

ADDENDUM TO BY-LAWS OF THE LAKE ISABELLA BASS CLUB

A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON 08/29/2015. CHANGES TO THESE BY-LAWS WERE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THESE CHANGES ARE NOTED IN RED THROUGHOUT THE BY-LAWS.

1- AS PER VOTE TAKEN ON 02/05/2013

- A. NEW MEMBERSHIPS WILL NO LONGER REQUIRE A VOTE BY CORE MEMBERS. HOWEVER, CORE MEMBERS SHALL RETAIN THE ABILITY TO VOTE ON THE REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.
- B. NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO JOIN DURING THE SIGN-IN TIME OF A TOURNAMENT AND WILL BE ALLOWED TO FISH THE SAME DAY.

2- AS PER TELEPHONE VOTE 08/2013

- A. THE DEAD FISH PENALTY SHALL BE CHANGED FROM .25 POUNDS PER DEAD FISH. THE NEW PENALTY SHALL BE .20 POUNDS PER POUND OF DEAD FISH.

3- AS OF 09/01/2013 WE HAVE A NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.

- A. NOBLE SMITH WILL BE ASSUMING THE DUTIES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.

4. AS PER A VOTE TAKEN 02/04/2014

- A. THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE SHALL NOW BE \$50.00
- B. THE BASIC ENTRY FEE FOR EACH TOURNAMENT SHALL BE \$55.00 PER TEAM.

LAKE ISABELLA BASS CLUB BY-LAWS AS OF **03/09/2012**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Lake Isabella Bass Club's club principle is based on social interaction, friendly competition, and the simple enjoyment of fishing.

Each member decides club decisions. Each person gets one vote with equal voice.

This club is not about professional fishing careers or winning large amounts of money.

Tournaments are primarily for light-hearted competition. This club is a place to meet other fishermen and to share fishing knowledge and experiences. The main thing we ask is that all people want to fish and enjoy participating in a fun and social atmosphere.

Membership dues will be reasonable and used solely for club business such as yearly award dinners, trophies, prizes, and club supplies.

BY-LAWS

Establishment-

A fishing club to be known as **LAKE ISABELLA BASS CLUB** is hereby established. Hereafter referred to as **THE CLUB** in this document.

Contact information-

At this time the mailing address of the club shall be as follows:

LAKE ISABELLA BASS CLUB
8517 STARBRITE CT.

LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240

Email-

lakeisabellabassclub@yahoo.com

Membership-

The first 20 members to pay dues will be **CORE MEMBERS**. **New Membership petitions shall be voted on by CORE MEMBERS. (Changed as per vote on 02/05/2013)** Majority vote rules. These votes may be submitted by phone or proxy.

Dues-

Annual dues shall be \$60.00 (changed as per vote on 02/04/2014) Dues will cover annual banquet, trophies and/or awards, website costs, and miscellaneous tournament expenses. **Dues shall be paid in cash only.**

Club Equipment-

The tournament staff will be responsible for providing scales for the weigh-ins.

Meetings-

The club will hold its meetings on **The first Tuesday of every month.**

The location of meetings will be **Available Location.**

Order of Business-

The following shall comprise the order of business and meeting procedure at all regular meetings:

1. Call to order
2. Treasurer's report
3. Public Relations Officer's report
4. Reading of previous month's minutes

5. Old business
6. New business
7. Adjournment

Club Officers-

The club officers shall consist of 5 elected posts:

1. President: Duane Robinson

- A. Shall preside over the meetings of the club.
- B. Shall enforce and interpret the rules along with the other officers.

2. Treasurer: Judi Smith

- A. Bookkeeping: responsible for the recording and collection of all monies paid in and out.

3. Tournament Director: Matt Smith

- A. Shall be responsible for informing members of the club's tournament rules and any changes to them. Each fisherman is responsible for knowing the laws and regulations regarding the waters being fished.
- B. Shall record the weights of all fish presented for weigh-in at all tournaments and shall measure the length of any questionable fish for legal length.
- C. Shall declare the winners of each tournament.

5. Public Relations Officer: Noble Smith

- A. Shall arrange for photos to be taken at each club tournament.
- B. Shall be responsible for soliciting new members and arranging sponsors for club tournaments.
- C. Shall be in charge of any web/internet matters.

The Officers are nominated and elected annually in the month of **January** of each year. Elections are by secret ballot and votes are cast by the members of the club. Only members in good standing may vote or hold

office. Officers are responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the by-laws and rules, invoking penalties when necessary.

Scheduled Club Tournaments-

1. The club will have **6** scheduled tournaments each year.
2. The dates of the tournaments will be decided by availability as according to the Department of Fish & Game.

Anglers of The Year-

1. Anglers of The Year will be awarded to the team with the highest accumulated number of points for the current year.

ARTICLE I

Forfeiture of membership-

1. Use of illegal substances during **ANY** club event is an automatic forfeiture of membership and loss of paid dues. No alcoholic beverages to be consumed during tournaments.
2. In the event of a problem between members of the group the club voting committee reserve the right to deliberate and vote on penalties and/or continued membership.

If a team is asked to resign their membership they will be refunded a percentage of their yearly dues. The yearly dues will be returned at a prorated amount.

