

Eastern Missouri Crappie Club

Bylaws

Section 1 Purpose

- A. The purpose for which the club exists is to promote interest in crappie fishing and to provide a program such that members and their families can enjoy the recreational benefits of crappie fishing and the association with other people with the same interest.
- B. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support.
- C. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards.
- D. To promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great sport.

Section 2 Membership Dues and Season

- A. A single membership is limited to persons 18 years of age or older.
- B. Membership in the club is contingent upon payment of annual dues. Dues shall be \$50 the 1st year and \$25 annual renewal fee. The club season shall be designated as the period from January 1st through December 31st of each year. Tournaments will be conducted during the months of March through October (8 tournaments) of each year.
- C. All members will be provided a set of bylaws and tournament rules.

Section 3 Meetings

- A. The regular meetings of the club shall be held monthly, at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall designate, for the conduct of the club's regular business.
- B. Special meetings may be called at any time deemed necessary by the Executive Committee by notifying all members verbally, or in writing at least 24 hours in advance.

Section 4 Voting

- A. Each single member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters presented before the membership.
- B. All matters placed before the membership at a regular meeting shall require a simple majority of the members present at the time the vote is taken.
- C. Voting for election of officers shall be by written ballot only. All other votes may be verbal or by show of hands. D. Executive Committee cannot vote but will break a tie.

Section 5 Election of officers and their duties

- A. All officers of the club will be elected by the voting membership at the November club meeting and shall hold office for the term of two years, or until their successors are duly elected. All officers will be part to the Executive Committee with the President acting as chairman. All nominations must be submitted at the October club meeting.
- B. The principle officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Web Master.
 - 1. President - Preside over all club meetings and direct official business and supervise all club functions.
 - 2. Vice-President - Act as program chairman, assist the president in his duties and preside in the absence of the president.
 - 3. Secretary - Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings.
 - 4. Treasurer - Collect and disperse all monies, maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at every club meeting.

5. Web Master - Shall be responsible for all duties that encompass solicitation, current statistical reports, newsletters, communication with prospective members and E-Mail responses that occur through the club's web site.

C. The Crappie Club will present each new officer with a Crappie Club jacket upon election.

D. Any officer missing three consecutive meetings, or not performing their duties, shall be eligible for expulsion from their office upon recommendation by the Executive Committee and a simple majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

E. Any vacancies of officers shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee without delay.

F. Tournament Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee prior to each tournament.

1. Tournament Committee - To plan, organize and operate all tournaments and determine eligibility. Tournament committee shall rule with authority on proper conduct, procedures, qualifications, and other matters properly relating to the orderly conduct of all tournaments. To make all final decisions on any violations. To be responsible for any and all trophies and plaques.

Section 6 Conduct of Member

A. The duties of the member and guests shall be to conduct themselves in a proper and fitting manner, to uphold the dignity of the club at all meetings and on the lakes or other club functions: to be alert and mindful of the club's interests and to be in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, club rules and by-laws.

Section 7 Executive Committee

A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the principle officers and shall have general management powers over the property, business and affairs of the club and shall be responsible for administering it to the greatest benefit of the greatest number of club members. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President.

B. All expenditures of the club's funds must be approved by the general membership, with the exception of tournament prizes.

Section 8 Removal of Officer or Member

A. Any officer may be removed by an affirmative majority vote of the Executive Committee at any regular or special meeting called. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless fifteen days notice, in writing, shall have been given to the officer notifying them of the charges against them and of the time and place of the meeting at which such vote on their removal is to be taken.

B. Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. The charges must be in writing, clearly stating the facts and circumstances and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits supporting the charges. Such charges shall be filed with any Executive Committee member who will immediately notify the President.

Section 9 Revising Bylaws

A. Amendments or revisions to these Bylaws may be effected by a simple majority of the voting members present at a regular meeting of the club.

B. Amendments to Bylaws shall be proposed at the regular meeting. All proposed bylaw changes must be made in writing. Such proposed amendments shall not be voted on until the next regular meeting; only in the case of urgency will any amendments be considered at any other time.

Urgency shall be defined as a case where these bylaws conflict with any local, state, or federal laws, or when deemed dangerous or unsafe to club participants in any activity.

C. All approved amendments or revisions to the bylaws shall be furnished in writing to the club members in a timely manner.

Section 10 Tournaments

A. The tournament year is designed as the period from March through October 30th of each calendar year with eight (8) scheduled tournaments held within that period.

B. A preliminary tournament schedule of lakes, times, dates (one day or two), for the entire year will be presented to the club's membership, at or before the January meeting, for approval. Once approved, the schedule will be final. However, the Executive Committee may effect changes when circumstances dictate.

C. Weigh-in locations will be chosen at the club meeting prior to all tournaments. Two locations will be nominated and the majority vote will determine the site. Tournaments will be divided between sponsor locations.

D. A member may fish with a guest a maximum of three (3) times per tournament year. A guest, however, may fish as a guest only one (1) tournament per year.

E. All tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the tournament rules as set forth by the club. Tournament Judges will familiarize themselves with the tournament rules and tournament judges' duties.

Section 11 Points Race

A. Only current club members are eligible for the point race. Points will be awarded as follows: 20 points for tournament entry 25 points for big fish winner of a club tournament 200 points for a tournament winner Drop 5 points for each place thereafter.

Year-end awards: 1) Angler of the year Jacket and a plaque

2) Angler of the year runner-up \$75.00 and a plaque

3) Big Fish of the year \$50.00 and a plaque

In the event of a tie the prizes will be shared equally.

Section 12 Dissolution Process

A. This club may be dissolved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the club members. In the event, the assets of the club shall be donated to a non-sectarian charity by action of the Executive Committee.