

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of THE HAWG HAWLERS BASS CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

(revised: Nov, 2004)

ARTICLE I.....NAME, PURPOSE AND MEETINGS

SECTION 1. NAME

- a. The name of the club shall be "THE HAWG HAWLERS BASS CLUB OF ST. LOUIS".

SECTION 2. MISSION STATEMENT

- a. Provide a source of friendly, family oriented, affordable, bass fishing competition that encourages conservation of our natural resources and youth fishing.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE

- a. The purpose of this club is to stimulate awareness of Bass fishing as a sport, to promote adherence to conservation codes, and to improve our skills as Bass Anglers through a friendly exchange of fishing tips and techniques.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS

- a. The club officers will meet as required to organize, schedule, and take care of the financial and miscellaneous business of the club.

ARTICLE II.....MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CLUB IS OPEN TO ANYONE. IT IS CONSIDERED A PRIVILEGE AND IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING.....

- a. Membership is open to anyone.
- b. No previous action of expulsion from this club, or other serious rule violation.
- c. A members actions are expected to reflect favorably on the club, and it's members.

SECTION 2. REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

A MEMBER MAY BE PENALIZED, OR REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP FOR.....

- a. A display of bad sportsmanship.
- b. A display of bad moral character.
- c. Flagrant disregard of boating safety.
- d. Any other act which would reflect dishonor or disgrace the club, and/or it's members.
- e. Any tournament rule violation (verified as noted below), that a majority of the officers deem of sufficient severity to revoke or not renew his/her membership.

(In any case, the issue will be brought before the officers. The accused member(s) will be given an opportunity (*privately, if appropriate*), to present his/her side. The officers will then decide on the necessary action to be taken.)

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP DUES

- a. Membership dues are \$ 15.00 per calendar year (Jan to Dec). Membership is free to youth under the age of 16 with paying adult.
- b. A member must be in good standing, with dues paid before tournament registration will be accepted.

ARTICLE III.....OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. **Duties of the President of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club:**

Position Eligibility: Member in good standing and must have satisfactorily completed at least 1 full year as an officer.

Primary Responsibility: To manage the club, and oversee tournaments and all other club functions.

Meetings:

- 1) Schedule and preside over all club and officer meetings.
- 2) Maintain rules of order during club and officer meetings.
- 3) Make decisions in the best interest of the club.

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- 4) Insure completion of the assigned responsibilities of the other officers.

Equipment: *(no responsibilities)*

Tournament:

Preparation for tournament...

- 1) Function as an interface with the Resorts and Marinas prior to finalizing the schedule.

Prior to tournament...

- 2) Make announcements prior to tournament take off.
 - a) Rules review, Time check, No fishing area, Weigh-In location, Speed, size & creel limits.
 - b) Other announcements as necessary.

At Weigh-In...

- 3) Make announcements at weigh in.
- 4) Present Checks and Pins.
- 5) Ask for patterns.
- 6) Final determination on rule interpretation and enforcement.
- 7) Final determination on legality of fish presented at weigh-in.

Newsletter: *(see below)*

Statistics: *(no responsibilities)*

Other:

- 1) Provide input into the development of the club tournament schedule, tournament rules, club by-laws, and club newsletter.
- 2) Be willing to accept the duties of another officer in their absence.
- 3) Handle protests, rule enforcement, issue penalties, etc. associated with infractions of the Hawg Hawler Tournament Rules and Code of Conduct.

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SECTION 2. Duties of the Vice President of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club:

Primary Responsibility: To back up the President and collect the 50/50 side pot collection.

Meetings: Assume the duties and responsibilities of the president, in his/her absence.

Equipment: *(no responsibilities)*

Tournament:

- 1) Collect the 50/50 side pot at each tournament, and deliver to the Treasurer.
- 2) Provide attendance prizes for tournaments.

Newsletter: *(see below)*

Statistics: *(no responsibilities)*

Other:

- 1) Solicit and Coordinate prizes for the Awards Banquet.
- 2) Provide input into the development of the club tournament schedule, tournament rules, club by-laws, and club newsletter.
- 3) Be willing to accept the duties of another officer in their absence.

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SECTION 3. Duties of the Secretary of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club:

Primary Responsibility: To document the meetings and decisions of the club, to write and distribute the club newsletter.

Meetings: Document discussion and decisions made at club and/or officer meetings.

Equipment: *(no responsibilities)*

Tournament: Enter Weights on Tally Board

Newsletter:

- 1) Compose the newsletter and deliver to Webmaster for posting on the web site.
- 2) Distribute club information as necessary.
- 3) Maintain all club documents.

Statistics: Compile and maintain the Angler of the Year Points Standings.

