nominees or two remaining nominees; or

(b) if there are more than two nominees or remaining nominees, the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated and a new vote is held.

## **15. FINANCES**

(1) The financial year of the Club shall be from 1 June to 31 May.

(2) The Treasurer may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, open one or more bank accounts into which the funds or surplus funds of the Club may be deposited and from which payments on behalf of the Club may be made.

(3) Withdrawal of funds from any account contemplated in subclause (2), in any form whatsoever, shall only be done on authorisation of the Treasurer and at least one other Official.

(4) The Executive Committee of the club may purchase or acquire, invest, lease, exchange, sell or otherwise dispose of any property, rights, or assets and borrow against such security;

(5) The accounts and books of the Club shall be open to inspection by members at all reasonable times during business hours.

(6) The accounts of the Club shall be examined annually and the correctness thereof ascertained by the auditor/s of the Club in accordance with standard acceptable accounting practices and generally accepted auditing standards. In the event of an honorary auditor, which is a suitably qualified and/or experienced person to conduct audits in terms of generally accepted auditing standards, being appointed by the Committee, said honorary auditor shall have all the usual powers of an auditor and in particular shall at all reasonable times have access to the books and accounts of the club, and he/she may in relation thereto, examine the Committee or other officials of the Club.

## **16. SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE**

(1) The Subcommittee on Discipline shall consist of the Chairperson, and two additional Officials.

(2) The Subcommittee on Discipline shall consider any infringement of the Constitution, any of the rules of the Club, any resolutions adopted and rulings made by the Club or its Executive Committee, any contract entered into by the Club, any competition established

by the Club, or any laws, by-laws, regulations and any code of conduct which may have been adopted by the Club.

(3) The Subcommittee on Discipline shall also consider any infringement of what is considered outside the norms of what is fair, reasonable, and/or proper behaviour becoming of a member of the Club.

(4) If the Subcommittee for Discipline is of the opinion that an infringement is not serious, it may warn the member concerned not to commit similar infringements in future.

(4) If the Subcommittee for Discipline is of the opinion that an infringement is serious and/or not fair, reasonable, or befitting of a member of the Club, it shall inform the member concerned in writing of the exact nature and extent of the charge, and the Subcommittee may -

- (a) warn the member;
- (b) impose a fine [as determined by the Executive Committee] on the member;
- (c) suspend the member for a period determined by the disciplinary committee;
- (d) request of the Executive Committee that the member should be expelled from the Club; or
- (e) take such other steps as it may deem fit in the circumstances of the case.

## **17. APPEAL**

(1) If a member feels aggrieved as a result of a decision by a disciplinary committee, the member may, within seven (7) days of being informed of the decision of the disciplinary committee, in writing, appeal to the Chairperson of the Club, stating the reasons for the appeal. During their appeal, a member may call on the assistance and testimony of another member of his or her choice.

(2) The Chairperson of the Club shall consider the appeal on a revision of the events, including any testimony by a member called upon to assist the charged member, and may in whole or in part, revoke or amend the decision of the disciplinary committee.

(3) The decision of the Chairperson of the Club shall be final and binding on all concerned.

## **18. SERVICE OF NOTICES**

(1) A notice may be served by the Club upon any member via the e-mail address or at the address specified on the prescribed application form completed by the particular member unless the member shall have notified the Secretary in writing of another address for service of notices.

(2) Any notice served by e-mail, copied to the Executive Committee, and without the sender receiving a delivery error notification, or served by prepaid registered post, shall, unless the contrary is proven, be deemed to have been served on the seventh day following that on which the notice was posted.

## **19. INDEMNITY**

(1) Every Official, servant, agent and employee of the Club and any managing agent, his or her employees, nominees or invitees, shall be indemnified by the Club against all costs, losses and expenses which such person or persons may incur or become liable for by reason of any contract entered into or any lawful act or deed done by such person or persons in the discharge of their respective duties, including in the case of an Official, his or her duties as Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary or other Official.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the subclause (1), the Club shall specifically indemnify every person referred to in subclause (1) against all losses of whatsoever nature incurred arising out of any bona fide act, deed or letter done or written by him or her jointly or severally in connection with the discharge of his or her duties.

## **20. RULES**

(1) Subject to any restriction imposed or direction given at a general meeting of the Club, the Executive Committee may from time to time make rules with regard to -

(a) the conduct of members;  
(b) the application form for membership of the Club;  
(c) the annual membership fees that are payable by members and different membership fees may be prescribed in respect of different categories of members;  
(d) without limiting the generality of this paragraph, for the furtherance and promotion of any of the objects of the Club and/or for the better management of the affairs of the Club and/or for the advancement of the interests of members, and may vary, modify or repeal any rules made by the Executive Committee, but not rules made by a general meeting of the Club.

(2) A general meeting of the Club may make any rules which the Executive Committee may make in terms of this clause and may vary, modify or repeal any rules made from time to time by it or by the Executive Committee.

(3) The rules of the club, as amended from time to time, shall be displayed on the club website and on each members' membership certificate.

(4) The Secretary shall keep a copy of this Constitution, as amended from time to time, and it shall be displayed on the club website.

(5) The Secretary shall on the application of any member, any prospective member, the auditor, or the accounting officer, supply to such person a digital copy of the Constitution and all the rules in force.

## **21. AMENDMENT**

Proposed amendments to the constitution must be made in writing by the Chairperson and circulated by e-mail to all the members allowing for thirty (30) days to comment and/or object. All comments and objections must be made in writing to the Chairperson and copied (Cc) to the secretary. Unless a minimum of 33% of the members object, the proposed amendment/s will automatically come into being after the thirty day period to comment has ended.

## **22. MERGER**

(1) The Club may merge with any other body with similar objects, by resolution of a general meeting passed by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes cast.

(2) In the event of a merger as contemplated in subclause (1), the Club's nett assets after discharge of its liabilities, together with its rights and obligations under this Constitution, shall vest in the merged entity.

## **23. DISSOLUTION**

(1) The Club may dissolve itself by resolution of a general meeting passed by a majority of not less than two thirds of the votes cast.

(2) In the event of a dissolution of the Club -

- (a) the Officials will act as liquidators;
- (b) the Club's nett assets after discharge of its liabilities will be distributed in the liquidators' discretion to one or more similar or like organisations or nominated sports clubs.

#### **24. CORRESPONDENCE, DIGITAL RECORDS, AND WEBSITE**

The medium of communication between the committee, the members and other interested and affected parties shall be by e-mail through a dedicated, AFFC e-mail address. The committee shall maintain and have full access to a digital database linked to the AFFC e-mail address and that includes the names, contact details, residential address, and subscription payment status of all members and other interested and affected parties respectively.

The club will maintain a website for the purpose of marketing and as an information portal for the members and general public.

#### **25. TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT**

This instrument shall be called the Constitution of The Amatola Fly Fishing Club and shall come into operation on 3 September 2017.

CONSTITUTION done and approved at

Gubu Dam

on this day, the 3rd of September 2017.