



Sheaf Valley Aquarist Society Constitution

1. Title

- i. The Club shall be called Sheaf Valley Aquarist Society, hereafter referred to as 'the Club' or 'SVAS' and shall be affiliated to the Yorkshire Association of Aquarist Societies (YAAS) and the Federation of British Aquarist Societies (FBAS).

2. Purpose

- i. The purpose of the Club is to bring together like minded fish keepers to aid the transfer of knowledge and increase the pleasure gained from the hobby to its members by providing social activities that may not necessarily be available to the single fish keeper.

3. Membership

- i. Any person interested in the activities and purpose of the Club shall be eligible for membership, and subject to its Rules.

4. Organisation

- i. The Club shall have the following Committee chairs:
 1. Chairman
 2. Vice Chairman
 3. Club Secretary
 4. Show Secretary
 5. Treasurer
 6. Newsletter Editor
 7. Librarian
 8. Webmaster
- ii. Members of the Committee may only hold more than one position if the need arises or where it is agreed that the time/effort constraints of the positions make it justifiable.
- iii. Other chairs may be added, temporarily or permanently, as is deemed necessary.
- iv. The above Committee members shall have such duties as are customary to their positions or are specified elsewhere in this document and in the Rules.
- v. Chairs shall be elected or appointed for not less than 1 year unless as a temporary measure or when a new position is created.
- vi. Committee members shall keep an accurate record of their acts and proceedings and report to the Club at the AGM or on demand.
- vii. Any action of the Committee may be reviewed by the members at the regular meeting. All actions shall be deemed valid actions unless disapproved at this time.
- viii. Any member of the Committee, if found unsatisfactory in their position or actions deemed detrimental to the Club may be relieved of their duties, after a formal complaint

has been presented at a general meeting and by a two-thirds vote of those in attendance.

5. Meetings

- i. The Club shall hold monthly meetings at such time and place as shall be arranged by the Committee. Regular meetings shall be open to the public.
- ii. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held at the February monthly meeting.

6. Dues

- i. All members shall be required to pay dues as set forth in our Rules.
- ii. The Committee is empowered to waive all or part of the dues of any members unable to pay them.

7. Newsletter

- i. The Club shall publish a quarterly newsletter.

8. Amendment

- i. To amend or repeal this Constitution or any part of it, it shall be necessary that the proposed amendment be presented in writing, agreed by the Committee and issued in accordance with the Document Control procedure.