

# **2019 Medina Lake Bass Club By-Laws**

## **(Approved December 2018)**

### **Article I**

#### **Name:**

The name of this organization shall be the Medina Lake Bass Club.

### **Article II**

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Medina Lake Bass Club shall be to promote friendly competition among fellow members while enjoying fellowship, a friendly exchange of fishing techniques and ideas, and a true understanding of conservation of Nature's surroundings and of 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**

#### **Affiliation**

This Club will "not" be affiliated with any other membership.

### **Article IV**

#### **Membership:**

##### **Section 1: Number of Members**

The club shall begin with and maintain at least 10 members and shall not exceed 50 members.

##### **Section 2: Membership Requirements**

To become a club member, a person shall:

- (a) Express a voluntary and genuine interest in the club.

- (b) Be recommended by a member at a regular monthly meeting.
- (c) Be voted on by membership with affirmation by majority of the members present.
- (d) Pay their pro-rated annual dues immediately upon being voted into the club and stay current on all dues being owed.

### Section 3: Membership Duties

All members in good standing will be eligible to:

- (a) Participate in club functions.
- (b) Elect Officers
- (c) Vote on how club monies are to be dispersed.
- (d) Vote on Club By-Laws, Tournaments Rules and dates of tournaments set by tournament committee.

### Section 4: Removal of Membership

A member is subject to be dropped from the membership role for the following:

- (a) Failure to pay dues.
- (b) Any action that reflects dishonor and disgrace to this club as decided by a majority vote of members.
- (c) Appeals for termination may be submitted to the Board of Directors for final resolution.

### Section 5: Guests

The club will allow two types of guests to fish in our tournaments. Guest and sponsoring member must fish from the same boat (see exception in "C" below).

- A. Adult Guest - \$10.00 Fee will be charged at 2 day tournaments only.

Adult guests (17 years of age and older) will be allowed to

Participate in a maximum of two monthly tournaments. Guest's who wish to participate in more than two tournaments, must pay their pro-rated annual dues, at their third tournament.

**B. Junior Guest - No Fee.**

Junior guests (16 years of age and under) will be considered Junior Members and will be allowed to participate in an unlimited number of monthly tournaments without having to pay annual dues. Junior guests will not be eligible for end of year awards but will be welcome at the End of Year Party.

**C. During the last two tournaments of the year, guests, that are sponsored by an active member and are interested in joining the club, will be allowed to fish out of their own boat and the \$10.00 guest fee will be waived.**

## **Article V**

### **Dues:**

#### **Section 1: Requirements**

Dues are to be paid by all members who have not yet reached the Age of 70. Members who are 70+ years old will be exempt from paying annual dues.

#### **Section 2: Amount**

Specific amounts of dues will be based upon the Treasurer's recommendation as approved by a majority vote of the voting members present at the December monthly meeting. Initial Dues will be set at \$50.00.

### Section 3: Payment

Dues must be paid in full prior to or at the first tournament of the year the member participates in. Individuals whose dues are delinquent more than 90 days will be dropped from the membership roles and must seek admission as a new member. It will be the responsibility of each individual member to determine his/her status with regards to dues payment.

## Article VI

### Club Funds:

#### Section 1: Management

All funds received by the Club shall be placed in a suitable depository. Unusual disbursements must be voted on by the Club membership and must pass by two-thirds majority of members present.

#### Section 2: Use

All funds received shall be used for the monthly operations of the Club, the end of year party, and for individual awards.

A. Monthly Operations:

Up to \$25.00 per month can be used for Club Operations.

B. End of Year Party:

20% shall be used for the Club's end of year party.

C. Individual Awards

80% shall be used for individual awards at end of year.

A. 80 % for Angler of the Year Plaque and 50/30/20 % Split of top three points earners.

B. 20 % for Big Bass of Year Plaque and 100 % to member who catches the Big Bass of the Year.

## Article VII

### Points System:

A points system will be used to determine the Top 6 Anglers and Angler of The Year. For determining Angler of The Year we will calculate each members' ten highest point totals together from each tournament they fished during the current year. A member may also substitute their lowest tournament score with their total meeting points if it is higher. The member with the highest calculated total will be Angler of the year. In the event of a tie, member with the heaviest bass on record will win. The Top Six points earners will be the Tournament Committee, with High Points being the Tournament Director, for the following year and will be able to set the Tournament Locations. Points received as follows:

### Section 1: Club Meetings

Each member will receive 10 points for each regular or special meeting they attend with a maximum total of 120 meeting points.

