

Constitution and By-Laws

Of The Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis, Missouri

ARTICLE I....NAME, MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

SECTION I Name

The name of the organization shall be "Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis, Missouri" known in this Document as "Hawg Hawlers".

SECTION II Mission

- Provide a source of safe, friendly, affordable bass fishing competition.
- Promote adherence to Conservation Codes
- Stimulate awareness of the sport of Bass fishing
- Improve our skills as Bass anglers through friendly exchange of tips and techniques.

SECTION III Vision

Continually improve to become the friendliest, most affordable and enjoyable bass fishing club in and around the St. Louis area

SECTION IV Values

Conduct ourselves in an ethical manner with integrity and fairness in all matters.

ARTICLE II....MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I Membership

Membership is considered a privilege and subject to the following conditions:

- a) Membership in the club is open to everyone.
- b) Returning members must have no previous action of expulsion from the club.
- c) A member's actions are expected to reflect favorably on the club and its members.

SECTION II Removal from Membership

Expulsion from the club could result from any of the following infractions:

- a) A display of bad sportsmanship
- b) A display of bad moral character
- c) Flagrant disregard of boating safety
- d) Any other act that would reflect dishonor or disgrace the club or its members
- e) Any tournament rule violation that the majority of the officers deem of sufficient severity to revoke or not renew his\her membership.

Note: Each incidence will be brought before the officers. The accused member(s) will be given the opportunity (privately) to present his\her side. The officers will then decide if expulsion is warranted. If one of the officers is involved, uninvolved officers will review the incident and take necessary action.

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ARTICLE III....OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION I General Responsibilities of a Hawg Hawlers Officer

Primary Responsibility: Officers must be willing to accept the duties of another officer in their absence. (Note: see individual primary responsibilities)

Meetings: Make decisions in the best interest of the club.

Tournament: Meet with other club officers to address any protests, rule enforcement and penalties associated with infractions of the Hawg Hawlers Tournament Rules or By-Laws.

Equipment: Assist other Officers with equipment responsibilities as required.

Documentation: All officers attending a tournament shall bring the following items to each tournament

- a) Hawg Hawlers By-Laws
- b) Tournament Rules
- c) Tournament schedule
- d) Payout schedule
- e) Club checkbook (President and Treasurer)

Newsletter: Provide any relevant information to the Secretary.

Other:

- a) Provide input into the development of the club documentation
- b) Provide input to establish the Tournament Schedule
- c) Share the responsibility for organizing and staging the Awards Banquet.
- d) Rotate the responsibility for returning early from tournaments to set up equipment at the weigh in location.

SECTION II Duties of the President of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club

Position Eligibility: Member in good standing. The candidate must have satisfactorily completed a minimum of one term as an officer.

Primary Responsibility: The President shall preside over all meetings and events; maintain rules of order during meetings and ensure the completion of assigned duties of the officers of the club.

Tournament:

- a) Function as an interface with Resorts and Marinas prior to finalizing the scheduling of tournaments
- b) Make announcements prior to takeoff and weigh in to include:
 - a. Rules review
 - b. Time check
 - c. No fishing area
 - d. Weigh-in location
 - e. Speed **R3** limits **R3**
 - f. Size and creel limits
 - g. Welcome new members
 - h. Other announcements as necessary
 - i. Field questions and rule clarifications.
- c) Present checks, **R3** awards **R3** and 50/50 side pot
- d) Ensure that the necessary photo documentation of the tournament is assigned and carried out.

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Equipment: Checklist for the pre-tournament meeting

Newsletter: Provide secretary with Newsletter article "From the Presidents Boat" to communicate official club business to the members.

SECTION III Duties of the Vice President of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club

Primary Responsibility: The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and assist the President. Solicit Supporters (sponsors) for donations. Serve as contact for merchandise with club logo. ^{R1}The Vice President shall maintain an electronic record of a list of the sponsors of Hawg Hawlers. The record shall include contact names and numbers and donations to Hawg Hawlers on an annual basis. An electronic copy of this record shall be provided to the Club Historian at the end of each tournament season. ^{R1}

Tournament:

- a) Provide attendance prizes and ^{R3} awards. ^{R3}
- b) Draw boat numbers for attendance prizes.

SECTION IV Duties of the Secretary of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club

Primary Responsibility: The Secretary will maintain all of the club documents for the current year record meeting minutes and work in part with the club Historian in keeping records for the club.

Documentation: Compile and maintain Angler of the Year standings.

Newsletter: Compose and distribute the newsletter

SECTION V Duties of the Treasurer of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club

Primary Responsibility: The Treasurer shall act as custodian of the funds of the club, give financial reports at meetings, keep records of membership dues paid, pay any necessary debts as directed by the officers, make necessary deposits, maintain a running balance of the club funds and maintain a set of records for that office.

Tournament:

- a) Provide checks for tournament places and big bass winners
- b) Enter weights and free tournament winners on the tally board.
- c) Document patterns on the tally board
- d) Collect 50/50 side pot and provide winners portion of the 50/50 side pot to President
- e) Provide Free Tournament certificates.

Equipment: Tally board and marker

Documentation: Compile and maintain membership forms and club roster.

