

## **BY-LAWS OF ORLANDO BASS CLUB**

### ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

#### Section 1: NAME

This Club shall be called ORLANDO BASS CLUB.

#### Section 2: PURPOSE

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full, adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards and legal enforcement of existing regulatory standards. To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to his crime. To improve our skills as bass anglers through techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage a love for this great recreation.

### ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

#### Section 1: NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Total general membership shall not exceed 35 members. This number may be altered by amendment.

#### Section 2: REQUIREMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

To become a Club member, a person shall:

- (a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership;
- (b) Be a male resident of the State of Florida who is a minimum of 21 years of age.
- (c) Be invited to a regular monthly meeting by a member acting as his sponsor;
- (d) Attend at least four monthly meetings, fish at least four monthly tournaments, and if he owns a tournament qualified bass boat, fish at least 1 tournament as a boater;
- (e) Upon completion of the above requirements, applicant shall be eligible for membership.

#### Section 3: ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(a) Elections for membership shall be subject to availability within the Club's membership limit. Elections of new members shall be held in the order in which the applicants have satisfied the eligibility requirements set forth above.

(b) The vote shall be taken by members in attendance at the regular monthly meeting after discussion by applicant's sponsor, fishing partners, and other members present.

(c) The vote shall be by secret ballot of at least fifty percent of the active members. It shall require at least 3 negative votes to deny membership to any applicant.

#### Section 3: MEMBERSHIP DUES

(a) The membership dues shall be set by a vote of the members at the December meeting if there are changes to the dues amount. Otherwise, the previous years dues shall remain in effect.

(b) At any time the membership may approve a special assessment to be paid by all members. Such special assessment must be approved by a 2/3 vote with at least 50% of the active members present.

### ARTICLE III OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, AND ELIGIBILITY

#### Section 1: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of the chapter shall consist of:

(a) President: Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and direct all committee functions, including the appointment of a fellow member as tournament director, who shall serve on an annual basis. Supervise all Club functions.

(b) Vice President: Act as program chairman, assist the President in his duties and preside in the absence of the President.

(c) Secretary: Maintain and distribute timely monthly to each member accurate minutes of all meetings.

(d) Treasurer: Maintain accurate financial records and report at each meeting. A bank account shall be maintained with all checks signed by either the President or the Treasurer.

Section 2: ELECTIONS

The election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of December after nomination by a committee comprised of the sitting President and the last 2 past Presidents.

Additional nominations shall also be accepted from the floor, at this meeting by motion and seconded from the membership. Election shall be by simple majority of members present, but members present must be at least 50% of active members. Election for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in ARTICLE III, Section 1.

Section 3: ELIGIBILITY OF VOTE

Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 4: TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin on January 1 and end on the last meeting day of December or until the successor assumes office.

Section 5: VACANCIES

In the event of a vacancy in office of the Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, the President shall appoint a replacement. In the event the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall assume the office and appoint his replacement.

Section 6: ELIGIBILITY OF HOLDING OFFICE

To be eligible for an office, a member must:

- (a) Have been a member for six months.
- (b) Have shown an active interest in all chapter functions.

ARTICLE IV - SAFETY COMMITTEE-DUTIES

The Safety Committee shall consist of the three most recent past Presidents of the Club. This committee shall act as the final decision maker with respect to any safety concern or issue associated with any Club function.

ARTICLE V - METHOD OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present provided at least fifty percent of the members are present and provided notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least one regular meeting prior to the vote and published in the Minutes of such meeting.

ARTICLE VI - REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

A member shall, upon recommendation of the officers, with one month's notice of the proposed removal, and a majority vote of members present, be dropped from the membership role for the following:

- (a) Failure to pay dues.
  - (b) Any action which would reflect dishonor or disgrace to this Club.
- A vote for removal of membership requires 50% of the active members to be present.

Duly approved and amended this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, by the membership of the Orlando Bass Club.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY