

# Percy Priest Hybrid and Striper Club

## BYLAWS

### **I. Statement of Purpose**

The Percy Priest Hybrid and Striper Club is a nonprofit organization (501C) comprised of individuals who take pleasure in fishing for Striped Bass and Hybrid in the lakes and rivers of Middle Tennessee. The Club encourages the unrestricted sharing of information concerning fish behavior, fishing tackle, fishing techniques, and the locations and times when fish have been caught or lost. The Club's primary purposes are fellowship and fun, achieved through social gatherings, educational seminars, conservation projects, and both "members-only" and "open" fishing tournaments.

### **II. Executive Officers**

The Executive Officers will be selected by a majority vote at the designated November Club meeting. Voting will be conducted using written ballots. Active members who are absent may still vote, provided that the vote is submitted in writing. These members must attend six (6) or more meetings to be considered active. They are required to compose their ballot and seal it accordingly. Prior to the meeting, this vote must be submitted to an executive officer.

The president will serve a term for a period of four (4) years, as there is a two (2) term limit. The Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary serve at the pleasure of the President. A vote may be taken to terminate the executive committee at any point during the term. It will be necessary to submit a resolution to the board of directors, who will subsequently propose it to the club.

The responsibilities of the Officers will include the following:

#### **1. President**

Conducting Club meetings is the President's principal obligation. The President will also authorize educational seminars, organize conservation projects, and organize social events to promote the Club and benefit the Striped Bass and Hybrid in Tennessee. The President will establish committees as required and designate heads for these committees.

#### **2. Vice President**

The Vice President shall uphold and implement the Bylaws. The Vice President will revise the Bylaws and the Tournament Rules as directed by the Board of Director's and the Club members and in line with the procedures for amending Bylaws and creating the Standing Rules and Guidelines (outlined below).

### 3. **Treasurer**

The Treasurer is accountable for the collection and distribution of Club funds, which include membership dues, tournament fees, and donations, in addition to the maintenance of the Club membership roster.

### 4. **Secretary**

The Secretary is responsible for the documentation of the Club's activities and the preservation of minutes for all meetings that the club conducts. The Secretary will serve as the director of the Internet Committee, as outlined in section III below. The Secretary will formulate proposals and revisions in accordance with the Vice-President's instructions.

## **III. Board of Directors**

The formation of the Board of Directors will provide effective management, strategic direction, and operational supervision. This governing council, which will be made up of three (3) members, is intended to ensure the club's long-term stability and development as membership grows.

The club's dedication to representation is demonstrated by its intention to expand to a five (5) member board upon reaching an active membership of 100 individuals. The president will appoint the inaugural board members in order to lay the groundwork for future governance. The board will thereafter be chosen and dismissed by a democratic vote.

The board is responsible for ensuring that the club's strategic vision and mission are upheld, and that all activities are compatible with these ideals. Nonprofit board members' legal obligations are defined by three (3) core duties: care, loyalty, and obedience.

The Board of Directors will be the first to vote on any bylaw amendments and modifications. It will be submitted to the club for a vote and ratification following a majority vote by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may be removed by a vote at any point during the term. It will be necessary to submit a resolution to the executive committee, which will subsequently propose it to the club.

## **IV. Executive Assistants**

### 1. **Tournament Record Keeper**

The Tournament Record Keeper will be responsible for the accurate recording of all tournament weights, positions, and points. The Secretary will subsequently receive the information from the Tournament Record Keeper for the purpose of distributing and posting.

## **2. Tournament Director**

The Tournament Director will supervise the organization of the Tournament Committee and will determine the locations and times of the weigh-ins. The Tournament Director will present the proposed tournament locations, schedules, and weigh-in locations to the club in January for approval for the year.

## **3. Membership Director**

The Membership Director is responsible for the recruitment of new club members and the execution of recruitment campaigns, in addition to overseeing the Membership Committee. They will also be responsible for the membership station at all club events.

