

# HEAVY ACTION BASS ANGLERS

## **Bylaws**

### **Article I- Name and Purpose**

Section 1: The name of this organization is Heavy Action Bass Anglers (HABA).

Section 2: The organization's purpose is to provide organized competitive fishing tournaments and activities with high standards of sportsmanship while encouraging family participation and community involvement through HABAs' youth program.

### **Article II - Membership**

Section 1: To become a member a person must qualify with the following criteria.

A. Be 16 years of age and recommended by an active member of Heavy Action Bass Anglers. Youth aged 8 thru 15 must be sponsored by parent or Guardian.

B. Pay membership dues.

Section 2: Each member shall have access to:

A. Tournament Rules

B. Organization's By-Laws

### **Article III - Membership Dues**

Section 1: Each adult member will be assessed (\$60.00) membership dues annually.

Section 2: Each youth member will be assessed (\$30.00) membership dues annually.

Section 3: Membership dues are due prior to fishing a tournament.

### **Article IV - Meetings**

Section 1: The membership meeting shall be held prior to the scheduled tournament each month, unless otherwise specified. The meeting time and location (dial-in call allowed) will be announced in advance.

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Section 2: The Board of Directors may meet once per month prior to membership meeting (dial-in call allowed).

Section 3: Unless impractical or inconsistent with other provisions of these by-laws, all meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

### **Article V - Bylaws and Rule Changes**

All bylaws 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 majority 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 (seven members)**

Section 1: The principal officers of the Organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Public Relation Officer, and Youth Director. The officers of the Organization in each year will be the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Each officer will be elected by the General membership at the July meeting and will assume their duties at the first meeting of the following year. The out-going officers shall relinquish all properties of the Organization accumulated during their term of office.

**NOTE:** Heavy Action Bass Anglers' year starts October and ends September.

**NOTE:** Member must service "in good standing" as officer for one year to be eligible to become President.

Section 3: Once elected, each Director shall hold office for a year, unless he or she resigns or be removed.

Section 4: In all elections each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Proxy votes are permitted.

Section 5: The Board of Directors shall direct activities of the Organization. Board meetings will be chaired by the President or in his absence, the Vice President.

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Section 6: Action taken by the Board of Directors shall be reported at each monthly meeting of the Organization. Such actions shall be deemed ratified unless objected to by a member at which time a vote by the members present shall be taken to either approve or reject such action.

Section 7: The Board of Directors, headed by the President, shall be responsible for procuring all awards and trophies.

Section 8: **President** - The President shall preside at all meetings.

**Vice President** - The Vice President in the absence of the President shall assume duties of the President.

**Secretary** - The Secretary shall attend all meetings and keep minutes of the meetings. He/she also shall prepare and keep all records of the Organization.

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the Organization and shall be responsible for collecting dues. The Treasurer is responsible for Accounts.

**Tournament Director** - The Tournament Director shall supervise tournament activities to include setting up tournaments and tournament schedules for the Organization. Tournament Director may appoint a **Weigh Master**.

**Public Relation Officer** - The Public Relation Officer shall be responsible for promoting the mission of Heavy Action Bass Anglers (HABA). He/she shall be the primary source for acquiring sponsors. The Public Relation Officer is the key spokesperson for the HABA.

**Youth Director** - The Youth Director shall lead and supervise communication and activities involving youth.

**NOTE** - A director or officer may hold more than one position

## **Article VII - Finances**

Section 1: All funds of the Heavy Action Bass Anglers shall be deposited in a bank, as designated by the Board of Directors. Checks drawn on the checking account will require two signatures. The President, treasurer, Secretary, and tournament

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director will have signature power. All disbursement of funds will be by numbered checks.

Section 2: A petty cash fund will be utilized. The President, or his designee, will keep the petty cash fund.

Section 3: Any returned checks given by a member must be redeemed in cash before the member can fish another tournament. If the bank charges a fee for the returned check, the member will be responsible for that fee.

### **Article VIII - Expulsion**

Any member may be expelled from the Organization by the Board of Directors for misconduct. If seven (7) 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 Organization 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**

Heavy Action Bass Anglers 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 Heavy Action Bass Anglers.



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