

Bylaws

Article I- Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name - OSPREY BASS CLUB.

Section 2: Purpose - To provide organized competitive fishing tournaments and fishing activities with high standards of sportsmanship designed for family recreational participation.

Article II-Membership

Section 1: Membership criteria:

- A. Must be a minimum of 10 years old.
- B. Recommended by an active member of Osprey Bass Club.
- C. Payment of required Membership dues.

Section 2: Each member shall receive:

- A. Tournament Rules (website)
- B. Club Bylaws (website)

Section 3: Membership capacity:

- A. Fifty adults
- B. Twenty five youths

Article III- Membership Dues

Section 1: Membership dues are thirty-five dollars annually per adult and ten dollars per youth.

Section 2: Renewal membership dues will be due 31 January.

Section 3: New membership dues will be due before entry into tournament.

Article IV- Meetings

Section 1: A minimum of four membership meetings shall be held annually. Meeting time and location (Telecommunication allowed) will be announced in advance.

Section 2: Board of Directors shall meet prior to membership meeting (Teleconference allowed).

Note: In the absence of a meeting, the president shall communicate important information with officers and/or members (via phone and face-to-face) as deemed necessary.

Section 3: Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

Article V- Bylaws and Rule Changes

Section 1: All by-laws and rule changes must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors. If suggested change is deemed by the Board of Directors to have enough merit, the subject will be brought before the voting membership for consideration. If approved by 60% of the voting members, the new change will become effective at a time specified by the Board of Directors following the approval.

Article VI- Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1: The principle officers of the club shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, tournament director, and public relation officer. The officers of the club in each year will be the members of the Board of Directors. In addition to the principle officers, the seventh director's position is to be automatically filled by the out-going president. Lastly, the weigh master shall be an associate officer and may consist of more than one.

Section 2: Must have been an officer for at least one year to be eligible for the president's position. Member must be an adult to be eligible for a principle officer's position.

Section 3: Each officer will be elected by the general membership at the November meeting, and will assume their duties at the first meeting of the following year. Once elected, each officer shall hold office for one (1) year, unless he or she shall resign or be removed. The out-going officers shall relinquish all properties of the club.

Section 4: Once elected, each director shall hold office for one year, unless he or she shall resign or be removed.

Section 5: In all elections each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Proxy votes are permitted in the case of absence.

Section 6: The Board of Directors shall direct activities of the club, and vote on all matters pertaining to the club's business. Board meetings will be chaired by the president or in his absence, the vice president.

Section 7: Action taken by the Board of Directors shall be reported at each monthly meeting of the club. Such action shall be deemed ratified unless objected to by any member at which time a vote by members present shall be taken to either approve or reject such action.

Section 8: The Board of Directors, headed by the president, shall be responsible for procuring all awards and trophies.

Section 9: Officer's Duties/Responsibilities:

- A. President - The president shall manage club's business and preside at meetings.
- B. Vice President - The Vice President in the absence of the President shall assume duties of the President.
- C. Secretary - The Secretary shall attend meetings, and keep minutes of the meetings. He/she also shall prepare and keep all records of the Club.
- D. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds. The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting dues and managing the club's monetary account(s).
- E. Public Relation Representative - Plans and conducts public relations program designed to create and maintain favorable public image for Osprey Bass Club.

F. Tournament Director – The Tournament Director shall manage all tournaments, weigh master(s) and tournament schedules.

G. Weigh Master – The Weigh Master shall perform fish weighing responsibilities as directed by Tournament Director.

NOTE: A director or officer may hold more than one position.

Article VII- Finance

Section 1: All funds of the Osprey Bass Club shall be deposited in the bank that has been designated by the Board of Directors. Checks drawn on the checking account will require two different signatures by the president, treasurer, or tournament director. All funds will be dispersed by check.

Section 2: A petty cash fund will be utilized. The president or his designee will manage the petty cash fund.

Section 3: Any returned check from any member must be redeemed in cash, as well as any return check fees, within 30 days and/or prior to member participating in any club tournament.

Article VIII- Expulsion

Section 1: Any member may be expelled from the club by the Board of Directors for misconduct. If six (6) members separately submit a written complaint concerning a member of the Board of Directors within the calendar year, the member may be expelled from the club by the Board of Directors. The member being challenged has the right to hear the complaint and make a written comment to the Board of Directors regarding the charge of misconduct. The Board of Directors may accept a request for verbal comment. The expelled member has no right to appeal the final decision of the board.

Article IX- Liability Section 1: Osprey Bass Club will not be liable or responsible in any way for accidents, injuries, loss of life, or loss due to theft or acts of nature, in connection with activities of the Osprey Bass Club.

Article X- Youth Bass Angler Program

Section 1: Purpose:

Provide youth with planning and organization skills while teaching them the art of bass fishing via information and performance demonstration.

Section 2: Eligibility Criteria for Youth:

- A. Shall be 10 to 18 years of age and recommended by parent or guardian.
- B. Shall be sponsored by an experienced bass angler (boat owner).
- C. Shall exhibit the aptitude for bass fishing.
- D. Must be willing to fish from a boat.
- E. Must have access to fishing equipment and tackle.
- F. Must comply with Osprey Bass Club Bylaws and Tournament Rules.