

# CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

## OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB

### **ARTICLE I: NAME & MISSION**

This club shall be designated the **LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB**. Our mission is:

1. To educate the membership and the general public in the art of scientific angling and promote interest and efficiency in tournament or contest fly and plug casting.
2. To aid in the enforcement of fish and game laws and in the protection and propagation of game fish, and to that end assist in the promotion and maintenance of fishing preserves.
3. To promote an appreciation of and interest in scientific methods in angling and tournament casting, to encourage the use of sportsmanlike lures, and to discourage the use of unduly destructive lures and baits.
4. To promote the doctrine of a restricted catch regarding both size and number of fish taken.
5. To maintain a high standard of true amateur sportsmanship and promote social relations among its members.
6. To fraternize and cooperate with the American Casting Association in its aims and purposes.

### **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership in this club shall consist of active (individual or family), associate, junior, honorary, and life members.
2. Applications for membership shall be signed by an active member in good standing. Such application must be approved by the Board of Directors before being accepted for membership. Applications for membership shall not be accepted from any individual who is unwilling to assume the duties of membership as defined in Article V
3. Active members. An active member is one who has the right to and does participate in any one or more or all activities of the organization as well as promote the objectives of the club. Active members have the right to vote, to make motions and to serve if elected as an officer or board member, or may be chairman or a member of one or more club committees.
4. Associate Members. Corporate, industrial, commercial and small business proprietorships may apply to the Board of Directors for associate membership. Any active member in good standing who becomes physically impaired or moves to a distant location over 50 miles from the clubhouse such that active participation in most of the club activities becomes impossible may apply to the Board of Directors for associate membership. If the application is granted the applicant will be transferred to associate membership and shall thereafter pay dues as provided for associate members. Should such a member, however, subsequently recover or return to this area the member may be reinstated to active membership.
5. Legacy Members. Project Healing Waters memberships granted previously will become legacy members. Legacy members shall have all the rights and privileges of active membership except the right to vote and participate for club prizes and trophies.

6. Junior Members. Juniors up to and including the age of seventeen (17) years shall be eligible for junior membership. A junior shall be entitled to compete for junior trophies, awards and fishing prizes, and to participate in all social activities of the club.
7. Honorary Members. Honorary members may be elected by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual or special meeting of the club, but only such persons as shall have achieved celebrity in the propagation and protection of game fish, as anglers or casters, and will be an honor to or materially advance the interests of the club, shall be eligible for such membership. Honorary members shall have all the rights and privileges of active membership except the right to vote and participate for club prizes and trophies.
8. Life Members. Life members may be elected by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual or special meeting of the club. Only such persons as shall have contributed sufficiently financially to the club shall be eligible for life membership. Life members shall have all the rights and privileges of active members. Resolution adopted at the Annual Meeting on April 5, 1960, provides that: "Be it hereby resolved that any member having served for a period of one year in the office of President of the Long Beach Casting Club, and that said service requires on behalf of the individual a considerable contribution of both time and monies, and be it further resolved that all Presidents having worked long and diligently in behalf of the Long Beach Casting Club and are entitled therefore to some special recognition and be it further resolved that upon completion of the duties as President of the Long Beach Casting Club the membership automatically extend to the retiring president a life membership in the Long Beach Casting Club, with all the rights and privileges attendant thereto, and be it further resolved that said life memberships be extended to all persons, past or present having served as President of the Long Beach Casting Club."
9. Any member who shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman, or any misconduct which shall be injurious to the character, interest, morals or standing of the club, or who shall violate the constitution or established rules, may be expelled from the club by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Any member so expelled shall have the right to appeal for reinstatement at the next annual or special meeting of the club.
- 10.. Members shall not engage in any commercial or promotional activities for personal gain on club premises or in conjunction with any club activity.

### **ARTICLE III: DUES & FEES**

1. The initiation fee of the club shall be \$10.00 and shall be forwarded to the Membership Secretary with the application, such fee to be returned if for any reason the applicant is not accepted.
2. The annual dues of active members shall be payable in advance of the first day of March of each year. The dues of any person, who joins on or after the first day of October of the prior year, shall be considered as payment in full for membership during that year and until the first day of March in the following year.
- 3.. Active Member Family membership. One or two adults and any number of children under the age of eighteen all residing at the same address may join the Long Beach Casting Club for an additional fee of ten dollars over the standard dues. Initiation for new family members is \$10 for the first person and \$5 for each additional person. Each adult member will be an active or life member and have all rights and obligations as specified in Article II. All family members under 18 years of age will be junior members and have all rights and obligations as specified in Article III. One adult will be chosen to receive all club mail and be listed in the Roster. All other family members will be listed in the Roster under the chosen adult's entry. This class is not available to honorary or associate members

4. The annual dues of associate members shall be 50% of the dues for active members payable in like manner as the dues of active members.
5. Legacy members who were previously granted Project Healing Waters memberships are not required to pay dues.
6. Honorary members are not required to pay dues.
7. Life members are not required to pay dues.
8. Dues will be billed by January 15. Any member whose dues shall remain unpaid for a period of 1 month after the due date may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the Board of Directors.
9. Junior members, when proposed for membership by a senior member, and approved by the Board of Directors, shall be eligible for junior membership up to and including the age of 17, and the initiation fee and year's dues shall be \$8.00.
10. The club's newsletter, Target Talk, which shall be published monthly if possible, but not less than ten times per year, is available on the club's web site. A hard copy can be subscribed for a fee.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MANAGEMENT POWERS**

1. The club management is hereby vested in the Board of Directors, which shall be composed of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Casting & Recording Captain, Facilities and Pond Captain, and the two immediate past presidents.
2. Six members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
3. The Board of Directors, may, upon recommendation of the Captain, adopt rules and regulations of contests and events.
4. All new rules governing club contests and events must be approved and sent to members at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the casting season. The casting season starts with the first scheduled weeknight cast. Thereafter no changes are to be made until the close of the season unless recommended by the Tournament and Rules Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. If there are no new rules formulated, those of the immediate past shall prevail.
5. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill all vacancies on the board, pending the next annual meeting, after the occurrence of such vacancy. If for any reason one or more of the immediate past presidents could not serve on the board, the Board of Directors shall select from its active membership to fill said vacancies.
6. Meetings of the Board of Directors should be held monthly but there shall be a minimum of ten (10) monthly meetings per year, one (1) meeting to be held in January of each year, and shall be held at the call of the President or by any three (3) board members.

#### **ARTICLE V BOARD & MEMBER DUTIES**

1. All officers and directors shall serve without pay.
2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the club and of the Board of Directors; to see that all rules and regulations are strictly enforced; to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie, and to perform such other duties as appertain to the office. The President shall be a member of all committees. No member shall hold the office of President for more than two (2) consecutive years. The President shall by and with the consent of the Board of Directors execute all contracts for and on behalf of the club, and appoint all necessary committees and define their duties and sign, in conjunction with the Treasurer, all checks drawn on the club bank account.
3. The First Vice President shall assist the President when necessary and in the President's absence perform the duties of the President as herein defined.
4. Should either the President or either vice president not be present at any meeting, a chairman shall be chosen by a vote of the members present at that meeting.
5. The Facilities & Pond Captain shall maintain the building and pond, including cleaning, supplies, and maintenance.
6. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the club and of the Board of Directors and shall conduct all correspondence of the club as directed by the President or the Board of Directors, including bulletins and notices to members.
7. The Membership Secretary shall maintain all membership records, have custody of club membership records, assist the Treasurer in preparation of annual billing and coordinate the assembly of the club roster.
8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all dues and deposit them in the bank handling the club account, and shall pay out such bills as have been properly audited and approved by the President and Board of Directors. The Treasurer or President shall sign all checks and all savings that are to be drawn on the clubs accounts. For checks in excess of \$500, the checks shall be signed by both the Treasurer and either the President or Immediate Past President. In the absence of the Treasurer, the above-mentioned forms may be signed by the President and the Immediate Past President.
9. It shall be the duty of the Casting & Recording Captain, subject to the instructions of the Board of Directors, to take charge of all tournaments and contests held by or under the auspices of the club. The Casting & Recording Captain or assistant shall, at each contest, appoint such judges, referees and recorders as deemed to be necessary. The Casting & Recording Captain shall allot contestants their respective turns and see that all rods and tackle used in the contest conforms to the rules and regulations of any event in which they are used. The Casting & Recording Captain shall also have charge of all rods, lines, reels, and other paraphernalia belonging to the club, and the club grounds and equipment. The Casting & Recording Captain shall, in each instance, appoint one or more assistant captains as deemed necessary, whose duty it shall be to assist the Casting & Recording Captain, and in the absence of the Casting & Recording Captain, the ranking assistant shall have full charge of all contests, or tournaments, and perform all other duties of the Casting & Recording Captain. The Casting & Recording Captain shall keep complete records of all scores made at the club's tournaments and contests. The Captain, using discretion, may deny the privilege of the club, during a contest or tournament, to any person whose conduct is such as to interfere with the proper management and carrying on of the events and it shall be the duty of every member of the club to support and uphold the Casting & Recording Captain or any assistants in enforcing the provisions of this section.
10. It shall be the duty of each member to at all times do his or her best to further the objectives of the club as set forth in Article II.

