

# West TN Elite Bass Club



Constitution and Bylaws  
2017

## **Article I. Name and Purpose**

### **Section 1.01 Name**

**(a) West Tennessee Elite Bass Club (aka WTEBC)**

*(i) The address for all corporate mailing purposes will be: 3171 Rast Road; Millington, TN 38053*

### **Section 1.02 Purpose**

**(a) WTEBC's purpose is:**

*(i) To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport*

*(ii) To offer our state conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement*

*(iii) To promote full awareness to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards*

*(iv) To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to their crime*

*(v) To improve our skills as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert bass-catching techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage youth fishing, and a love for this great recreation*

## **Article II. Membership**

### **Section 2.01 Requirements of Membership**

**(a) Each member shall be 18 years or older or 16 with written release form from a parent or legal guardian.**

**(b) Be recommended by two members at a regular monthly meeting. Club officers will confirm all new memberships.**

**(c) To have a current fishing license for the state of Tennessee or any other state where tournaments are held.**

**(d) All boat owners must have liability insurance.**

### **Section 2.02 Withdrawal or Removal of Membership**

**(a) Failure to comply with Article 2, Section 2.01, a – b - c - d**

**(b) Upon request**

**(c) Failure to pay dues**

**(d) Request by another member: removal will be determined by the club's officers**

### **Section 2.03 Membership Dues\***

**(a) Membership dues shall be a specified amount annually and are due upon being voted into the club or renewing membership.**

## **Article III. Officers**

### **Section 3.01 Officers and their Duties**

**(a) President: preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and direct all committee functions. Supervise all, if possible, WTEBC functions. Maintain order at all WTEBC functions.**

***(i) Financial Authorization - The Club President has authority to spend up to \$300.00 from funds at his/her discretion, not exceeding more than two expenditures a year. Any expenditure over \$300.00 up to \$500.00 must have prior approval from three club officers other than the President. Any expenditure over \$500.00 must be approved by majority of club members present.***

***(ii) Club funds are designated for the following expenses:***

- 1) Expenses for fishing rodeo's or other community events
- 2) Donations to non-profit organizations as the committee and/or club members approve
- 3) Prizes and awards
- 4) End of year banquet
- 5) Purchase promotional items for resale or to be given away

**(b) Vice President: Assist the President in his duties and preside in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall assist the Public Relations Director/Editor with civic events and assist the Weigh Master at tournaments.**

**(c) Secretary: Maintain accurate minutes of all WTEBC meetings and assist the President in his duties, takes notes inform club of all at club meeting, assist Editor and Treasurer.**

**(d) Treasurer: Maintain accurate financial records and give a written financial statement to each regular club meeting. Assist the President in his duties.**

### **Section 3.02 Volunteer Positions and their Duties**

**(a) Public Relations/Editor and Web Master: Inform the public by submitting articles in the local Newspapers of upcoming events and results of previous events of WTEBC. Assist the Secretary and Treasurer. Also responsible for maintaining the web site, [www.wtebc.com](http://www.wtebc.com) with club information by posting standings, and other pertinent news provided by the Secretary and Weigh Master.**

**(b) Weigh Master: He/she is responsible for ensuring the following duties are carried out:**

***(i) The calculation and reporting of the tournament results to the Public Relations Director/Editor, Secretary, and the Web Master.***

***(ii) Maintain the annual running standing from all the tournaments.***

***(iii) Ensure fish caught during tournaments meet the published state guidelines for length by species and is responsible for accurate measurements of length.***

***(iv) The weighing of catches in pounds and hundredths of pounds.***

*(v) Assigns a substitute weigh master in his/her absence. The Weigh Master will be the official time keeper. If any protest concerning the tournament is made, the weigh master present along with all present club officers will make the final decision. All protests must be made at the end of the weigh-in.*

*(vi) Maintains possession of the club's official scales and ensures scales make it to the tournaments for weigh-ins.*

**(c) Photographer:** Photographing the club's tournament events including but not limited to take off, check in, and weigh in. Photographer will provide photographs to the Web Master for posting on the website.

### **Section 3.03 Method of Determining Candidates**

**(a)** If an officer chooses to resign, their eligible replacement will be determined by membership seniority, if that member agrees. For final decision, the club's officers and board members must approve the replacement.

### **Section 3.04 Term of Office**

**(a)** The term of office is for as long as they choose to hold that office or until the club's officers and board members all agree to replace a member holding an office.

## **Article IV. Rules Change**

### **Section 4.01 Timing**

**(a)** At the October meeting, any club member will have the opportunity to turn in suggestions for club rule changes. All suggestions that are turned in to the club's officers will be considered for the rules change for the following year. (ADD TO or TAKE OUT) The club's officers and board members will vote to change or not.

## **Article V. Next year's schedule**

### **Section 5.01 Determining**

**(a)** At the October meeting, all club members may turn in suggestions for the tournaments for next year's events. Submit in writing the month and lake you want to fish. The locations with the most votes for each month will determine the schedule for the year.