

# BY-LAWS OF THE ALAMO BASS CLUB

## JANUARY 2007

### ARTICLE I

#### NAME:

The name of this origination shall be the Alamo Bass club.

### ARTICLE II

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Alamo Bass Club shall be to promote friendly competition among fellow fishermen while enjoying fellowship and a true understanding of conservation of nature's surroundings, and our fishing resources. We also hope to share these ideas with future generations, leaving them all the rewards and benefits of our experience, sportsmanship, and fishing knowledge.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEMBERSHIP:

- I. *Eligibility:* Candidates for membership may be of any sex and of any age.
- II. *Types of Members:*
  - A. Regular Members: An individual 18 years of age or older. Regular members will be classified into the following divisions:
    1. *Open Division:* Includes all regular members both male and female.
    2. *Women's Division:* Includes all regular members, female.
    3. *Couples Division:* Includes all regular member couples, male and female partners wither married or significant other. To be included in this division both partners must fish during the tournament for the weighs to count.
  - B. Associate Member: An individual under the age of 18 whose parent is a regular member or has been sponsored by a regular member. Sponsored candidates for Associate membership must submit a signed statement of parental consent. The age determination date for associate members shall be set as January 1st of each year. The associate members will be classified in accordance to age.
    1. *Pee Wee Division:* From birth through age seven (7) years.
    2. *Junior Division:* From age eight (8) through twelve (12) years.
    3. *Teen Division:* From age thirteen (13) through seventeen (17) years as of January 1st of that year.

- C. Family Member: Membership under this plan shall include the regular member, along with their spouse, and/or children under the age of eighteen (18) as of January 1st of the current year.
  - D. Lifetime Member: A member may achieve this status in either of two ways:
    - 1. By attaining the age of 65 or more after been a dues paying member for one year.
    - 2. By demonstrating high level of fishing skill or service to the Alamo Bass Club and approved by two-thirds vote of the majority voting members present at a regular business meeting.
  - E. Honorary Member: An individual who has provided distinctive service and/or support to the Club and approved by two-thirds vote of the majority-voting members at a regular business meeting.
- III. *Requirements:* A prospective member of any type shall be sponsored by a regular club member in good standing.
- IV. *Approval for Membership:*
- A. A two-thirds majority vote of the voting membership present at regular business meeting shall be required for approval of membership.
  - B. Any individual who applies and is duly elected to membership in the Club shall be deemed to have accepted the By-laws and Tournament Rules and be bound by them in all respects.
- V. *Membership Limitations:* A limit on total membership maybe instituted when recommended by the President and approved by a two-thirds vote of the majority voting membership present at a regular business meeting.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **DUES:**

- I. *Requirements:* Dues will be paid by regular associate and family members. Payment of dues will not be required of lifetime and honorary members.
- II. *Amount:* Specific amounts of dues and initiation fees will be based upon the Treasurer's recommendations approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting membership present at a regular business meeting.
  - A. Annual Dues: Single Membership will be \$48.00 a year.
  - B. Annual Dues: Family Membership will be \$60.00 a year.
  - C. Annual Dues: Will be based on twelve (12) consecutive months.
  - D. Initiation Dues for new members: Will be \$10.00 and the new member will receive an Alamo Bass Club hat.
  - E. Reinstatement Fee for previous members: \$5.00
  - F. New members and reinstated members will be prorated at \$4.00 a month for single members and \$5.00 a month for family members.

- III. *Payment:*
- A. Yearly dues are to be submitted at the January meeting or by mail before the January tournament to a duly authorized officer of Alamo Bass Club who will forward the dues to the Club Treasurer.
  - B. If yearly dues, prorated yearly dues, initiation or reinstatement fees are not paid before a tournament to a duly authorized officer of Alamo Bass Club, the tournament weights for that tournament will not count.
  - C. Individuals whose dues are delinquent more than ninety (90) days will be dropped from the membership rolls. Such individuals, if they desire to continue their Club membership, must pay the reinstatement fee. Once a member has been dropped from the membership rolls, all privileges associated with Alamo Bass Club will be.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **VOTING ELIGIBILITY:**

Only regular, adult family, and lifetime members will be considered eligible voters in any election or issue concerning Alamo Bass Club.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **ELECTED OFFICERS:**

- I. The elected officers of Alamo Bass Club shall be:
  - A. President
  - B. Vice-President
  - C. Web Master
  - D. Historian
  - E. Treasurer
  - F. Tournament Chairperson
- II. *Election of Officers:*
  - A. Nominations for elected officers shall be accepted at the regular business meeting during October and November of each year. There shall be a minimum of three nominees for each office, including those who decline prior to the election in November.
  - B. Election of officers shall take place during the regular business meeting in November of each year. Elected officers shall take office at the January meeting and shall hold office for one calendar year.
  - C. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot, except when the voting members approve the election of an individual by acclamation. A nominee for office shall be declared elected if he or she receives a majority vote.
- III. *Removal/Replacement of Officers:*
  - A. A special election may be called by a two-thirds vote of the majority voting members present at a regular business meeting for the purpose of removing any officer from a post of service.

