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BY-LAWS
of the OKLAHOMA CRAPPIE ANGLERS CLUB
(Adopted Jan 2019)

ARTICLE I
Nature and Purpose of club

SECTION 1.1 The Oklahoma Crappie Anglers Club (OCC) will be a Non-Profit organization 501(c)(7), organized for the purpose of promoting Crappie Fishing in Oklahoma and may engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the general corporation law of Oklahoma.

- A. Specific Activities Include:
- a. The Club may schedule and hold Crappie Tournaments.
 - b. The Club may engage in fund-raising activities.
 - c. The Club may participate in lake maintenance programs.
 - d. The Club may schedule special events for members and charities.

ARTICLE II
Administration

SECTION 2.1 OFFICERS

- A. The President will:
- a. Schedule and preside over all General Membership meetings.
 - b. Schedule and preside over all Board Meetings.
 - c. Appoint committees to propose improvements or solutions necessary to Club activities.
 - d. Be the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board.
 - e. Meet with the Governing Board as necessary.
 - f. Recommend a replacement member to fill an Officer or Director vacancy.
 - g. Serve as Tournament Director:
 1. Effect the preparation and execution of all Tournaments registrations and weigh-ins.
 2. Prepare and preside over weigh-ins on Tournament Day.
- B. The Vice-President will:
- a. Assume the duties of President in his/her absence.
 - b. Assist the President
 - c. Serve as Weigh-Master:
 1. Weigh fish presented by each team on Tournament Day.
 2. Report any infractions to the Protest Committee.
 3. Have the final decision concerning weight of fish on tournament day.
- C. The Immediate Past-President will:
- a. Lend wisdom and knowledge to the Board as a member.
 - b. Be the Clubs most immediate Past-President.
 - c. Administer the Oath of Office to newly elected Officers and Directors at their first Board meeting.
 - d. The Immediate Past President is not elected by the membership to his position. This is the only Officer or Director position that is not voted on in the Club's annual election. It is understood by the members of the Club that the process of moving from President into the Immediate Past Position is automatic. See Article II, Section 2.4, Item B, for the process of filling the Immediate Past President's position should the Immediate Past President's position be vacated.
- D. All elected officers are responsible for the duties of Secretary-Treasurer and include:
- a. Take minutes at all meetings.
 - b. Be the fiscal and recording officer
 - c. Writing checks essential for Club activities, A single officer's signature is allowed.
 - d. Calculate and produce checks and/or cash for winners on tournament day.
 - e. Maintain membership and sponsorship rosters and provide to the Board.
 - f. Prepare appropriate tax forms including 1099 Tax Forms for members' winnings.

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E. Officers will serve a two (2) year term and may be re-appointed by the BOD at the end of that term.

SECTION 2.2 DIRECTORS

A. There will be an even number of Directors on the Governing Board. Directors will be appointed by the BOD each year to serve a consecutive two (2) year term.

SECTION 2.3 GOVERNING BOARD

A. The Governing Board will:

- a. Be made up of the 3 Officers and Directors, with each of these members having equal voting rights and responsibilities. They have authority over all business matters of the Club provided a majority quorum is present.
- b. Conduct business only when a majority is present except for canceling or postponing a Tournament due to inclement weather.
- c. Authorize spending of monies at a properly scheduled meeting.
- d. Adopt annual Rules & Regulations and Payout Schedule for tournament fishing.
- e. Approve a member recommended by the President to fill the vacancy of an Officer or Director.
- f. Schedule tournaments and related activities annually.
- g. Establish the amount of dues for active members annually.
- h. Have the authority to expel any member who breaks the Club's rules or is found guilty of breaking game and fish laws.
- i. Be the authorized check signers at the bank.

B. Any Board Member absent at two (2) consecutive regular scheduled Board Meetings may be expelled by the Board.

SECTION 2.4 VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

A. In the event an Officer or Director is unable to complete his/her term the President will propose to the Board a replacement. Upon approval by the Board that member will become the new Officer or Director and serve the remainder of the term.

B. If it becomes necessary to fill the Officer position of Immediate Past President because the standing Immediate Past President vacates the position, the person who was the Past President immediately preceding the person vacating the position will fill the vacated position. This "working backwards" thru the list of Past Presidents will continue until a Past President fills the vacated position. Should the list of Past Presidents be exhausted, and no Past President fills the vacated position, the President shall then recommend an active Club Member to fill this vacated position. Upon Board approval that member will fill the vacant Immediate Past President position.