### Section 2: Tournaments

Weight will be used to determine placing at tournaments and points will be awarded based on "Tournament Placing" using a 100-point scale beginning with 100 points awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of each tournament and then descending 1 point for each place that catches a fish thereafter. Those who participate in the tournament but do not catch a fish will receive a base award of 75 points.

### Section 3: Bonus Points

Members will have the chance to earn bonus points at Tournaments for earning the following:

All Tournaments - 5 points for a taking 1<sup>st</sup> Place

All Tournaments - 1 point for every fish caught

2 Day Tournaments - 5 points to the Heavy Stringer of each day

Maximum potential points for 1 day Tournaments will be 110 pts

Maximum potential points for 2 day Tournaments will be 125 pts

## Article VIII

### Officers:

Section 1: The elected officers of the club shall be:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice-President
- (c) Secretary/Treasure
- (d) Sergeant-at-Arms

Section 2: The earned officer of the club shall be:

- (a) Tournament Director (High Points Earner)

Section 3: Officers and their Duties

- (a) President: Run all meetings and conduct all business with the guidance of the members.
- (b) Vice-President: Run meetings if the President is not present & assist the President in any way possible.
- (c) Secretary/Treasure: Take minutes of all meetings. Take care of all correspondence and mail. Maintain club roster. Collect and disburse all monies. Maintain accurate financial records and present a treasurer's report at each meeting.
- (d) Sergeant-at-Arms: Ensure that all club functions run smooth, orderly and in accordance to parliamentary procedures.

- (e) Tournament Director: Chairs Tournament Committee to organize and preside over club tournaments. Furnish the Sec./Treas. with a record of the individual standings of each tournament entrant. Give a Tournament recap at each club meeting.

#### Section 4: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible for holding office, a member must:

- (a) Be a member for a minimum of one year. This requirement is waived during the first year of club existence.
- (b) Have attended a minimum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the monthly meetings and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the monthly tournaments.

#### Section 5: Term of Office

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin at the conclusion of the December Meeting and shall end at the conclusion of the December Meeting the following year.

#### Section 5: Elections

The election of officers shall be held annually at the regular club meeting during the month of December (November for initial year). Election shall be by simple majority of the members present. Election for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in Article V Section 1.

#### Section 6: Eligibility to Vote

Each member that is current on dues is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

#### Section 7: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

## **Article IX**

### **Standing Committee's:**

All standing committee's will serve for one year or until a new committee is appointed. The terms of the committee members will coincide with that of the Elected Officers.

### **Section 1: Tournament Committee**

The purpose of the Tournament Committee shall be to plan, organize, and operate all Club Tournaments. The Tournament Committee will draft Tournament Rules, which must then be approved by the general membership.

## **Article X**

### **Meetings:**

#### **Section 1: Regular Meetings**

Regular business meetings will normally be held on the first Thursday of each month, unless this day falls on a holiday; if so, the following Thursday will be the meeting day. Meeting's will be held at Bobby J's Hamburgers in Helotes @ 7:00 p.m.

#### **Section 2: Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called when deemed necessary by the Club President, provided at least one week's notice is given to the membership.

#### **Section 3: Refreshments**

Serving of refreshments, including alcoholic beverages, will be allowed during any regular business meeting as long as it does not interfere with the meeting. Alcoholic beverages are to be served and consumed by persons of legal drinking age.

## Article XI

### Method of Amending the Constitution and By-Laws

#### Section 1: Amending the Constitution and By-Laws:

Motions to amend the Constitution and By-Laws may be brought to the floor only during the regular November meeting. Motions made and seconded during this time will automatically be tabled until the regular December meeting to be approved by a majority vote of the members present.

#### Section 2: Changing Meeting Times

Meeting time and location will be the same unless changed and approved by majority vote.