

2020 Angler of the Year

Angler of the Year will be determined by tournament points only. Each angler will have their two lowest tournament points dropped. Owners will be determined based on how they enter into the draw. If you are an Owner, your points will be counted as competing for Angler of the year. If you are an Owner and decide to go as a Co-Angler, any points earned for that tournament will be placed in the Owner category. Owners must have control of their vessel unless it is necessary to have the Co-Angler take temporary control due to safety. Any questions or concerns will be addressed by tournament committee.

2020 Co-Angler of the year

Co-Angler of the Year will be determined by tournament points only. Each angler will have their two lowest tournament points dropped. Co-Anglers will be determined on how they enter into the draw. If you go into the draw as a Co-Angler, your points earned will be counted as competing for Co-Angler of the year.

If you elect to go as an Owner for any tournament, your points for that tournament will be placed in the Owner category which means your points will be split in two categories unless you are asked by tournament committee to act as Owner for the purpose of helping the pairings. Co-Anglers will not have control of the vessel unless they are asked by Owner to temporarily take control due to safety.

In addition, any Co-Angler can choose to have all their points tallied as competing for Angler of the Year, if that is their goal. In that case, you are essentially following the AOY guidelines above. The tournament director must be notified of this prior to the start of our first tournament. Any questions or concerns will be addressed by tournament committee.

*****Beginning with Harvey's Lake tournament on September 13, 2020, the top 5 Co-Anglers in the points standings will go into the draw first for all remaining tournaments in an effort to guarantee them a boat.*****

2020 Heaviest Weight Prize

The heaviest weight prize will be a cash prize for the Angler and Co-Angler with the heaviest weight for the year. (An award may also be handed out in addition to the cash prize pending availability of funds in our treasury and approval by Board of Directors) This total weight will be comprised of ALL fish weighed in during our tournaments for the year. There will be no drops.

\$2.00 from each club tournament fee will be collected and placed in the appropriate category (monies collected from Co-Anglers will go into the Co-Angler pool & the same principle for Owners.) This award will be presented at our 2020 club awards banquet.

2020 Regional Team

The six-member team that will represent Hawghunters of Allentown at the 2020 Region One tournament will be determined by TOTAL overall points earned. This includes tournament, meeting and participation points earned from the 2019 season. The overall points leader will determine the team captain who is in responsible for:

- A. The timely submission of team application
- B. Attending the mandatory meeting
- C. Organizing team meetings for the benefit of the Club and the participants.

Additional teams (funds permitting) to be determined by method described in the club by-laws.

Tournament Rules 2020

1. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

- A. The tournament Committee will consist of five club members in good standing elected by the membership to serve during the calendar year.
- B. The five candidates receiving the most votes will determine the committee.
- C. A second ballot will be held to determine the director. The candidates will be the five elected committee members.
- D. Nominations for the new committee will start at the August monthly meeting with elections & voting at the October monthly meeting.

2. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE DUTIES

- A. Set dates, times, and locations of club tournaments for the elected year. The committee must submit a proposed schedule by no later than the December meeting and subject the schedule for approval by a vote of members present.
- B. Will review and adjust tournament rules if needed.
- C. Has the right to change location of any tournament and has the right to cancel any tournament due to safety concerns (i.e. weather, etc.). Canceled tournaments may not be re-scheduled.
- D. Will hold the official timepiece.
- E. Will conduct weigh-ins.
- F. Will keep records of tournament results.
- G. Will enforce all tournament rules.
- H. Will notify participants of any contingency plans.
- I. Will present any awards.
- J. Will set up and organize the Family and Friends tournament
- K. The director will preside over all tournament committee meetings and tournaments. The committee will make all decisions.

3. TOURNAMENT RULES OF CONDUCT

- A. LIMITS--- A limit will consist of five bass, or the legal limit governing the waters fished, weighed or papered, over 12 inches. (Exception: all waters that are governed by a "no culling" law; the limit will be legal limit minus one).
- B. PROTESTS--- All protests must be submitted in writing prior to the beginning of the weigh-in. All protests must be announced and resolved prior to the completion of the weigh-in. Decision of the tournament committee is final. An exception is given to the *left back* participant, (any participant who is not present

at weigh in), whose protest will be accepted no later than the close of tournaments at the next scheduled meeting. If the protest is found valid, the angler will forfeit all winnings to the club treasury and be relieved of all points awarded for that tournament.