B. In the event that any officer shall be unable to serve his/her full term of office, the President shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term.

IV. *Duties of Officers:*

- A. President: Shall preside over Club meetings, call each meeting to order, announce all business to become before each meeting, preserve order, and decide all questions of order that arise. He/She shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary for the functions of the Club.
- B. Vice-President: Shall assist the President, act in his/her absence and in the event that the President shall be unable to serve the full term of office, assume presidential duties for the balance of the year.
- C. Historian: Shall maintain minutes for each meeting, reading them to the membership as required. He/She shall maintain and update Alamo Bass Club current tournament results and historical records to include By-Laws and Tournament Rules and forward these records to the Web-Master for inclusion in the Alamo Bass Club web site.
- D. Web Master: Shall keep the Alamo Bass Club web site updated monthly with current tournament results, news, photographs and historical records to include By-Laws and Tournament Rules.
- E. Treasurer: Shall receive all moneys for the Club, furnish monthly financial statements to membership and disburse Club funds as directed by the membership.
- F. Tournament Chairperson: Shall head a committee consisting of himself and any two Club members of his choice, plus the President and Vice-President. This Tournament Committee will make all determinations concerning Club tournament locations, rules, start and weigh-in times, verify the length/weight of fish during weigh-ins. It shall be the function of the Tournament Chairperson to acquaint all members with existing tournament rules and any changes thereto as they occur.

## ARTICLE VII

### MEETINGS:

- I. *Regular Business Meeting:* Regular business meetings will normally be held on the first Tuesday of each month, unless this day falls on a holiday; if so, the following Tuesday will be the meeting day. Meeting time and location will be announced at the previous meeting and on the Alamo Bass Club web site.
- II. *Special Meeting:* Special meetings may be called when deemed necessary by the President, provided at least one week's notice is given to the membership and posted on the Alamo Bass Club web site.

## ARTICLE VIII

### EXPULSION OF MEMBERS:

- I. *Causes:* Causes for expulsion include non-payment of dues and misconduct.
- II. *Procedure:* A member may be expelled from the Club by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a regular business meeting.

## ARTICLE IX

### CLUB FUNDS:

- I. *Management:* All funds received by the Club shall be placed in a suitable depository, and signature of the Club Treasurer shall be required for disbursements.
- II. *Use:* All funds received shall be used for the operation and advancement of the Club.
- III. *Texas Association of Bass Clubs (TABC) Top Eight Tournament:* Club expenditures for the Top Eight qualifying and State Tournaments will be voted on and approved by two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the regular business meeting.

## ARTICLE X

### AMENDMENTS:

- I. *Submission:* Normally, all proposed amendments additions, and/or changes to Club By-Laws must be submitted only during the month of November.
- II. *Voting:* Normally, all proposed amendments, additions, and/or changes to Club By-Laws shall be voted on by two-thirds of the member present at the December regular meeting.
- III. *Exceptions:* Anytime it is determined that a change is required to comply with existing Federal, State, or Local laws or regulations.
- IV. *Publications:* All proposed amendments, additions, and/or changes to the Club By-Laws will be posted on the Alamo Bass Club web site before being considered for passage.
- V. *Passage:* Passage of any amendment, addition, and/or change to the Club By-Laws shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular business meeting.

## ARTICLE XI

### MISCELLANEOUS:

- I. *Club Attire:* All members are encouraged to be in possession of Club attire within sixty (60) days of admission to membership. Members are encouraged to wear this attire at all Club functions.
- II. *Conduct:* Members shall observe and obey all Federal, State, County, City or Local laws or regulations while engaged in Alamo Bass Club activities.
- III. *Leave of Absence:* A member may request a Leave of Absence in writing for a valid reason. This leave may be granted by a two-thirds vote of the majority of voting members present at a regular business meeting.
- IV. *Live Release:* Members are encouraged to release all live fish, except trophy fish, i.e., a personal best fish.
- V. *TABC Top Eight Team:* The TABC Top Eight Team will be chosen from the top Club members according to previous year standings. To fish the tournament, members must be a member of TABC or if TABC permits join before the tournament. The top ranked member, according to standings, will be in charge of the Alamo Bass Club Team unless another member of the team is willing to take on the responsibility.