CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF MT ST HELENS BASS MASTERS

(Revised August 2019)

ARTICLE I. NAME, PURPOSE, MEETINGS, AND FORMAT

SECTION 1. NAME

A. The name of the club shall be " Mt. St. Helens Bass Masters"

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this club is to stimulate awareness of Bass Fishing as a sport, to promote adherence to conversation codes, to promote Bass Fishing in the form of sportsmanship, fellowship, and friendly competition among club members, and to improve our skills as Bass Anglers through friendly exchange of fishing tips and techniques.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS

A. The club will meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Moose Lodge in Longview, WA at 6:30pm. Meeting dates, time and site may be changed by club vote provided all club members are notified prior to that meeting.

SECTION 4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

A. All club tournaments will be team format. Teams may consist of a boater and non-boater or as a single boater.

B. Awards will be given to top three placing teams in addition to payout(s). Fourth placing team will only receive a payout.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CLUB IS OPEN TO ANYONE. IT IS CONSIDERED A PRIVILEGE AND IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

A. No pervious action of expulsion from this club, or other serious violation.

B. A member's actions are expected to reflect favorably on the club and its members.

C. All members must be a member of National and/or State affiliation the club has elected to support (i.e. TBF/FLW, B.A.S.S.)

SECTION 2. REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

A MEMBER MAY BE PENALIZED OR HAVE MEMBERSHIP REVOKED FOR:

A. A display of bad sportsmanship.

B. A display of bad moral character.

C. Flagrant disregard to boating safety.

D. Any other act which would reflect poorly, dishonor, or disgraces the club and/or its members.

E. Any tournament rule violation (verified as noted below), that a majority of the officers deem sufficient severity to revoke or not renew his/her membership.
In any case, the issue will be brought before the Board, which consists of the President, Vice-President, and Board of Directors. The accused member(s) will be given an opportunity (privately, if appropriate), to present his/her side. The Board of Directors will then decide on the necessary action to be taken.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP DUES

A. Membership dues are $100 per person per calendar year (January-December).

B. Dues for a family (Member + Spouse, children >18YOA, Grandchildren >18YOA) will be $200.

C. Each member must be in good standing and dues paid before tournament registration will be accepted.

D. Club Tournament fee is $30 per person, per tournament, payable to the Secretary/Treasurer (or person they deem) prior to the completion of each tournament. The fee includes Big Fish ($5) and Mystery Pot ($5). Big Fish and Mystery Pot are 100% payout.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT (Board Member)

It shall be the duty of the President to:

A. Preside over all club meetings and officers.

B. Ensure completion of responsibilities of the other club officials.

C. Assist in the development of the tournament schedule, tournament rules, and club By-Laws.

SECTION 2. VICE-PRESIDENT (Board Member)

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to:

A. Fill in for the President whenever necessary.
B. Assist in organizing club events and tournaments.
C. Assist in the development of the tournament schedule, tournament rules, and club By-Laws.

SECTION 3. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR (Board Member)

It shall be the duty of the Tournament Director to:

A. Maintain up to date recorders of current club tournament standings.
B. Schedule pre-tournament drivers meetings to allow anglers to start fishing at times determined by the Farmer's Almanac and deemed safe for the conditions as determined by the judgement of the Tournament Director.
C. Maintain club equipment and tournament documents.
D. Inform the Board of any tournament rules violations.
E. Preform pre-tournament boat inspections.

SECTION 4. WEIGH MASTER (Board Member)

It shall be the duty of the Weigh Master to:

A. Weigh each fish at the end of each tournament day.
B. Use his/her judgement to determine whether or not a fish is legal in length.
C. Be responsible for bringing the scale and measuring board to each tournament. They must ensure the scales are given to another club member if they cannot attend a tournament.

SECTION 5. SECRETARY / TREASURER

It shall be the duty of the Secretary / Treasurer to:

A. Record and distribute the minutes of the monthly officer meetings.
B. Maintain lake information for the tournament locations.
C. Assist in the development of the tournament schedule, tournament rules, and club By-Laws.
D. Collect, distribute and maintain accurate records of all club financial transactions.
E. Secure membership registration and fees, tournament registration and fees and maintain all membership information.
F. Provide prize money for presentation at club tournaments (or as previously arranged).
G. Is required to provide a complete membership roster to National / State affiliation (i.e. TBF/FLW, B.A.S.S.).

SECTION 6. WEB MASTER

It shall be the duty of the Web Master to:

A. Maintain club website for structure, internet links, and usability.
B. Update club website as relative to club memorandums.
C. Maintain club team tournament championship score sheet on website.
D. Provide suggestions and/or implementation(s) for improvement of club website.
E. Maintain/upgrade any applicable software pertaining to the club and website.

SECTION 7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Tournament Director, Weigh Master, and Past President. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

A. Assist and/or resolve any conflicts regarding tournament rules when necessary.
B. In case of conflict concerning a disqualification in which the accused offending member(s) is a board member(s), an "alternate" board member(s) may be elected via random drawing for the purpose of the conflict resolution.

SECTION 8. YOUTH DIRECTOR

It shall be the duty of the Youth Director to:

A. Organize all club youth events or activities.
B. Organize all conservation events or activities.
C. Submit proper documentation of such events or activities to the State Federation.

SECTION 9. CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

It shall be the duty of the Youth Director to:

A. Organize all club youth events or activities.
B. Organize all conservation events or activities.
C. Submit proper documentation of such events or activities to the State Federation.

ARTICLE IV: ELECTIONS, TERMS OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES

SECTION 1. ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

A. Nominations and elections of new officers will be held at the August club meeting.
B. New officers will be installed in office following the end of the year Awards Banquet.

SECTION 2. TERMS OF OFFICE

A. Terms of office shall be for two years, and shall run from January to January (transitioning at the year-end banquet.)

SECTION 3. VACANCIES OF AN OFFICE

A. Nomination and vote of club members will fill vacancies of any office for any reason (to the end of the term).

ARTICLE V: ANNUAL AWARDS AND PRIZES

SECTION 1. TEAM AWARDS

A. Trophies will be awarded to the five teams with the highest point totals.
B. A Trophy will be awarded to the angler who caught the biggest Largemouth and the largest Smallmouth.
C. A trophy will be awarded to Youth Angler of the Year.
D. A trophy will be awarded to the Rookie Team of the Year.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OR ARTICLES

SECTION 1. AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OR ARTICLES

The procedure to amend these By-Laws of the Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

A. Proposals will be read aloud and voted on by the members. A proposal must receive a majority vote at which a quorum of the members is present.

B. The club By-Laws, Articles, Tournament Rules and Procedures will be reviewed, and updated as necessary, at the beginning of each year by the incoming and outgoing officers. The Tournament Rules and/or the By-Laws may be changed by a majority vote at ONE meeting where a quorum of club members is present.

C. Copies of these By-Laws and the Articles of Incorporation will be posted on the club website and made available to any member of the club, upon request.

This document was revised and approved, per By-Law Article VI, on August 14, 2019.

Board Members:

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President, Phil Martin

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Vice-President, Randy Thompson

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Tournament Director, Marc Wallace

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Weigh Master, James Sanders

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Past President, Sean Robbins