Other:

- 1) Provide input into the development of the club tournament schedule, tournament rules, club by-laws, and club newsletter.

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SECTION 4. Duties of the Treasurer of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club:

Primary Responsibility: To manage the finances of the club.

Meetings: Manage and report on club finances.

Equipment: *(no responsibilities)*

Tournament:

- 1) Provide checks for payout to tournament winners.
- 2) Provide FREE "T" certificates.

Newsletter: *(see below)*

Statistics: *(no responsibilities)*

Other:

- 1) Compile and maintain membership forms and club roster.
- 2) Provide input into the development of the club tournament schedule, tournament rules, club by-laws, and club newsletter.
- 3) Be willing to accept the duties of another officer in their absence.
- 4) Communicate with Liability Insurance Carrier to provide payment and necessary information.

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SECTION 5. Duties of the Tournament Chairman of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club:

Primary Responsibility: To obtain Tournament Directors, and manage the workings of the Tournaments.

Meetings: *(no responsibilities)*

Equipment: Maintain the club scale and other "tournament equipment", and transport to tournament location.

Tournament:

- 1) Review T-Dir responsibilities with volunteer T-Dir's, prior to "T".
- 2) Determine legality of the fish presented at weigh-in.

Newsletter: *(see below)*

Statistics: *(no responsibilities)*

Other:

- 1) Provide input into the development of the club tournament schedule, tournament rules, club by-laws, and club newsletter.
- 2) Be willing to accept the duties of another officer in their absence.

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SECTION 6. Duties of the Webmaster of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club:

Primary Responsibility: To manage the club website and message board.

Meetings: *(no responsibilities)*

Equipment: *(no responsibilities)*

Tournament: Post the tournament results on the webpage.

Newsletter: Post the newsletter on the webpage.

Statistics: Post statistics on the webpage.

Other:

- 1) Provide input into the development of the club tournament schedule, tournament rules, club by-laws, and club newsletter.
- 2) Be willing to accept the duties of another officer in their absence.
- 3) Manage and Maintain the club website, to include all data posted.
- 4) Manage and police the club message board, based on the standards set forth by the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club.

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ARTICLE IV.....ELECTIONS, TERMS OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES

SECTION 1. ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

- a. Nominations and election of new officers will be held at the Hawg Hawler Awards Banquet.

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- b. New officers will be installed in office at the December officer meeting.

SECTION 2. TERMS OF OFFICE

- a. Terms of office shall be for one year, and shall run from December to December.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES OF AN OFFICE

- a. Vacancies of any office for any reason will be filled (to the end of the term) by a person appointed by the remaining officers.

ARTICLE V.....ANNUAL AWARDS, PRIZES AND EVENTS

SECTION 1. ANGLER OF THE YEAR

- a. An "Angler of the Year" award will be presented.
- b. The "Angler of the Year" will be determined by the highest point total recorded for a club member, in good standing, during the regularly scheduled club tournaments for the current year.

SECTION 2. BIG BASS OF THE YEAR

- a. A "Big Bass of the Year" award will be presented.
- b. The "Big Bass of the Year" will be determined by the heaviest Bass weighed in during a regular club tournament, by a registered participant in that tournament.

SECTION 3. MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

- a. The first tournament of each year will be designated a "Memorial Tournament" to honor deceased members.
- b. A moment of silence will be held to honor and remember past club members who have died.

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ARTICLE VI.....MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

- a. The club will provide \$ 100.00 toward the FIBERGLASS REPRODUCTION mount of the first bass weighing 8 pounds or more, caught during any club tournament by a registered participant of that tournament. The bass must be released alive. Only one award available per year. In the event of more than one 8+ pound fish caught on the same day, this award will go to the heavier fish (Taxidermist receipt required).
- b. It is intended that the treasury will carry over a minimum of \$ 50.00 to the following year.
- c. Any money not covered in the items above (or retained in the scale replacement fund), will be used for the Hawg Hawler Awards Banquet.

ARTICLE VII.....AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OR ARTICLES

SECTION 1. AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OR ARTICLES

The procedure to amend these BY-LAWS OR ARTICLES is as follows.....

- a. Proposals must be submitted, in writing, to the club officers.
- b. Proposals will be read aloud and voted on by the officers. A proposal must receive a majority vote at two consecutive officer meetings.
- c. The club by-laws, articles, tournament rules and procedures will be reviewed, and updated as necessary, at the beginning of each year by the incoming and outgoing officers. The tournament rules and procedures may be changed by a majority vote at ONE meeting where all officers are present, or their votes verified.
- d. Copies of these by-laws and articles will be made available to any member of the club, upon request.