

Constitution

(Adopted 1992 – updated 2016)

- 1) The Group shall be called the Balquhiddier Deer Management Group (BqDMG).
- 2) Functions & Objectives
 - a) To manage the wild deer herd within the Group's area;
 - b) In effecting a)
 - i. To liaise with adjoin DMGs and other interests as appropriate;
 - ii. To monitor the deer herd by regularly counting, maintaining records of such counts and relating annual culls to them;
 - iii. To require members to keep such records as the Group may demand and to make them available to the Group to be used as the Group may decide; and
 - iv. To take such action as may be necessary to achieve 2 a) above
- 3) Composition
 - a) Membership shall consist of one voting representative from each property in the Group's area. Such representative shall be nominated by the Owner. An alternate may be nominated to attend and vote at any meeting.
 - b) A representative of Nature Scot & Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Authority shall be invited to attend but shall not have a vote.
- 4) Meetings
 - a) The Group shall hold 2 meetings per year, one of which will be an AGM at which Accounts for the previous year and the Budget for the forthcoming year shall be presented and approved. Sub Committees may be appointed.
 - b) The Group will hold open meetings, to which all concerned in the local deer management (e.g. stalkers, land managers, community councils etc.) shall be invited. At such meetings, all matters pertaining to the Functions and Objectives may be discussed and proposals made, but all decisions shall be taken by the Group as defined in 3 a) above.
 - c) Timeous notice of all meetings shall be given by the Secretary. Such notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and list the business to be discussed.
 - d) Such notice must require members to make returns
- 5) Administration
 - a) The Office Bearers shall consist of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who shall be members of the Group as defined in 3 a) above, and a Secretary/ Treasurer, and shall be appointed biennially.

- b) The Secretary/ Treasurer shall be empowered to operate a Bank Account on behalf of the Group. All withdrawals shall be countersigned by the Chairman.
- c) Each Member of the Group as defined in 3 a) above shall have one vote. In the Event of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his own vote. All decisions shall be by majority of those present and voting shall be binding on all members of the Group.
- d) In the event that Chairman is absent from any meeting, the Vice-Chairman shall take the Chair, whom failing such member of the Group as those present may elect for that meeting only.
- e) The Group may co-opt representatives of other interests, or invite representatives of other interests to attend meetings. Such representatives shall not have a vote.

6) Alterations to the Constitution

Alterations to this Constitution shall be made only at the Annual General Meeting. The notice calling such a meeting shall be given timeously and shall state the alterations proposed. Such alterations shall only come into effect by a majority of two-thirds of those members present and voting.