# **V. Committees**

## **1. Executive Committee**

The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary will comprise the Executive Committee.

## **2. Education and Conservation Committee**

The President has the authority to suggest any number of Club members for this Committee as necessary. Striped Bass and hybrid species conservation and education initiatives will be developed by the Education and Conservation Committee. The Committee promotes community and Club involvement. The majority of informative seminars will be conducted during Club meetings, while others will be promoted to attract the public and potentially convert them into Club members.

## **3. Tournament Committee**

The Club will appoint three (3) members to serve on the Tournament Committee each November. The Committee will expand to a five (5) member Committee upon reaching an active membership of 100 individuals.

## **4. Internet Committee**

A. The Committee's director will be the Secretary. The Internet Committee will communicate information regarding club events, fishing reports, tournament results, club business, and meeting minutes. Two (2) Facebook profiles will be maintained by the club. In addition to a members-only portal, a public page will be accessible.

B. The organization will also have a webpage available at the following domain: <https://pphsclub.com>

## **5. Membership Committee**

A. The membership committee will be responsible for the recruitment of new members for the club and the execution of recruitment advertisements on Facebook and other social media platforms. Additionally, they will supervise the membership station at the annual swap meet. Their objective is to enhance the club's size and quality.

## **VI. Membership**

*Membership in a club is celebrated as an honor rather than a privilege.*

### **1. Membership Acceptance**

To become a member of the Club, an individual must complete a membership application form, pay the Club dues of \$45, and receive confirmation through a vote. A member's spouse and children under the age of 18 are considered to be members. Members who have paid their dues and are at least 12 years old will be eligible to vote in club elections.

It is mandatory for an active member to maintain a high standing. They will be present to provide assistance to the club's conservation initiatives. Cheating, violence, or causing strife within the club will not be tolerated. Expulsion from the club will be the consequence of any violation of the regulations.

## **VII. Meetings**

The Club will meet on the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of December. Any necessary modifications to the meeting schedule will be communicated to members via email and posted on the Club Facebook page.

## **VIII. Bylaw Additions and Amendments**

Written submissions of all proposals will be received by the President via email. Afterward, he will organize a board meeting to allow the Board of Directors to deliberate and vote on the concept.

The Board of Directors will vote on the proposal within seven (7) days of the President receiving it. If the board of directors votes yes by a majority vote (2/3), it will then be presented to the club for a vote by the Vice President at the next Monthly club meeting.

Each proposal will be available for discussion for ten (10) minutes. It must receive both a second and a third to be voted on. If the club votes yes by a majority vote, it will then be ratified. The Proposal will be implemented promptly if the majority of ballots are cast in its favor.

Active members who are absent are still permitted to vote, provided that they submit their ballots in writing. In order to be considered active, these members must attend a minimum of

six meetings. Their ballots must be completed and sealed in a manner that is appropriate. Prior to the meeting, this vote must be submitted to an executive officer.

In the event that the club rejects a proposal, it will be placed on suspension and subsequently returned to the board of directors.

## **IX. Standing Rules and Regulations**

The club adheres to a set of rules, regulations, and guidelines known as the Standing Rules and Regulations, which govern its committees, competitions, procedures, meeting structures, and point system.

The club has the ability to vote on Standing Rules and Regulations without involving the Board of Directors.

## **IX. Current Leadership**

### **Executive Committee:**

President: Todd Flannery

Vice - President: Taylor Vivrette

Treasurer: Brian Schneider

Secretary: Angelica Jordan

### **Board of Directors:**

Gibby Gibson

John Armour

Patrick Elrod

### **Tournament Director:**

Michael Quick

### **Tournament Record Keeper:**

Ray Vivrette

### **Membership Director:**

Josh Logan

### **Tournament Committee:**

Michael Quick

Mark Hallings

Bob Belcher

### **Membership Committee:**

Josh Logan

John McCallister