- C. REPORTING RULE VIOLATIONS--- Each competitor agrees to report to a tournament committee member any infraction of violation of these rules. The decision of the tournament committee is final.

4. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

- A. Participation will be limited to members that are paid up and in good standing and their guests. No two members will fish together in more than two tournaments in any one tournament year. The two tournaments may not be consecutive. Guests can be assigned to open boats after the draw. In the event that a guest places in the top three, or wins lunker, the money will be paid to the guest, but points for those places will be awarded to the next eligible paid participating member.
- B. Prospective members will not receive any plaques unless they become active members in good standing by end of year. If such person fails to become an active member in good standing, the plaque in question will not be awarded at the Banquet.
- C. There will be an open boat policy for 2020. You can request to be open for one DRAW during 2020. (You will be eligible for points, monies and plaque). This option is made possible to allow members the opportunity to fish with family or friends.
- D. All participants are required to pay the entry fee (including guests).
- E. Guests will be entitled to cash winnings only.
- F. Non-participating persons are not allowed in boats during official tournament hours.
- G. The open boat request will not be honored for any paper tournaments.
- H. All members must be accounted for and Co-Anglers must be assigned to a boat before the open boat policy is honored. In the event that there are not enough boats, the Owner must be put into the draw and paired with a club member.
- I. Beginning with the Harvey's Lake tournament on September 13, the top 5 Co-Anglers in the points race will go into the draw first for all remaining tournaments in an effort to guarantee them a boat.

5. PRE-TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

- A. All tournament waters are deemed off limit for 12 hours prior to the tournament scheduled start.

- B. In the event that a tournament is cancelled, any expenses incurred prior to the tournament are the responsibility of the individual persons involved.
- C. Expenses during practice shall be arranged between parties involved. The tournament committee shall not be involved in decisions governing this scenario.

6. REGISTRATION

- A. Tournament participants must be present at meeting, or in contact with a committee member, prior to the draw. No phone calls will be made by committee in order to find out if a member is interested in fishing a tournament. All tournament draws will be conducted at the meeting preceding the tournament or tournaments with the exception of multi-day tournaments. The draw for these will be at least one month prior in order to allow time for travel arrangements and lodging.
- B. Registration for a tournament will be accepted for members after the draw but no points will be awarded, except, if that member is fishing to help another present member who is in the draw.
- C. Anyone who cannot participate all days of a multi-day tournament will be allowed to compete and earn points, but cannot be in the draw. They will be placed with the first open boat (if any) and will be responsible for 50% of expenses incurred by the Owner (relating to tournament only; not practice), unless other arrangements are made between Owner/Co-Angler.

7. EXPENSES

- A. The Co-Angler's fee is ½ of the Owner's normal operating and towing expense to, during and from the tournament site. Both will share the cost of launch, permit, and parking fees equally. Maintenance expenses are not included. These expenses must be paid prior to the completion of the weigh-in unless other arrangements have been made between the participants. Failure to do so will result in loss of total points and monies for that tournament. The Owner is responsible for the Co-Angler and the Co-Angler is responsible for the Owner.
- B. In the event that a Co-Angler has to use his own vehicle in order to arrive at the tournament location (Co-Angler has to work, all other participants have departed, etc.) then the Co-Angler is responsible for 50% of travel expenses to the Owner for compensation of higher tolls and fuel costs based on a one way trip. This is in addition to expenses incurred while at tournament (boat fuel, launch fees, etc).
- C. Lodging and meals are to be handled individually if partners are not sharing lodging accommodations.
- D. All expense related guidelines can be arranged differently so long as partners are in agreement.
- F. These guidelines for expenses apply only to Club tournaments. Any sharing of expenses for district, regional, championship or any other state event shall be discussed and arranged by parties involved.

8. SAFETY

- A. A Coast Guard approved, chest type , life preserver will be worn, strapped, hooked or zipped securely and maintained in that condition any time the internal combustion engine is running.
- B. The engine's kill switch must be connected to the operator and in working condition.
- C. At the discretion of a committee member, a safety check can be performed by that committee member. If the results are unsatisfactory, the committee member shall report the incident to the committee present. A decision as to the results of the report will be announced no later than the end of weigh-in. Penalties are addressed in Article 17 of these rules.
- D. Vehicle handling and boat handling safety is a major responsibility of each Owner. Carelessness will not be tolerated. Anglers who feel unsafe shall report the incident to the tournament committee immediately, following the procedure listed in rule 3-B.

9. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. Competitors in Hawghunters Bass Club tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principals may be deemed cause for disqualification. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regards to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor, which reflects unfavorably upon Hawghunters' effort to promote fisheries conservations, clean waters or courtesy shall be reason for immediate disqualification.

10. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

- A. No alcoholic beverages or un-prescribed stimulants or depressants will be allowed within the contents of the boat or person and no contestant shall be under the influence of the same during tournament hours.

11. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT

- A. Only artificial lures will be allowed. Live bait is strictly forbidden.
- B. There will be only one rod in the water at one time.
- C. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited.
- D. Individual state regulations will govern the use of Alabama rigs. (This matter is subject to change at any time if PA Bass disapproves of its use or further restrictions are placed.)

12. BOAT AND MOTOR

- A. All presiding state boating laws will be adhered to. The craft shall contain any required Coast Guard safety equipment, i.e. fire extinguisher, audio or visual alarms, flotation devices, etc. A Coast Guard B.I.A. or N.M.M.A. certification plate must be permanently attached. Kill switches must be installed and operational on any combustion engine.

13. LIVE WELLS

- A. Aerated live well(s), capable of holding two legal limits of fish, must be in good operating condition.
- B. Live well operation is to be verified by each Owner's partner.

14. LATE PENALTY

- A. Failure to check in at the designated weigh-in time will result in a penalty of one pound per minute for the first two minutes late and will be deducted from total weight. Eight ounces (.50) will be deducted for every minute afterwards. After a total of 15 minutes, the catch will be forfeited.
- B. Per FLW & TBF, the late penalty will deduct any weight to be counted toward lunger.
- C. Conditions of weather as an excuse for lateness will not be accepted. Anglers are responsible for timely return time.
- D. Every contestant has communications available to them. Should a mechanical breakdown occur, the participants are to notify a committee member of the status and if assistance is required.
- E. Co-Anglers will not be penalized for lateness to the scale in the event of a mechanical breakdown. Owners are responsible for immediately contacting the tournament director when learning of mechanical breakdown. Director will make final decision for the Co-Angler which may include one of two scenarios: Paper recording catch & release or allowing the Co-Angler to ride in with their catch (must be tagged) in another boat in which case the Co-Angler must report to the weigh-in site before scales officially close. No late penalty will be issued.
- F. Boat maintenance and safety is the responsibility of the Owner. Therefore, the Owner's catch shall be released and forfeited.

15. FORFEITURE OF FEES

- A. Fees will be forfeited by any contestant who: (a) fails to appear at the specified time without notice; (b) refused to fish with a partner drawn; (c) fails to notify the committee at least 48 hours prior to the event of any problem involved in his/her participation of the event. A Co-Angler shall be compensated by the Owner for all his expenses unless prior notification is given. The same holds true for the Owner being compensated by the Co-Angler.
- B. Compensation shall be exempt in the case of unforeseen problems, family emergencies, work or the Co-Angler/Owner making prior arrangements.

16. PENALTIES

- A. In addition to the forfeiture of fees, tournament committee to address any no shows in a way that is appropriate for the situation.

17. RESTRICTED AREAS

- A. No fishing is allowed within 50 yards of another competitor if he is anchored with the trolling motor up and locked.
- B. Area restrictions, if any, will be imposed by the tournament committee at the start of each tournament day.

18. TOURNAMENT FEES

- A. The tournament fees for 2020 shall be \$25.00 for each tournament day. Fees must be paid prior to the start of the tournament. See rule 21 for payout breakdown.

19. SCORING

- A. Eight ounces (.50) will be deducted from each contestant's total weight for each dead fish.
- B. Fish will be measured on the official HAWGHUNTERS approved "Golden Ruler". Fish must be laid flat on table and tail may be pinched in accordance with PA regulations.**
- C. Any short (illegal) fish brought to the scale shall result in loss of fish PLUS a 2 lb. penalty with the following provisions:**
 - I. No courtesy dink requests. Tournament Director and committee to remain at scale to facilitate weigh-in.
 - II. A ruler will be made available for anglers to use at the boat. Anglers may request a second opinion from another competitor.
 - III. Tournament Director has final decision at scale.
 - IV. Any angler who brings short (illegal) fish to scale, is responsible for any potential fine(s) levied by DNR officer for possession of illegal fish.
- D. Lunker must be weighed alive in order to qualify for monies. Any fish weighed for lunker should be tagged for identification using a cull tag prior to bringing it to the scales.
- E. Any participant needing to leave early from a tournament shall forfeit his catch and entry fee. If Owner must leave, his Co-Angler may transfer tagged fish to another competitor's boat and finish the tournament in that boat. If Co-Angler must leave early, his catch and entry fee will be forfeited. Tournament Director must be contacted FIRST in any scenario and make approval.**
- F. Each participating member and guest will receive 45 participation points for each tournament fished.