ARTICLE III

Members

SECTION 3.1 QUALIFICATIONS - ACTIVE MEMBERS

A. All active members will pay dues as specified by the Board.

B. All active fishing members will take an oath of membership by signing a Tournament Entry Form as follows: I agree that I will abide by the By-Laws and obey the Rules & Regulations of the Oklahoma Crappie Anglers Club.

C. Every active member will be responsible to keep themselves abreast of Club Rules & Regulations, Pay-Out Schedules, Tournament Schedules, and Activities by reading the Newsletter, Magazine, Emails, Facebook Page, or the Website.

D. To become an Active Voting Member, your dues must be received and processed before the End of Registration for the Upcoming Regular Season Tournament.

E. Memberships are annual and run concurrent with the Fiscal year of the Club.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

SECTION 4.1 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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A. All General Membership meetings will be scheduled by the President with at least ten (10) day's notice and will be announced in the newsletter.

- a. There will be a General Membership meeting held near the end of the fiscal year primarily for the purpose of discussing any relevant business.
- b. The President will schedule meetings when necessary to effect Club business.
- c. Those members present at a properly scheduled General Membership meeting will constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4.2 BOARD MEETINGS

A. The President will call Board Meetings as necessary to administer Club business.

- a. A quorum of members must be present to transact business.
- b. Board Meetings will be scheduled with three (3) days notice except for an emergency meeting with waiver of notice if the need arises, only to handle a specific situation.

B. All Board members must pay dues before voting.

C. Active Members can attend Board Meetings.

D. The President can decide when to Exercise Executive Session, Only Board Members can be present during Executive Session.

ARTICLE V

Elections

SECTION 5.1 ORDER OF ELECTION

A. Any Active Member will be allowed to seek office.

B. The BOD will appoint new officers and directors as needed by a majority vote of the BOD present at the meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Fiscal Year

SECTION 6.1 FISCAL YEAR

A. The Fiscal year will run January 1 thru December 31.

ARTICLE VII

Protest

SECTION 7.1 PROTEST COMMITTEE

- A. The Protest Committee shall be made up of the Executive Council (all Past Presidents) who are present at time of the protest and who are not involved personally in the protest as either the Protester or the Protested.
- B. The Chairman of the Protest Committee shall be the immediate past President who is present at the time of the protest and is not involved as either the person lodging the protest or the person against whom the protest is made.
- C. There must a minimum of 3 people on the Protest Committee, and there must be odd number on the Protest Committee when called. Should there not be a sufficient number of Past Presidents available to perform these duties at the time of the protest, the following order will be used to get to 3 members (or to and odd number of members should there be an even number of Past Presidents available to serve). None of the "next in line" potential members of the Protest Committee shall be the Protester or the Protested. "Next in line" follows— Tournament Director, President, Vice-President, Sec-Treasurer.
- D. The Protest Committee is not a standing Committee or Position. The preceding rules under Items A, B, and C shall be implemented to form a Protest Committee at the time a Protest is made; that is, the Protest Committee may change from one tournament to the next.
- E. Deadline for lodging protest--This Committee will hear protests expressed verbally prior to the end of the weigh-in procedures and other activities on Tournament Day.
- F. This Committee will render a decision and that decision will be final with no appeal.
- G. Should the Protest committee find an infraction of the rules or actions of the Protested to be serious

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enough to warrant further disciplinary action, they may recommend to the Board further action up to and including expulsion from the Club.

**ARTICLE VIII
Amendments**

THESE BY-LAWS MAY BE AMENDED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, PROVIDED THE ADMENDMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO EACH BOARD MEMBER SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE.

**ARTICLE IX
Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the club must distribute its assets to other Non-Profit organizations. No part of the assets can go to an individual.

**ARTICLE X
Limitation of Liability; Indemnification**

Each member of the OCC acting on behalf of the Board shall be entitled to, in good faith, rely or act upon any report or other information furnished to him or her by any officer or other employee of the Club, the Clubs independent registered public accounting firm or any legal counsel or other professional retained by the Club to assist in the administration of club business. No member of OCC, or any officer or employee of the OCC acting on behalf of the Club, shall be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation taken or made in good faith with respect to the clubs business, and all members of OCC and any officer or employee of OCC acting on its behalf shall, to the extent permitted by law, be fully indemnified and protected by OCC with respect to any such action, determination or interpretation.

**ARTICLE X
Oath of Office**

‘I, do solemnly swear (Affirm) I will faithfully perform the duties of my office in the Oklahoma Crappie Anglers Club and will abide by its By-Laws, and obey its Rules & Regulations, so help me God.’

Signatures

Title

Date

President

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Vice-Pres

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Past Pres

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Director

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