

# Wave Blasters of Florida CONSTITUTION

*Effective January 1, 2012*

## **ARTICLE 1 – NAME**

- 1.1 The club shall be known as "Wave Blasters of Florida" herein referred to as WBoF or Club.
- 1.2 The Club is sanctioned by the "North American Model Boat Association" herein referred to as NAMBA  
For purposes of Club racing in Fast Electric races all participants must be either NAMBA members or have the single event insurance for an actual race event.  
(SSMANA insurance can be utilized for Non-Racing, Scale Only Members)

## **ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE**

- 2.1 The purpose of this organization is to promote the designing, building and running of radio controlled model boats.

## **ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1 Membership of the WBoF is open to anyone expressing an interest in model boating and agreeing to abide by the Club's constitution and By-laws.

## **ARTICLE 4 – CLUB STUCTURE**

- 4.1 WBoF will consist of two divisions Fast Electric and Scale. They will have their Own officers, Bank accounts, and will independently govern themselves.
- 4.2 The officers will all serve as board members for the club the purpose of assisting each division with special events and any issues that may come before the board.
- 4.3 Both divisions will share in the revenue from club events with the lead division receiving 70% of the profits and the supporting division receiving 30%. If for whatever reason one division decides not to help with any support of a particular event, no revenues will be shared.
- 4.4 Group events or activities can share expenses if both boards agree.
- 4.5 Common mutually beneficial expenses should be shared , but also by separate board approvals.
- 4.6 Annual Dues paid by each member will go to the Division of the club that each member designates. This designation will apply to club voting see sect 2.8 (by-laws)

## **ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS**

- 5.1 The elected officers of the WBoF shall be:  
President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer of Fast Electric, as well as  
President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer of Scale  
The Board of Directors (herein referred to as "the Board") shall consist of the six elected officers selected from the general membership each January.
- 5.2 Elected officers shall assume duties the first day of February following the January elections.
- 5.3 Board members will not serve as officers in any other local RC Model Boat Club.

## **ARTICLE 6 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 6.1 The Board of Directors (herein referred to as "the Board") shall consist of the six elected officers.

6.2 The Board shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any person for just cause after a hearing as defined in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE 7 – RACE DIRECTOR**

7.1 The RD will be appointed by the Board.

7.2 The RD responsibilities will be to coordinate and implement all race activities as directed by the Board.

7.3 The RD will keep track of all points and race results as necessary.

#### **ARTICLE 8 – MEETINGS**

8.1 An annual meeting shall be held during the month of January (or early February if not feasible) to elect Officers and Directors.

8.2 There shall be a general membership meeting in January (or early February if not feasible) and further meetings whenever deemed necessary by the Presidents.

8.3 Board meetings will be held whenever deemed necessary by the Presidents or any three members of the Board.

8.4 The President shall submit a report at the Annual Meeting. The Secretary's minutes of the previous meeting shall be read at all meetings.

8.5 A Treasurer's report shall be made or be available at all meetings.

#### **ARTICLE 9 – AMENDMENTS**

9.1 This Constitution may be amended by written ballot or show of hands in which two thirds of the Voting membership approves the amendment. A 28-day notice of the proposed amendment ballot will be made available to all club members via the club web-site. Such amendment, if passed, shall be effective as of the first of the month following the vote.

Each member shall be provided a copy of the approved amendment.

# **Wave Blasters of Florida**

## **BY-LAWS**

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### **SECTION 1 – OFFICERS**

#### **1.1 PRESIDENT of Fast Electric, PRESIDENT of Scale**

- 1.1.1 The Presidents shall administer the affairs of the Club according to the Constitution and Bylaws and with the advice and consent of the other Board of Directors
- 1.1.2 The Presidents shall appoint ad-hoc and permanent committees as required.
- 1.1.3 The Presidents shall appoint a newsletter editor and or Web-Master with approval of the Board of Directors.

#### **A.1.2 VICE-President of Fast Electric**

- A.1.2.1 The Vice President of Fast Electric shall be the acting President jointly with the President of Scale in the absence or incapacity of the President of Fast Electric and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President of Fast Electric.

#### **B.1.2 VICE-President of SCALE**

- B.1.2.1 The Vice-President of Scale shall be the acting President of Scale jointly with the President of Fast Electric in the absence or incapacity of the President of Scale and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President of Scale.

#### **1.3 SECRETARY / TREASURER of Fast Electric, Scale** **Secretary Duties**

- 1.3.1 The Secretary/Treasurers shall keep and maintain all minutes and records of the Club.
- 1.3.2 The Secretary/Treasurers shall provide secretarial assistance to the Club officers as required.

#### **1.4 SECRETARY / TREASURER of Fast Electric, Scale** **Treasurer Duties**

- 1.4.1 The Secretary/Treasurers shall receive all moneys due the Club.
- 1.4.2 The Secretary/Treasurers shall control dispersal of all Club funds
- 1.4.3 The Secretary/Treasurers shall prepare and present a written financial report to the membership at the annual meeting and a verbal report to the Board of Directors at all other meetings.

1.4.4 The Secretary/Treasurers shall obtain approval of their divisions Board, before dispersal of any funds in excess of \$150.00. A minimum of Two Board members

of that club division must be in agreement of this particular expense or it then must

go to a general vote of the club to be otherwise approved.