Other:

- a) Liaison between club and Liability Insurance carrier
- b) Draw boat numbers for take off positions.

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SECTION VI Duties of the Tournament Chairman of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club

Primary Responsibility: The Tournament Chairmen shall be responsible for keeping the club scales and bringing them to each tournament and reading the scale weights aloud at each tournament weighing so the ~~R3 Secretary~~ Treasurer ~~R3~~ may record the weight for each members scores. See that each fish is measured on a ~~R3 Golden Rule~~ Officer approved ~~R3~~ Length Board to ensure that each fish is of legal length. Solicit and instruct volunteers for tournament directors.

Tournament:

- a) Support the Tournament Directors
- b) Determine legality of fish presented at weigh-in.

Equipment: Maintain and transport tournament equipment to the tournament location

Documentation: Obtain permits for all tournaments.

Newsletter: Provide list of Tournament Directors

SECTION VII Duties of the Club Historian

Primary Responsibility: The Club Historian is not an officer position but shall be responsible for keeping the club records and documents. At the end of each fishing season the Club Historian shall receive all documentation for the year for archiving and storage.

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

SECTION I Election of Club Officers

The following is the process for bringing in new officers

- a) Nominations will be taken for club officers beginning August 1 and ending August 31.
- b) Announcements will be made at each of the tournaments in June, July and August, that nominations will be accepted during those dates.
- c) Members can nominate themselves.
- d) September 1 all nominees will be contacted to determine their desire to run for office.
- e) Unopposed offices are approved.
- f) Opposed offices will be filled by popular vote through web site and direct mailings.
- g) New officers will be announced at the September tournament.
- h) In the event that offices are not filled by the September tournament, current officers will use the September tournament to solicit volunteers.

SECTION II Term of Office

The term of office shall be a tournament season. The tournament season begins and ends at the conclusion of the annual Awards Banquet.

SECTION III Vacancy of an Office

Vacancies of any office will be filled for the remaining term by person(s) appointed by the remaining officers.

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ARTICLE V....FINANCES

SECTION I FEES & FINANCES

All fees and organizational funds collected shall be used for the following:

- a) Club equipment and permits.
- b) Club website, postage, publications and literature.
- c) Club event payout, prizes, trophies, plaques, etc.
- d) Club insurance.
- e) Any other use for the club as decided by the club officers.
- f) Any money not covered in the items above will be used for the Hawg Hawlers Awards Banquet.
- g) The Treasurer will carry over a minimum of ~~R2~~ \$750.00 ~~R2~~ to the following year.

ARTICLE VI....ANNUAL AWARDS AND EVENTS

SECTION I Memorial Tournament

The first tournament of the year will be designated as a “Memorial Tournament” to honor deceased members. A moment of silence will be held to honor their memory.

SECTION II Awards Banquet

An Awards Banquet will be held each October to recognize member achievements. The dinner will be free to members that fished a minimum of two (2) tournaments during the season.

SECTION III Angler of the Year

An “Angler of the Year” award will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet based on the following conditions:

- a) The angler is a member in good standing
- b) The angler has the highest point total recorded during competition at the scheduled club tournaments.
- c) Points are accumulated beginning with the first tournament of a tournament season and end with the last tournament of a tournament season.

SECTION IV Big Bass of the year

A “Big Bass of the Year” award will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet based on the following conditions:

- a) The angler is a member in good standing
- b) The angler has weighed in the heaviest bass during a regular club tournament in which the angler was a registered participant.

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SECTION V Eight (8) lb Bass

The club will provide ^{R3} \$150.00 ^{R3} toward the Fiberglass Reproduction mount of Largemouth Bass based on the following conditions:

- a) The Largemouth Bass weighs at least 8 lbs.
- b) The Largemouth Bass is caught during a regularly scheduled Club Tournament
- c) The Largemouth Bass is weighed in and counted in the angler's statistics.
- d) The largemouth Bass is the ^{R3} largest ^{R3} 8+ lb bass caught in a tournament season
- e) The Largemouth Bass has been released alive and unharmed.
- f) A taxidermist receipt is provided to the Club Treasurer.
- g) The angler is a member in good standing
- h) Only one award is available per tournament season. Reimbursement will be paid when the club receives a copy of the taxidermy receipt.

ARTICLE VII.....AMENDING THE BY-LAWS, TOURNAMENT RULES OR PROCEDURES

SECTION I Process for amending the By-Laws, Tournament Rules or Procedures

The procedure to amend these By-Laws, Tournament Rules or Procedures is as follows.....

- a) Proposals must be submitted, in writing, to the club officers.
- b) The club By-Laws, Tournament Rules and procedures will be reviewed as necessary, at the beginning of each year by the incoming and outgoing officers. The By-Laws, tournament rules and other procedures may be changed by a majority vote at ONE meeting where all current officers are present, or their votes verified.
- c) Copies of these by-laws and articles will be made available to any member of the club, upon request.

12/7/2013 R1 Added requirement for Vice President to maintain electronic file of sponsors.

12/8/2013 R2 Changed annual carry over from \$500.00 to \$750.00.

12/13/2016 R3 Removed laptop references, changed "pin" to "award", changed 8+ lb catch from \$100.00 to \$150.00, other house keeping