



# *SwRI Bass Busters Club Constitution*

Effective January 1, 2010

## **CHAPTER I**

### **ARTICLE I: PURPOSE**

The purpose of the SwRI BASS BUSTERS shall be to promote fellowship through club sanctioned activities and the unselfish sharing of techniques and information that will be beneficial to all club members; to promote full participation of all club members in club sanctioned activities; and to promote awareness and adherence to existing game and fish regulations and club rules.

### **ARTICLE II: PRINCIPLES**

The club and its members, in pursuit of the purposes stated in Article I, shall act in accordance with the following principle:

All members, in order to assure all of them the rights and benefits resulting from membership, shall fulfill in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with Article I of this constitution.

## **CHAPTER II**

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

A) The membership shall be an open membership with prospective members to be voted on and accepted by majority vote of current membership attending a regularly scheduled meeting.

### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

A) All active club members shall submit names and pertinent information to a member or members of the membership committee.

B) Membership is open to prospective members by invitation only by the club.

### **ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP DUES**

A) Annual dues shall be \$30.00.

B) Annual dues shall be payable at the first scheduled meeting of the new calendar year, and shall be paid to the club treasurer.

C) A door prize fee of \$1.00 per attending member shall be collected at each club meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI: REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP**

- A) Any member may be subject to removal.
- B) Member or members witnessing violations as listed below shall report violations to the tournament committee for their investigation and further action, and the club shall rule on any action that would be deemed grounds for removal. Simple majority of membership vote at a regularly scheduled meeting will determine removal.
- C) Causes for removal:
  - 1. Failure to adhere to the stated purpose and principles of the club per Chapter I, Article I and II.
  - 2. Failure to pay club dues per Article V, Section B.
  - 3. Noncompliance with club tournament rules.

## **CHAPTER III**

### **ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

- A) President
  - 1. Presides over meetings.
  - 2. Directs all official business and represents the club in official matters and functions.
  - 3. Has the authority to sign club checks.
- B) Vice President
  - 1. Assists the president in his duties and presides over the meetings and official matters and functions in his absence.
- C) Secretary
  - 1. Maintains accurate records of all meetings, handles all correspondence, and reports same to the club members at club meetings.
  - 2. Tabulates tournament weigh-ins for distribution to club members.
- D) Treasurer
  - 1. Maintains accurate financial records and reports financial statements at each meeting.
  - 2. Has the authority to sign club checks.
- E) Sergeant at Arms
  - 1. Maintains order at all club meetings and functions.
  - 2. Levies fines as outlined herein: one (1) dollar per assessed penalty.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **ARTICLE VIII: STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **A) Tournament Committee**

1. The tournament committee shall consist of the ten (10) top fishermen. The chairman shall be the top fisherman. The duties of the tournament committee under the direction of the tournament director shall be:
  - a. To officiate at club tournament weigh-ins.
  - b. Handle any and all disputes arising from tournament competitions.
  - c. Have the power to determine in advance the lake, date, and launch sites, with-in sites, time and duration for the club tournaments three months in advance. These decisions will be final.
  - d. Tournament rules shall be established by the charter members and shall become a part of this constitution.
  - e. Collect fees.

## **CHAPTER V**

### **ARTICLE IX: ELECTIONS**

The election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting in the month of November. Election shall be by simple majority of the members present. Election for each officer shall be held separately in the order listed in Article VII, Sections A through E. The chairman of any standing committees shall also be elected.

### **ARTICLE X: ELIGIBILITY OF VOTE**

Each member is entitled to one vote.

### **ARTICLE XI: TERM OF OFFICE**

The term of office shall be for one (1) year, beginning on January 1, and ending on December 31. One term of office may not be held more than two consecutive years unless office holder volunteers to retain office for another term.

### **ARTICLE XII: VACANCIES**

In the event of an office becoming vacant, the president will appoint members to fill all vacancies except the office of president, in which case the vice-president will assume the presidential duties.

## **CHAPTER VI**

### **ARTICLE XIII: METHODS OF AMENDING CONSTITUTION**

The constitution of the club may only be amended after:

- a. A constitution change is introduced, discussed, and voted on during the November meeting of each year. Amendments will then become effective January 1 of the following year, or
- b. A constitution change is first introduced before the club during a monthly meeting, reviewed by the officers of the club, and then voted on by the membership. Amendments voted on in the manner shall become effective immediately, or as determined by the officers of the club.

**NOTE: Method a.** is the preferred method of amending the constitution. **Method b.** was instituted as a way to make emergency or timely rule changes that are viewed by officers of the club as necessary and in the best interest of the club.

## **CHAPTER VII**

### **ARTICLE XV: DEFINITIONS**

Any procedure or point not specifically defined in this constitution and by-laws will be ruled on by majority vote of the club.