

ATHENS COUNTY BASSMASTER CLUB BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1:

This Chapter shall be called "Athens County Bassmasters" of Athens, Ohio.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE

The purpose is to stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To offer our State Conservation Department our organized moral and political support. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to report any illegal activity. To improve our skills as bass fisherman through fellowship and exchange of techniques and ideas. To promote youth fishing and provide conservation projects to the surrounding areas. To function as a dynamic and effective link with other chapters of the state and FLW, embracing the principles and purposes of The Bass Federation...

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: NUMBER OF MEMBERS

The chapter shall begin with and maintain at least six members.

SECTION 2: REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

To become a member, a person shall:

- a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- b) Be or become a member of FLW.
- c) Be recommended by a member at a regular club meeting.
- d) Be 16 yrs. of age.

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP DUES

The membership dues shall be \$60.00 annually, (State 25, TBF 15 Club 20). Our local club dues will be \$10 to be paid before April 4th. This fee (60) must be paid by October 15 in order to be listed on our Club roster. Late fee payment will be considered new member.

SECTION 4: MEETING OF MEMBERS

The members shall hold regular meeting at pre-established times and places. There will be meetings held the first Tuesday of each month.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, AND ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1: ELECTIONS

The election of officers shall be held annually at our November Meeting. Elections of each officer shall be nominated and voted on by the majority of the membership present.

SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY OF VOTE

Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted. By-Laws and tournament rules will be proposed at our February Meeting and voted on the next meeting in March. At the March meeting we must have at least one-

forth membership present to take a vote. These changes will remain in affect throughout the fishing season.

SECTION 3: TERM OF OFFICE

Term of office shall be for one year, or until successor assumes office.

SECTION 4: VACANCIES

In the event that an office becomes vacant, nominations shall be asked for and position will be filled for the remaining all changes are to be reported to chapter and FLW.

SECTION 5: ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

To be eligible for office a member must:

- a) Have been a member for six months
- b) Have attended 50% of club meetings, projects and tournaments.
- c) Have shown active interest in State Federation functions.
- d) Maintain current FLW membership.

ARTICLE IV: – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 1: All committee members will serve for one year or until new officer is appointed. The following offices shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Tournament Director.

- a) The President will run all meetings and assist in all aspects of the club.
- b) The Vice President will assist the President in his duties and cover such duties if the President should be absent.
- c) The Secretary will record all minutes of meetings and assist in contacting members via phone or mailing.
- d) Treasurer - Collect & disburse all monies. Maintain accurate financial records & present current balance reports at all meetings.
- e) The Tournament Director will be responsible for all tournament related issues and appoint additional members to a tournament committee for rulings.

ARTICLE V: - REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: A member shall be removed from the membership for the following.

- a) Failure to pay dues.
- b) Any action that would disgrace or dishonor the club or FLW...
- c) Disqualification for any reason from participating in FLW sponsored event.
- d) A warning may be issued by club officers on behalf of the club, prior to removal from membership. A penalty may be issued, based on discussion of club voted on by membership.