



AMERICAN FISHING CLUB BYLAWS

Mission Statement

The American Fishing Club (DBA: AFC) is a 501c7 non-profit entity whose mission is to organize and provide competitive fishing competitions, non-competitive fishing events and/or charitable type events to its members. Goals for AFC are to promote catch and release, conservation and help members obtain their fishing career goals as well as provide a platform for members to meet to further the sport of fishing.

AFC is a non-profit sports organizer of fishing events. AFC is a general sporting social club that will be self-supported by dues and/or membership fees and will primarily be engaged in recreational and/or social activities. All members of this group/club will be required to be in personal contact with other members from the club. This requirement is for the members to engage and promote the social club and its efforts.

AFC Structure

The AFC will be made up of an executive board which will contain three permanent members, Director Josh Sheldon, Assistant Director Mitch Petersen, and Treasurer Brad Qualley. Any additional members may be added at the discretion of the executive board members but are not necessary to operate the club. Each executive board member shall have an equal share in the voting with a majority vote from the executive board needed to pass any resolution.

All added participants to the board will be done on a volunteer basis and will be selected from a pool of candidates by the executive board. No more than 5 additional board members can be added for a total of 5 board members and 3 executive board members.

All appointments to the board will have their status evaluated every calendar year by the executive board members. If the volunteer board members performance is satisfactory to the executive board members and the volunteer board member is willing to continue to serve, then that person may remain on the board for an additional calendar year until their status will again be evaluated.

Board members may resign their position at any time and may be removed from their position for any reason with a vote from the executive board.

Additional members to the board will have voting rights but cannot overrule the executive board members. Executive board members will have the final vote and say when passing resolutions.

Executive board members may resign at any time and will be replaced by a candidate of the remaining executive board members choosing. The executive boards appointments are lifetime appointments unless the majority of executive board members vote to remove another executive board member.



Voting

Voting is not a necessary function of the executive board when accomplishing day-to-day tasks. Voting is only necessary when the proposed action will change the established bylaws, to approve projects and events and to approve funding for selected projects and events.

Voting can be accomplished through any form of communication necessary to allow the executive board members (and if deemed necessary, additional board members) the ability to communicate their voting designation.

No formal record of day-to-day decisions must be kept by the Assistant Director. Only formal votes mentioned above will require a record of a vote. If the formal decisions of the board are annual and recurring in nature, one vote on the topic will suffice until substantial changes to the agreed upon task are needed.

Membership fees/dues

All funds raised will be spent on non-profit projects and/or necessities (both physical and digital) to support AFC fishing competitions, hired consultants to administer fishing competitions, charity events and/or will be donated to help support conservation efforts at selected locations of the boards choosing.

Membership fees and/or dues will be collected as part of entry fees for each fishing event. The fees for that calendar year will be set annually by the executive board, collected, and held in a designated AFC bank account.

Any member of the executive board can access and use funds from the AFC bank account.

The monetary amount of membership fees will be posted on the AFC website and will be mandatory to participate in AFC social sporting events. Membership fees will be collected for each event and each event carries its own fee.

Waiving of membership fees will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by members of the executive board (and additional board members if deemed necessary). Any request to waive membership fees due to hardship must be submitted in writing to the AFC executive board 7 days prior to the registration deadline for an event. The executive board will make a formal decision on the waiving of the fees and all decisions will be final.



Use of funds

Funds collected from membership fees will be used in the following ways:

1. Facilitate fishing events.
2. Support club members in designated fishing events.
3. Hire consulting services to administer fishing events (any overage collections of money will be returned to the participating organization outside of membership dues and charitable contributions).
4. Use digital media to support and administer fishing events.
5. Purchase of necessary equipment/prizes/awards to facilitate fishing events.
6. Donations to promote conservation.
7. Use of all funds will be done in accordance with federal and state laws and at the discretion of the executive board.

Annual meeting

Board members will meet annually prior to the end of the calendar year to discuss AFC business. All other meetings will occur on a as needed basis.

Social group meetings

Social meetings / gatherings for members will be afforded before and after in person events. Members will be afforded the opportunity to meet at an annual end of year event. During the annual event, at least one team or member will be recognized by the board. Other social events may be announced throughout the year and can be in person or virtual.

IRS Reporting

All annual IRS reporting and filing of proper forms will be done using a certified

Dissolving of the company

In the event the American Fishing Club were to dissolve, all debts are to be paid from the remaining balance of funds in the account. All funds that remain after clubs debts are paid, will be donated to a conservation entity of the executive boards choosing.

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