ARTICLE II

Club money-

1. All money deposited into the club account is to be used **STRICTLY** for club business. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** It MAY be used for an annual banquet, IF adequate funds are available.
2. All club monies shall be deposited into a bank account. Any current member in good standing is free to view the most recent financial statements.
3. In the event that the club disbands, all monies and/or property of the club will be given to a charity or organization, as per a vote of the members.

CLUB TOURNAMENT RULES

Section 1- Entry requirements and miscellaneous rules:

- A. You must be a member of the club in good standing prior to the tournament date.
- B. You must have a valid fishing license for the tournaments waters in which you intend to fish. Valid boat registration and lake permit are also required.
- C. Proof of boat liability insurance in no less value than \$50,000 is also required.
- D. If you fish with someone other than your regular team member then you will be considered a new team. Points will be awarded accordingly.
- E. Protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director within 15 minutes of completion of weigh-in. Officers of the club will handle all protests.
- F. The public may make an oral complaint. Complaints from the public will be taken seriously and may result in penalty or disqualification.

Section 2- Fees:

- A. Entry fee \$55.00 (as per vote on 02/04/2014)

- B. Big fish \$20.00
- C. Closest to 10 with 5 fish \$10.00
- D. Total weight \$40.00

ALL ENTRY FEES TO BE PAID IN CASH ONLY

Section 3- Tournament starting/ending rules:

THESE RULES ARE HERE TO HELP US ALL HAVE A FRIENDLY COMPETITION. IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO FOLLOW THEM THEN WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT YOU ARE NOT FRIENDLY!

- A. There shall be no restriction to pre-fishing.
- B. All live wells will be inspected prior to the tournament. All live wells shall be in good and working order.
- C. No live bait will be allowed during the tournament. **No explosive devices or electrical shock devices shall be used.**
- D. There will be no trading or selling of fish.
- E. No rods in excess of eight (8) feet in length are to be used during club tournaments.
- F. All boats must be launched at the tournament landing.
- G. Contestants may not begin fishing before the appointed tournament start time.
- H. Cell phone use will be for emergency use only. **This also applies to posting on social media! Please wait until weigh-in to update your photos.**
- I. All contestants must end fishing by the appointed end time. There will be no culling or fishing in the weigh-in area after the end time.
- J. Boats must be at the appointed landing at the end time. Members arriving within 15 after end time will have $\frac{1}{2}$ of their total weight deducted. After 15 minutes members will be disqualified.
- K. All members must wear a Coast Guard approved life vest while main motor is running.

- L. Minimum fishing distance between boats will be 25 yards. This will apply to all boats and shore fisherman not participating in the tournament also.
- M. Starting order shall be determined by a draw of numbers.
- N. Take-off may be delayed or cancelled due to unsafe conditions as determined by a vote of members.
- O. In case of breakdown or early departure from the tournament the team doing so must contact the tournament director or other staff member. Failure to do so will result in the loss of any points earned at that tournament.
- P. You may not leave your boat during tournament fishing unless you have a medical emergency, your vessel is on fire, or you are instructed to exit the vessel by law enforcement.

Section 4- Weigh-in

- A. Weigh-in scales will be open at the predetermined site as soon as the scales are set up.
- B. Each team will be limited to weigh in five (5) total largemouth bass.
- C. Fish size limits shall be in accordance with the variance for THAT tournament date.
- D. There will be a penalty of .20 per pound of dead fish (per vote taken 08/2014)
- E. The penalty for undersized fish will be the loss of that fish and a deduction of one (1) pound from total weight of legal fish.
- F. Weigh slip is required to weigh fish.

Section 5- Tournament Scoring:

- A. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - First place 100
 - Second place 99
 - Third place 98
 - Fourth place 97
 - Fifth place 96

- Sixth place 95
- Seventh place 94
- Eighth place 93
- Ninth place 92
- Tenth place 91
- Eleventh place 90
- Twelfth place 89

If no fish are weighed for a participating team they will be awarded 1 point less than the last place team.

Section 6- Pay Out:

All pay outs will be based on the total number of entry fees paid. 50% of all entry fees will be retained by the club and used for operating expenses.

- A. 1st through 3rd places will be paid with the remaining 50% of the entry fees, which will be split as:
 - 1st place = 45%
 - 2nd place = 35%
 - 3rd place = 20%
- B. Big fish payout will be 100% of big fish entry. If a tie the winner will be decided by total team weight.
- C. Pay out for total weight will be 100% of total weight entry.
- D. Closest to 10lbs payout will be 100% of closest to 10lbs entry.

Section 7- Sportsmanship:

- A. All state fishing regulations and rules will be observed. Breaking of any state and/or club rules may, at the discretion of officers, result in disqualification and loss of entry fees.

B. Members will conduct themselves in a true sportsmanlike manner. Courtesy, safety, and ethics of the best behavior must be observed. Remember that you represent not only yourselves but also tournament anglers and the sport of competitive fishing. Rude or insulting behavior will not be tolerated. Complaints of unsportsmanlike behavior may result in disqualification and removal from the club.

Section 8- Disclaimer:

The club will not be responsible for any accidents or negligence of club members or their guests.