1.4.5 The Secretary/Treasurers shall keep a record of all Club property, its location and its condition

## **1.5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1.5.1 The Board of Directors shall provide a staff support function. It shall advise and council the Presidents, and shall share the responsibility for the management and administration of the affairs of the club.

1.5.2 A majority of the board members must be present for a quorum

1.5.3 The Board will establish overall policy of the club and approve all functions.

1.5.4 The Board of Directors shall establish the Annual dues amount.

## **SECTION 2 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

2.1 Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting.

2.2 Officers and Directors may only hold office if their dues are current.

2.3 The term for the President of Fast Electric, President of Scale, Vice-President of Fast Electric, and Vice-President of Scale will be for one year.

2.4 The term for the Secretary/Treasurers will be for two years.

2.5 There shall be no limit imposed on the number of terms and individual may serve in any elected position.

2.6 The Board may fill a vacancy on the Board for the remainder of the current year.

2.7 Any member wishing to vote must have their dues current before voting.

2.8 Members must designate the appropriate division of the club that they wish to belong and vote for. Example; Fast Racers would select and vote for officer candidates within the Fast Electric side of the club. Scale participants would select and vote for officer candidates for the Scale division of the club.

\*The only exception to this voting rule will be those members who participate in both branches of the club. If they have participated in 10 or more Sunday Scale Crusies per the past year and have also competed in a minimum of 5 Fast Electric races each cycle, they will be afforded the opportunity to be able to vote for officer candidates in both club divisions. Additional their dues would be divided.

## **SECTION 3 – DUES AND ACCOUNTS**

3.1 The dues year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

3.2 Dues received from new members received after July 1 will be one half of the current year's dues.

3.3 Collection of dues shall start November 1.

## **SECTION 4 – RACING**

4.1 The Board shall determine all rules and specification of each class.

4.2 For purposes of Club racing in Fast Electric races all participants must be either NAMBA members or have the single event insurance for an actual race event.

## **SECTION 5 – CLASSES**

5.1 The WBoF shall have club approved classes for racing.

- (A) SuperVee 27 STOCK
- (B) SuperVee 27 MODIFIED
- (C) SuperVee 27 Earlybirds
- (D) Any Other Classes generally run at the Namba Nationals or other local clubs
- (F) Any Others as approved by the Fast Electric Board

## **SECTION 6 – CLUB PROPERTIES**

6.1 No major club property in excess of \$250 shall be purchased without approval by vote of the general membership.

## **SECTION 7 – RADIO FREQUENCIES**

7.1 No one will be assigned a permanent frequency.

7.2 Every effort will be made to allow members with multiple vessels to run the same frequencies on all of their vessels.

7.3 Members with only one class of boat will be encouraged to share with members who have only one other class of boat.

7.4 Each member is encouraged to have crystals for a second backup frequency.

7.5

The FREQUENCY BOARD must be used for racing events for SAFETY purposes.

## **SECTION 8 – RACING**

8.1 No gas or nitro boats allowed at Palm Lake. This is a County ordinance.

8.2 A race series shall be established for a given class when a minimum of 3 boats indicates intention to run and are prepared to do so.

8.3 Racing shall not be scheduled at times of major holidays (Christmas, Easter, New Years, etc.).

8.4 Boating will not be permitted on the race course during scoring races except by registered racers.

8.5 All race boats are encouraged to have distinctive markings on the visible part of the hull for ease of scoring.

8.6 Safety rules as outlined in the NAMBA Rule Book, Section 8, apply at all times.

## **SECTION 9 – NON RACE BOATING**

9.1 No gas or nitro boats allowed at Palm Lake. This is a County ordinance.

9.2 The course shall be available for members who wish to run their boats but not race competitively.

9.3 The permissible days or times shall be at any time when no scheduled race events are being conducted and it is done in compliance with County ordinances.

9.4 Cruising class yachts may be any size and any specification. They must be radio controlled.

## **SECTION 10 – SPECIAL RULES – MISCONDUCT**

10.1 Any club director may call for a hearing by the Board when he has reasonable grounds to believe that a member has committed a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship during any club function (meetings, practice sailing sessions, race series, picnics, dinners, etc), or any misrepresentation of the

Club.

10.2 If the Board of Directors determines a member has committed a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship it shall levy penalties as appropriate and within its constitutional powers up to and including termination from the club.

10.3 Action shall not be undertaken under this rule without providing a written statement to the offending member and providing an opportunity to defend him/herself against said allegations at a hearing by the Board.

## **SECTION 11 – AMENDMENTS**

11.1 These By-Laws may be amended by a written ballot in which two thirds of The voting membership present (or via absentee ballot) approves the Proposed amendment. A 28-day notice to all current members via the club web-site is required preceding any vote on a proposed ballot change. A general announce at two scheduled club sessions of the proposed amendments and the date of the ballot will be required. Additional notices via club member email addresses will be attempted. Absentee ballots will be accepted by either of the two current club Secretary / Treasurers. Such amendment if passed will be effective the first of the following month that the vote is passed. Each member shall be provided a copy of the newly amended By-laws / Constitution by email or in person.