

CHARTER AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

SECTION 1 - The name of this organization shall be the SHELBY COUNTY BASS ANGLERS (S.C.B.A.).

ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND SCOPE

SECTION 1- The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to work for conservation of fish and wildlife and to help bass angling through education and to participate in tournaments.

SECTION 2- This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the purpose above set out, and other nonprofit purposes, and no part of any net earnings shall insure to the benefit of any private member or shareholder

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1- Eligibility: Any person of good character with a sincere interest in bass fishing and conservation of fish and wildlife. All applicants for membership shall be recommended by a member in good standing to the Board of Directors for review and initial approval. Final approval shall be by a simple majority vote of the membership in attendance. An applicant must be 18 years of age or older.

SECTION 2- TYPES OF MEMBERS:

- A. Active Member - any member duly approved by the membership and whose dues are current
- B. Honorary Member - a person who has shown support for the purpose and scope of the angler and who is approved by the membership, may be awarded honorary membership with all the privileges of the active member.

SECTION 3- EXPULSION OF MEMBERS:

- A. Any expulsion charges against a member must be in writing and signed by the member or officer bringing such charges. This written notice must be given to the President.

- B. Causes for expulsion may include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Non-payment of dues
 - 2. Use of alcohol or illegal drugs at the club meetings, during club tournaments
 - 3. Weighing-in fish as your own that were caught by someone else
 - 4. Failure to comply with tournament rules
 - 5. Mis-conduct that would reflect back on the club

- C. The club President shall inform a member of charges by registered mail. The member shall be asked to meet with the Board of Directors to answer the charges. The member making the charges shall be notified by registered mail of the hearing and requested to attend. Based on the evidence heard, the Board will either dismiss the charges or bring the charges before the general membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting. A majority vote of the active members present at the meeting is required for expulsion.

**ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS**

SECTION 1- The elective officers of the club shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. 1 Tournament Director
- F. 2 Assistant Tournament Directors
- G. 5 Directors

SECTION 2- Duties of Officers:

- A. The President shall preside at all business meetings, appoint all committees as required, and be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall insure that the Charter and Bylaws of the club are maintained and followed.

- B. The Vice President shall assist the President and act in their behalf due to absence.

- C. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, and record names of attending members at meetings.
- D. Treasurer shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements, shall render a financial report at each club meeting, and is responsible for the disbursement of club emblems and other articles paid for by the club.
- E. The Tournament Director shall be responsible for overall coordination of club tournaments in accordance with tournament rules approved by the club.
- F. Directors are responsible for attending and participating in all regular and specially called meetings of the Board of Directors.
- G. Any officer unable to fulfill his duties at regular or special meetings will resign from office, and the Board shall appoint another active member to carry on the function of his office.
- H. In the event an officer or director does not voluntarily resign from office due to lack of fulfilling his duties, the President may remove the person in question from office with a majority vote from the Board of Directors. The President shall inform the person of the Board's decision in writing.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

SECTION 1- Regular meetings shall be held each month, generally on Tuesday immediately preceding our monthly tournament.

SECTION 2- Special meetings may be called when deemed necessary by the President.

ARTICLE VI DUES

SECTION 1- A membership fee of \$25 per year shall be assessed.

ARTICLE VII CLUB FUNDS

SECTION 1- All funds received by the club shall be placed in a suitable depository.

SECTION 2- All funds received shall be used for the operation and advancement of the club.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1- The Bylaw may be amended by any such amendment being submitted by the Board of Directors to the membership. Any amendment to the Bylaws may be proposed either by the Directors or by the member, through presentation to the Directors of a petition for amendment which has been signed by a majority of members. Passage of any amendment shall require a majority vote of the entire active membership. Notice of the proposed amendment for amendments shall be given in writing by the Board to each active member one month prior to the date of voting upon such amendment or amendments.

ARTICLE IX

Any procedure not defined in these Bylaws will be governed by the Board of Directors.