

Constitution and By-Laws

Lawman Bass Club

Article 1: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

This Club shall be called **LAWMAN’S BASS CLUB. (There has been a vote to change the name of the club. When the final name is selected by vote the documents shall be changed.)**

Section 2: Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of Bass Fishing as a major sport. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full and legal enforcement of existing regulatory standards. To improve our skills as Bass Anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert Bass catching techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage youth fishing, and love for this great recreation.

Article 2: Member Policy:

Membership in the Lawman Bass Club is limited to 100 members. In order to assure that members are active and contribute to the club and the new members will be active, the following rules are adopted.

Section 1: New Members

To become a member a person shall:

- A. Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- B. New members must be at least 18 years of age, and apply for membership at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 2: Reason for being removed from club membership.

- A. Upon unanimous agreement of the elected officers, a member may be removed for action detrimental to the club.
- B. Members will be removed who fail to pay their club dues by the first meeting in January.
- C. Attendance – Members who are absent without excuse* from four or more club functions in a row will be removed from membership. Members who are dropped from the club may not reapply before six months have passed.

*Excused absences will be determined by the elected officers.

Section 3: Membership Dues

The membership dues shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars annually payable upon being accepted into the Lawman Bass Club.

At the August tournament meeting of each year will be the cutoff date for full rates and any time after that date the fees will be discounted by 50% which will be \$25.00. (Pending Change)

Section 4: Associate Member:

Those people who are 17 years and younger and wish to participate in Lawman Bass Club as an associate member may do so upon approval of the elected officers, and payment of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars annual dues. Associate Members must fish with a member that is 18 year of age or older or with a one-time guest as allowed by Lawman's Bass Club, who is 18 years of age or older. Associate Members may attend club functions; however, they do not have voting rights, and do not have to meet attendance requirements. Associate Members are not eligible for door prizes or drawings for prizes. Associate Members may also fish club tournaments.

Article 3 Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility.

Section 1: The officers of the Lawman Bass Club shall consist of:

- A. President: Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Direct all committee functions. Supervise all club functions.
- B. Vice President: Assist the president in his duties and preside in the absence of the president.
- C. Secretary: Maintain accurate minutes of all meetings. Publish and mail out newsletters to the membership, maintain the club web site.
- D. Treasurer: Maintain accurate financial records.
- E. Tournament Director: Oversee all tournaments rules. Maintain accurate Tournament results.

Section 2: Elections:

The election of officers shall be held annually at the regular meeting during the month of October. Elections shall be by simple majority of members present. Election for each officer shall be held separately in the order listed in Article 2, Section 1. Names to be put forward at the meeting in September prior to the October Election Meetings.

Section 3: Eligibility of vote.

Each Member is entitled to one vote per office. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 4: Term of Office

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin on January 1st and end on the last meeting day of December, or until successor assumes office. Original slate of officers shall serve until the last meeting day of the following December.

The new Tournament Committee shall assume office at the time of election in October in order to set tournament days and obtain permits for the coming year. They will not govern any tournament until after January 1st.

Section 5: Vacancies:

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nomination shall be asked for and the election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

Section 6: Eligibility of holding office.

To be eligible for an office a member must:

- A. Have been a member for six months. (Six-month requirement waived during the first 12 months of the club).
- B. Be a member in good standing.
- C. Have shown an active interest in all club functions.

Article 4: Tournament Committee:

Shall consist of four (4) elected members to serve under the Tournament Director.

Section 1: Duties:

To schedule, conduct and keep records of all club tournaments. To apply for applications on lakes where required. Also to rule on any properly filed protest at a club tournament.

Article 5: Method of Amending the Constitution and By-Laws.

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The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed amendment have been presented to the membership at least on regular meeting prior to the vote.