

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MT. ST. HELENS BASS MASTERS

ARTICLE I...NAME, PURPOSE, MEETINGS, AND FORMAT

SECTION 1. NAME

- a. The name of the club shall be "Mt. St. Helens Bass Masters".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

- a. The purpose of this club is to stimulate awareness of Bass fishing as a sport, to promote adherence to conservation codes, to promote Bass fishing in the form of sportsmanship, fellowship, and friendly competition among club members, and to improve our skills as Bass Anglers through a friendly exchange of fishing tips and techniques.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS

- a. The club will meet on the second Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Meeting dates, times, and site may be changed by club vote providing all club members are notified prior to that meeting.

SECTION 4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- a. All club tournaments will be of team format.
- b. Awards for each tournament will be given to the top three teams.

ARTICLE II...MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CLUB IS OPEN TO ANYONE. IT IS CONSIDERED A PRIVILEGE AND IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING...

- a. Membership is open to anyone.
- b. No previous action of expulsion from this club, or other serious rule violation.
- c. A members actions are expected to reflect favorably on the club, and it's members.

SECTION 2. REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

A MEMBER MAY BE PENALIZED, OR REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP FOR...

- a. A display of bad sportsmanship.
- b. A display of bad moral character.
- c. Flagrant disregard of boating safety.
- d. Any other act, which would reflect, dishonors or disgraces the club, and/or its members.
- e. Any tournament rule violation (verified as noted below), that a majority of the officers deem of sufficient severity to revoke or not renew his/her membership.

(In any case, the issue will be brought before the Board, which consists of the President, Vice-President, and Board of Directors. The accused member(s) will be given an opportunity (*privately, if appropriate*), to present his/her side. The Board of Directors will then decide on the necessary action to be taken.)

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP DUES

- a. Membership dues are \$ 65.00 per calendar year (Jan to Dec).
- b. Dues for the spouse of a member will be an additional \$35.00 per calendar year (Jan to Dec.)
- c. Each member must be a member of FLW
- d. A member must be in good standing, with dues paid before tournament registration will be accepted.
- e. Tournament fee is \$ 20.00 per person, per tournament, payable to the Sec./Treasurer prior to the completion of each tournament, with a preference made to paying prior to the start of each tournament.

ARTICLE III...OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT (Board Member)

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE PRESIDENT TO...

- a. preside over all club meetings and officers.
- b. ensure completion of responsibilities of the other club officials.
- c. assist in the development of the tournament schedule, tournament rules, and club by-laws.

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SECTION 2. VICE-PRESIDENT (Board Member)

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT TO...

- a. fill in for the President wherever necessary.
- b. assist in organizing club events and tournaments.
- c. Assist in the development of the tournament schedule, tournament rules, and club by-laws.

SECTION 3. SECRETARY / TREASURER

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE SECRETARY / TREASURER TO...

- a. record and distribute the minutes of the monthly officer meetings.
- b. maintain lake information for tournament locations.
- c. assist in the development of the tournament schedule, tournament rules, and club by-laws.
- d. collect, disburse and maintain accurate records of all club financial transactions.
- e. secure membership registration and fees, tournament registration and fees and maintain all membership information.
- f. provide prize money, for presentation at club tournaments (or as previously arranged).
- d. assist in the development of the tournament schedule, tournament rules, and club by-laws.

SECTION 4. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR (Board Member)

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR TO...

- a. maintain up to date records of current club tournament standings
- b. determine the time of each tournament driver's meeting.
- c. maintain club equipment and tournament documents.
- f. inform the Board of any tournament rules violations.
- g. perform pre-tournament boat inspections.

SECTION 5. WEIGH MASTER (Board Member)

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE WEIGH MASTER TO...

- a. weigh each fish at the end of each tournament day
- b. use his or her judgement to determine whether or not a fish is legal in length.
- c. be responsible for bringing the scale and measuring board to each tournament. He or she must ensure the scales are given to another club member if he or she cannot attend a tournament.

SECTION 5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSIST OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, WEIGH MASTER AND PAST PRESIDENT

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO....

- a. Assist, and or resolve any conflicts regarding tournament rules when necessary.
- b. In case of conflict concerning a D/Q in which the accused offending member(s) is a board member(s) an "alternate" board member(s) may be elected via random drawing for the purpose of the conflict resolution.

SECTION 6. YOUTH / CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE YOUTH / CONSERVATION DIRECTOR TO....

- a. organize all club youth events or activities.
- b. organize all conservation events or activities.
- c. submit proper documentation of such events or activities to the State Federation Youth Director.

ARTICLE IV...ELECTIONS, TERMS OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES

SECTION 1. ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

- a. Nominations and election of new officers will be held at the August club meeting.
- b. New officers will be installed in office following the end of the year Awards Banquet.

SECTION 2. TERMS OF OFFICE

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- a. Terms of office shall be for two years, and shall run from December to December.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES OF AN OFFICE

- a. Nomination and vote of club members will fill vacancies of any office for any reason (to the end of the term).

ARTICLE V...ANNUAL AWARDS AND PRIZES

SECTION 1. . TEAM AWARDS

- a. Trophies will be awarded to the five teams with the highest point totals.

ARTICLE VI...AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OR ARTICLES

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The procedure to amend these BY-LAWS OR ARTICLES is as follows...

- a. Proposals will be read aloud and voted on by the members. A proposal must receive a majority vote at which a quorum of members is present.
- b. The club by-laws, articles, tournament rules and procedures will be reviewed, and updated as necessary, at the beginning of each year by the incoming and outgoing officers. The tournament rules and or the By-Laws may be changed by a majority vote at ONE meeting where a quorum of club members is present.
- c. Copies of these by-laws and articles will be made available to any member of the club, upon request.