G. Place points will be awarded as follows:

1 st Place – 100 points	6 th Place – 50 points
2 nd Place – 90 points	7 TH Place – 40 Points
3 rd Place – 80 points	8 th Place – 30 Points
4 th Place – 70 points	9 th Place – 20 Points
5 th Place – 60 points	10 th Place – 10 Points
LUNKER – 10 Point bonus	
LIMIT – 10 Point bonus	
BAG – 10 Points per fish	

20. TIES

- A. Should it occur, the heaviest fish in their catch will determine the winner.
- B. Should the tie not be resolved by the above method, the standing will be shared equally amongst the tied contestants.
- C. If a tie should occur for end of year standings, the tie will be resolved by total weight for that tournament season.

21. PAY OUT

- A. Of the \$25.00 fee collected from each angler, \$2.00 from each angler will be saved by tournament director and then turned in to Club Treasurer at the next regular monthly meeting for payment of End of Year Total Weight Winners for Angler and Co angler. Accurate records shall be kept for each tournament. \$3.00 from each angler will go into our lunker pool. \$20.00 will go into tournament place payment. Disbursement is as follows:
 - 1st Place – 50%
 - 2nd Place – 30%
 - 3rd Place – 20%
- B. Lunker will be paid at 100% to the largest fish. Should a tie occur, the prize will be shared equally between anglers.
- C. Should a winning position not be filled, the prize money will be re-calculated and disbursed to the winners at a rate of 60% & 40% or in case of 1 winner, 100%.
- D. Should no fish be caught, all tournament fees minus the \$2.00 for End of year total weight pool will be returned to each angler.

22. STARTS

- A. No contestant shall start the tournament until the director or a designated member officially marks the time and starts the tournament.
- B. Lures may be tied to rods but no cast of said rods is to be made.

23. VIOLATIONS

- A. Any violation of state or local regulations, or these tournament rules, shall be reason for disqualification and possible disaffiliation from the club as per Article 7, Sect. 1 of the By-Laws.

24. LATE STARTS

- A. Any contestant starting late shall locate and notify a club member of their attendance before beginning to fish. A boat check will be performed by that member. That member shall notify the committee of the occurrence prior to weigh-in.

25. STANDARD TOURNAMENTS

- A. Club members will fill all open boats first. Guests will be assigned as per Rule #4 (participation and eligibility). Open boats will be allowed after all other alternatives have been exhausted or pre-arrangements have been made.

26. PAPER TOURNAMENTS

- A. Each boat **MUST** contain at least two contestants. Each contestant's catch must be verified and endorsed by his/her partner(s). The last open boater will be the Co-Angler for the first open boat. Pairings will follow this format until all boats are filled with two contestants. If an odd numbered boat cannot be paired, it is the responsibility of the Owner to obtain a partner in order to fish. That guest will be randomly paired with another Owner.
- B. Fish will be weighed in the boat using Hawghunters scales and weights will be recorded on paper. Co-Anglers will verify Owners' weights and Owners will verify Co-Anglers' weights. The tournament committee is responsible for distributing scales and paper. Fish must meet minimum length requirements per state regulations.
- C. The "open boat policy" will not be honored for paper tournaments.

27. CULLING

- A. **After possessing the daily limit, anglers must cull immediately upon their next catch. Anglers may not make another cast and/or boat may not be underway by gas or electric motor. Any violation will result in disqualification.**

By-Laws

Hawghunters of Allentown

Est. 1983

Article 1 – Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

This organization shall be called Hawghunters of Allentown, hereinafter referred to as HOA.

Section 2: Purpose

1. To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport.
2. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement.
3. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards and legal enforcement of existing regular standards.
4. To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to his/her crime
5. To improve our skills as bass anglers through fellowship of friendly exchange of our expert bass catching techniques and ideas.
6. To promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation.
7. To function as a dynamic and effective link with other organizations embracing the Principles and purposes of bass fishing.

Article 2 – Procedures

Section 1: Rules

Rules, as set forth in ***Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedures***, shall be adopted as a guide for conducting all official business.