## **ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS**

1. The Annual Meeting of the club shall be held during the month of April of each year. The date of the meeting shall be set by the current Board of Directors.
2. The installation of officers shall be held at a special meeting of the club to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days after the Annual Meeting, at a date and time to be determined by the Board of Directors.
3. Special meetings of the club may be called by the President upon a written application to the President of any ten (10) members in good standing, who shall in such application state the object for which such meeting is requested.
4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to give to all active members at least thirty (30) days notice of any annual or special meeting of the club.
5. Ten active members who are in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting of the club.
6. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the standard of parliamentary procedure, so far as the same is not inconsistent with this constitution.

## **ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS**

1. The election of Officers and Board of Directors shall take place at the Annual Meeting in April each year.
2. At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors in December of the preceding year, there shall be appointed a Nominating Committee of five (5) members of the club, of whom at least two (2) shall be past presidents and none of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. Within thirty (30) days of the appointment of the Nominating Committee, the Corresponding Secretary shall notify each active member in good standing of the appointees to the Nominating Committee.
3. Each active member in good standing shall have the opportunity of submitting to the Nominating Committee suggestions for members to be considered by the Nominating Committee for the various offices to be filled. The Nominating Committee shall carefully consider, but shall not be bound by, all such suggestions from the membership and shall nominate a ticket for officers and for any vacancies on the Board of Directors. The ticket so nominated shall be placed in the hands of the Corresponding Secretary at least forty-five (45) days before the Annual Meeting.
4. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify each active member in good standing of the ticket of nominees at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting.
5. After the members have been advised of the ticket nominated as above, any ten (10) members in good standing may nominate other candidates for the same office or offices from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Such nominations shall be made in writing and be signed by said members and delivered to the Corresponding Secretary before the election. The name(s) of any candidate or candidates so nominated from the floor shall be written on the ballot, and shall be voted on at the Annual Meeting.
6. Only active members shall be entitled to vote at the annual election of officers and any member who is in arrears to the club or otherwise not in good standing shall not be permitted to vote.

## **ARTICLE VIII: SOLICITATIONS & AWARD ELIGIBILITY**

1. All solicitations for the purpose of buying club furnishings, gifts, prizes or awards, or expenses on trips to contests, must have the recommendation and approval of the Board of Directors.
2. To be eligible for trophies and awards competing members must register only as a member of and competing for and on behalf of the Long Beach Casting Club at tournaments or contests sponsored, registered or conducted by American Casting Association, Western Tournament Casting Association, or the Long Beach Casting Club.

### **ARTICLE IX: AFFILIATION**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors, the club membership may vote to join with, subscribe to or affiliate with any organization that promotes the art and sport of angling and casting, fish and game development, and preservation or conservation.

### **ARTICLE X: ADVISORY BOARD**

1. The Advisory Board shall be composed of all past presidents who shall meet with the Board of Directors, when requested by the President, to assist in establishing policies and to give advice concerning the conduct of the affairs of the club.

### **ARTICLE XI AMMENDMENTS**

1. Any ten (10) members in good standing may propose amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Such proposed amendments shall be made in writing, signed by said members, and submitted to the Corresponding Secretary.
2. The Board of Directors, at its next meeting, will consider the proposed amendment for presentation at either a special meeting called for that purpose or the Annual Meeting. The Board will make a recommendation for approval or disapproval of the proposed amendment.
3. The announcement of any meeting at which amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws will be considered must be received by the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, and the notice must include the proposed amendment.
4. Any amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and entitled to vote.