

ARTICLE II – Membership 2007

Section 1: Number of Members

The chapter shall begin with and maintain at least six members.

Section 2: Requirement for Membership

To become a chapter member a person shall:

- (a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership and supporting the clubs purpose.
- (b) Be a Member of The Bass Federation Inc, (TBF, Inc.) and its home state federation approved industry partners. (See ARTICLE VI for affiliation requirements.)

Section 3: Membership Dues

The membership dues shall be \$44.00 annually, \$15.00 of which shall be for TBF, Inc. National Federation dues and \$8.00 for the Idaho Federation dues and \$21.00 for club dues which covers family members, spouse and children up to 16 years of age. Youth dues will be \$10.00, \$5.00 for TIBF and \$5.00 to the club.

T.B.F. membership dues are also required at the current rate to be eligible for Angler of the year and Rookie of the year. (See ARTICLE VI, Section I for state affiliation requirements.)

1. To be eligible for Angler of the year and Rookie of the year, you have to be a member of Snake River Valley Bass Club and TBF in good standing prior to a qualifying tournament. To qualify for Rookie of the year in the Snake River Valley Bass Club you must not have placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place and received any monies in any club or national tournament at any time in previous years prior to joining the Snake River Valley Bass Club. If you have accumulated enough points for Angler of the year and Rookie of the year, you have to choose one or the other, you can not receive both awards. All ladies have the opportunity to participate for Lady angler of the year award. They do not have to be a member of TBF, but if they wish to participate in the running for Angler of the year and Rookie of the year then they have to be TBF members same as the men.

Section 4: Meeting of Members

The membership shall hold regular meetings at pre-established times one time a month. Second Wednesday of the month.

No official club business shall be conducted without the notification of all members.

ARTICLE III – Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility To Hold Office.

Section 1: Eligibility for Holding Officer

To be eligible for an office a member must:

- (a) Have been a member for six (6) months.

- (b) Have attended at least 50% of the club meetings and 50% of the club functions during a 12-month period.
- (c) Have shown an active interest in all club functions.

Section 2: Elections

The election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of **December**. Election shall be by simple majority of members present. Election for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in **ARTICLE III, Section 1**.

Section 3: Eligibility of Vote

Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are **not** permitted.

Section 4: Term of Office

The term of office is for two years, which shall begin on **January 1** and end on the last meeting day of **December 31st** or until the successor assumes office. President, Vice-President and Secretary / Treasurer will serve two-year terms and the four Board members will serve a two year term. The offices will stagger.

Section 5: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office. National TBF, Inc. headquarters shall be notified immediately of the change of any officers.

Section 6: Officers and their Duties

The officers of the chapter shall consist of:

- (a) **President:** Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and be an ex-officio member of all committees. Supervise all club functions.
- (b) **Vice-President:** Act as club programs chairman, assist the president in his/her duties and preside in the absence of the president.
- (c) **Secretary/Treasurer:** Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings as called for by the chapter club president. Maintain regular liaison between the club and the TBF, Inc. affiliated state Federation. Collect and disburse all monies. Maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at each regular meeting. Prepare an annual audit for review by the Club Board of Directors.
- (d) **Club Conservation Director:** Serve as liaison between the club and state and national conservation agencies. Plan club conservation projects and attend all local and state conservation meetings/hearings.
- (e) **Club Youth Director:** Organize all youth activities and programs and start a Junior Angler's Club, when the club is ready for this participation.

ARTICLE IV – Standing Committees

All Standing Committees will serve for one year or until a new committee is appointed. The terms of the committee members will coincide with that of the president. Each committee shall elect a chairman.

An officer or board member needs to serve on the committee.

- (a) **Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors will consist of seven (7) members: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Four (4) members elected at large by majority vote of the members present at the December regular meeting.
 - (1) The president will call all meetings of the Board of Directors and preside at such meetings.
 - (2) The secretary will record the minutes of these meetings.
 - (3) The board will decide all protests and rule on all violations of the tournament rules and bylaws of the chapter then appropriately received.
- (b) **Youth Committee:** The Youth director shall chair this committee, its purpose shall be to plan, organize and implement Club Youth Projects; to introduce young people to the purpose of the club and the state and national organization; to teach the youth a basis for respect of our national heritage, an appreciation of the basic rules for honesty, integrity, fair play and good sportsmanship; and to give them an introduction to the sheer joy of fishing, community service and the out of doors. The executive BOD shall have final authority over all committee decisions.
- (c) **Conservation Committee:** The purpose of this committee shall be to protect our natural environment from harmful change; to document and report to the proper authorities violations of local, state and federal anti-pollution laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances and other regulatory devices; to take legal action where appropriate; to undertake informational and educational programs to bring public awareness of threats to our environment; and to take a leadership role in repairing the harm that has already been done to the life-giving waters of America.
- (d) **Tournament Committee:** The purpose of the tournament committee shall be to plan, organize and operate all chapter tournaments. The tournament committee will draft tournament rules which must then be approved by the general membership. The committee will keep tournament records, enforce all tournament rules and investigate all protests concerning tournaments and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- (e) **Activity Committee:** The purpose of the activity committee is to coordinate and promote club functions.

ARTICLE V – Disciplinary Actions

Section 1: Removal of Membership

A member shall be dropped from the membership roll for the following reasons:

- (a) Failure to pay dues.

- (b) Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on this club, state federation or TBF, Inc.
- (c) Disqualification for any reason from participating in TBF, Inc. sponsored events, including disqualification for use of drugs or alcohol.

Section 2: Actions other than removal of membership

- (a) These actions shall be recommended by the Executive Board of Directors and shall include but not be limited to reduction of membership status in lieu of removal, or any other action felt necessary by the Board. Any action recommended by the Board and not specifically spelled out in this document shall require a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - Affiliation

Section 1: Requirements for Affiliation

- (a) Certification of Club Bylaws by TBF, Inc.
- (b) Update TBF, Inc. with club membership roster once each year before years end.
- (c) Names and addresses of new members joining the club during the year must be submitted to the state TBF, Inc. Federation as they occur. (See ARTICLE II, Section 4 for dues requirements.)
- (d) Must affiliate with a TBF, Inc. affiliated State Federation and support its conservation and youth programs. Any additional requirements that the State Federation establishes for clubs, such as membership, dues, attendance at meetings, etc., would be necessary for the club to participate in the State TBF, Inc. Federation qualifying tournament(s), and any other TBF, Inc. sponsored tournaments or events.

ARTICLE VII – Method of Amending the Bylaws

Section 1: Amending the Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended at the December meeting and voted on at the next regular January meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provide written notice of the amendments to the membership at the next regular meeting. We, the undersigned officers of the club as listed in Article III Section 6, do hereby agree with and certify that the attached bylaws have been ratified by the membership and the commencement of the club on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signed;

President _____

Vice-President _____

Secretary/Treasurer _____

Youth Director _____

Conservation Director _____