Section 2: Participation

The club participation requirement shall be excused only under the following conditions:

- a) Gainful employment (per review of the Board)
 - i. Member must contact the Secretary prior to each meeting and request credit for attendance due to employment obligation.
- b) Military Service
- c) Hospitalization
- d) Family emergency(per review by the Board)

If a member is absent due to any of the above approved conditions, he/she will be given full credit as if attended.

Section 3: Voting

All votes shall be cast by secret ballot or a show of hands. (**Any issues relating to membership, finances or by-law change shall be done by secret ballot only**)

Article 3 – Membership

Section 1: Numbers of Members

The organization shall begin with at least six (6) but no more than ten (10) Charter members. Thereafter and during the organizations existence, membership shall be open.

Section 2: Requirements for active membership

To become a member, a person will:

- a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership
- b) Be recommended by an active member at a regular monthly meeting, and be in attendance
- c) Attend three (3) consecutive meetings.
- d) Be required to fish with a club member prior to admission. The club member, at the next regular scheduled meeting, must give testimony as to the applicant's character and sportsmanship. This requirement will be waived during our off-season when we have no scheduled tournaments.
- e) Be voted on by the membership. Vote shall be by secret ballot and affirmation must be by a 2/3 passing vote of members present.

Section 3: Membership dues

- a) For each calendar year, the annual dues shall be set forth in the minutes of the October meeting of the preceding year. Each member's National affiliation and Pa State Federation dues shall be paid by the club treasury.
- b) Club dues are payable to the club Treasurer prior to **November 1st** of the current calendar year to maintain good standing status for the upcoming calendar year.
- c) New members, upon accepting membership, will have dues payable not later than 30 days after acceptance.

Section 4: Awarding of participation points

- a) A total of 30 points will be awarded for each meeting or excused meeting a member attends.
- b) Meeting points will be awarded to all members who are absent due to fishing a club affiliated District, State or Nationally sponsored tournaments. (Per review of Board)
- c) Any member attending a club function will receive 30 participation points.

Section 5: Exceptions

- a) Any of the above may be waived by a majority vote of members present at the time of membership vote.
- b) Participation points for Buddy Tournaments will be awarded as 15 points for launch and 15 points for weigh in.
- c) No prospective member is allowed to fish a tournament unless they attend the meeting prior to the tournament. The only exception will be fill-ins if needed.

Article 4 – Officer, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility

Section 1: Board of Directors

- a) Purpose – The Board shall provide guidance for the future of HOA. It shall investigate, recommend, and advise the membership of any changes in the local, State or National status of HOA.
- b) Members – The Board of Directors of HOA shall consist of the following officers:
 1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
 5. District Representative

Section 2: Duties of the Board

The officers and duties of the Board shall consist of:

- a) President—Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and direct all appointed committees. Supervise all club functions, control, report, and be responsible for petty cash fund.
- b) Vice President—Act as a program chairman, assist the President in his duties, and preside in the absence of the President.
- c) Secretary – Maintain accurate minutes of all meetings. Maintain regular liaison between the organization and the state federation headquarters and National headquarters.
- d) Treasurer – Maintain accurate financial records, control all funds, except petty cash, and report at each meeting. **All funds must be turned over to the Treasurer within 30 days of receipt.**
- e) District Representative – Represent HOA at any required District meeting.

Section 3: Additional Officers and Duties

- a) Tournament Director – Set tournament schedule and chair the tournament committee. Maintain accurate records of tournaments, establish the tournament rules for the year, acquire required permits and contact personnel at launch locations with information regarding the proposed tournament, and award trophies to qualified recipients.
- b) Youth Director – Chair the youth committee and act as liaison between HOA and the state and national affiliation, and ensure that HOA fulfills the requirement as set forth by those organizations.
- c) Conservation Director – Chair the conservation committee and act as liaison between HOA and the state and national affiliation, and ensure that HOA fulfills the requirements as set forth by those organizations.
- d) Buddy tournament Director – Set tournament schedule and chair the buddy tournament committee. Maintain accurate records of tournaments, establish the tournament rules for that year, maintain timely acquisition of permits, sponsor donations, and maintain necessary equipment to conduct successful operations.

Section 4: Elections

- a) Nominations shall open at new business in the September meeting for all offices except tournament committees. The election of the officers shall be held annually at the November monthly meeting. The election shall be held by simple majority vote of members present. Election for each office shall be held separately in the order listed in *Article 4: Section 1 and Section 3*.
- b) Elections of the District Representative shall be held at the October monthly meeting.

- c) Elections of the Tournament Committee shall be governed by the Tournament Rules of the preceding committee.
- d) Elections of the Buddy Tournament Committee shall follow the guidelines of the Club tournament committee.

Section 5: Eligibility to vote

Each active member is entitled to one vote. No proxy or absentee ballots are permitted.

Section 6: Term of Office

- a) The term of office for board members and other officers shall be one (1) year beginning at the start of new business at the November monthly meeting.
- b) The term of office for the Tournament Director shall be one (1) year as director and one (1) year as Advisor.

Section 7: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible for an office, a member must:

- a) Have been a member in good standing for one (1) year.
- b) Have attended at least 75% of the organization's meetings and functions, and have shown an active interest in all organizational functions.

Section 8: Exceptions

- a) The President or Vice President shall not chair elected committees or the Buddy tournament Committee.
- b) Nominations for the positions of Tournament Committee shall commence during the August monthly meeting. The committee shall be presented for a vote at the October monthly meeting. The committee shall present a schedule to be voted upon at the December meeting.

Section 9: Vacancies

Any vacancies that occur during a term of office shall be filled by the procedures set forth in *Article 4: section 4* with nominations beginning on the first meeting following the vacancy. Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President. The office of Vice President shall be filled as set forth above. Any term filled by this procedure shall end on the date of the Vacated term.

Article 5 – Committees

The following committees shall be appointed by the President as his first order of business.

Section 1: By- Laws

- a) The committee shall consist of three (3) members.
- b) Purpose is to review the, recommend, and update the existing by-laws.
- c) Term is to be one (1) year.

Section 2: Financial

- a) The committee shall consist of three (3) members
- b) Purpose is to review the financial records of the previous year for integrity and report results at the January meeting
- c) Term is to be one (1) year.

Section 3: Environmental

- a) The committee shall consist of two (2) members.
- b) Purpose is to act as environment liaison with the state and national headquarters.
- c) Term is to be one (1) year

Section 4: Youth

- a) The committee shall consist of two (2) members.
- b) Purpose is to guide the HOA youth organization.
- c) Term of office is one (1) year.

Article 6 – Methods of Amending the Constitution

Section 1: Amending the Constitution and by-laws

This constitution may be amended by a written proposal or a motion to amend the Constitution presented at any regular monthly meeting. Notice of proposed changes shall be included in the minutes of that meeting. After the initial proposal, the change shall be read at the next consecutive monthly meeting. The final reading, discussion, and vote shall take place at the 3rd consecutive meeting.

Article 7 – Removal of membership

Section 1: Reason for Removal

- a) Failure to pay dues.
- b) Any action which would reflect dishonor or disgrace on this organization.

Section 2: Method of Removal

- a) A motion and a second to remove a member from the roster may be presented at any regular monthly meeting. This motion shall require a 2/3 majority affirmation of members present and voting for passage.
- b) Upon passage of a motion to remove a member, the member in question, shall be notified in writing by the secretary of the action to remove. The member shall then have the right to appeal in writing in not less than ten (10) days from notification by secretary.
- c) Upon appeal, a second 2/3 majority vote of members present and voting will be required for removal. If no appeal is forthcoming, the original vote will stand.

Article 8 --- Regional Team Eligibility

Section 1: Regional Team Participation

- a) If a person does not participate in 75% of club functions, he is not eligible for the regional team tournament
- b) **By the March meeting**, all eligible participants must make their intentions known. If a person does not commit himself at that point, the number (7) man will be eligible and so on until a six (6) man team of eligible participants has been filled.
- c) If for some reason we don't have a six (6) man team, a team will not be sent.

- d) **If all dues are not paid by the deadline as set forth in Article 3: Section 4, that person(s) shall not be eligible to participate in the upcoming Regional Team Tournament representing HOA.**
- e) **A second paid team will be sent as long as there are enough members to fill all spots, and provided there are enough funds in the treasury.**

**These By-Laws, amended, accepted, adopted and placed into effect this date, December 20, 2014.
By:**

By Law Committee === Luis Jimenez, Willie Gilbert, Kevin Fulmer

Board of Directors

President | Tim McNicholas

Vice President | Evan Rehrig

Secretary | Charles Harris

Treasurer | Jason Penrose

District Representative | John Palmer

Tournament Director | Charlie Harris

Buddy Tournament Director | Jason Penrose