

OLYMPIC PENINSULA FLY FISHERS

We fish therefore we are

CLUB CHARTER

Article I. The Club

Section 1.1. The charter club known as the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers was established in 1995 in Port Angeles, Washington.

Article II. Aims and Purposes

Section 2.1. To promote, encourage, support and educate members in the sport of fly-fishing.

Section 2.2. To encourage and advocate the conservation of fishery habitat.

Section 2.3. Promote the catch-and-release program.

Section 2.4. To conduct workshops, activities and outings related to fly-fishing, fly-tying, casting, and other associated events.

CLUB BY-LAWS

Article I. Membership

Section 1.1. Membership is open to all persons who are interested in the sport of fly-fishing or related activities.

Section 1.2. Types of Memberships

A. Individual. One person, one vote.

B. Family. All members of immediate family. Two votes per family.

C. Business Associate Membership. No voting privileges.

Section 1.3. Prospective members must complete an application form obtained from Secretary/Treasurer. Complete application and return to Secretary/Treasurer with applicable dues.

Section 1.4. Upon completion of Section 1.3 Individual and Family memberships shall be admitted as members of this organization and shall have applicable say in what ever the club does.

Section 1.5. Upon completion of Section 1.3 Business Associate Membership applicants shall have their business name, address and phone number entered into the business directory of the membership list.

Section 1.6. Names and addresses of the membership can not be sold or given away without the written permission of said members. Those members in descent and those not in attendance at a meeting where a decision is made to sell a list of members will be excluded.

Article II. Revenue

Section 2.1. Annual individual membership dues are \$25.00 per year. Family membership dues are \$35.00 per year. Business Associate membership dues are \$5.00 per year. (Revised 2-3-2003)

Section 2.2. Annual membership dues shall be collected between January 1 and March 1. Members who fail to pay by March 1 will be dropped from membership.

Section 2.2.1. Dues will be pro-rated to one-half (1/2) for new members joining between July 1 and October 31. Dues of new members joining between November 1 and December 31 will apply for the following year.

Section 2.3. Revenue for this organization will be from membership dues, donations and other fund-raisers deemed necessary to increase monies for club operating expenses.

Section 2.4. Business Associate members may have a one page advertising flyer included in the newsletter for a donation \$10.00 for each month they advertise. The flyer will be provided by the Business Associate.

Section 2.5. Non-club members will be required to pay a donation for all club sponsored activities as determined by the Board of Directors.

Article III. Officers and Trustees

Section 3.1. Officers and Trustees are expected to attend monthly meetings and any additional meetings when deemed necessary.

Section 3.2. All disbursements for club funds shall require the signature of the President or Treasurer as called for in Article III, Section 3.3.

Section 3.3. Duties of the Officers and Trustees:

PRESIDENT

Shall be the chief executive of the organization and shall preside over the membership and board meetings. Shall be ex-officio member of all committees. Has the authority to sign for disbursement of club funds. Is a designated spokesperson for the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers.

VICE PRESIDENT

Presides over meetings in the absence of the President. Organizes programs for the monthly club meetings in accordance with the aims and purposes of the charter. Is a designated spokesperson for the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers.

SECRETARY

Keeps club monthly meeting minutes and correspondence. Read the minutes of monthly general and board meetings for approval at each meeting. Maintains a permanent record of all monthly membership and board meeting minutes. Record attendance of officers and trustees at general and board meetings. Is a designated spokesperson for the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers.

TREASURER

Keeps Club records, including financial accounting. Shall make financial records available or inspection at any time to the Board of Directors. Make an annual financial report in the December newsletter to the general membership or at such times as the President may request. Charged with billing and collection of membership dues and other fund raising monies. Has authority to sign for disbursement of club funds. Is a designated spokesperson for the Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers.

TRUSTEES

There will be a total of four (4) trustees. At the annual election two (2) trustees will be elected for a two (2) year term. The two previous two year trustees become the carry over for one (1) year each. The Trustees are on the Board of Directors and are required to serve on a committee. The President may specifically authorize individual Trustees or a member from the general membership as a spokesperson.

Section 3.3. Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors is composed of the officers, the Immediate Past President and four trustees. The Immediate Past-President shall serve on the Board of Directors for one year.
2. The Board of Directors is charged with carrying out club business.
3. Should an elected officer become unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities, he/she shall notify the President in writing.
 - A. The President shall appoint an interim officer subject to board approval.
 - B. The President shall appoint two (2) board members to function as a nominating committee.
 - C. The membership will be notified of the appointment at the next general meeting. Nominations will be requested from the floor.
 - D. The nominating committee at the next general meeting will notify the membership of the nominations. The election of the replacement officer will be effected at this general meeting.
4. Mandatory replacement of an officer may occur upon documentation of gross negligence, or non-performance of duties. Such documentation shall be presented to the Board of Directors who must meet and vote upon it within thirty (30) days. A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Board is necessary to implement mandatory replacement, at such time the procedure outlined in Section 3.3, Paragraph 3 shall be followed.

Article IV. Meetings

Section 4.1. This organization shall hold a monthly (once a month) general and board meeting on a date, time and place as determined by the Board of Directors. The other times shall be

henceforth known as activities, and shall be designated on a club calendar when activities take place.

Section 4.2. General membership and Board meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 4.3. Order of Business at General monthly and Board meetings shall be:

1. Call meeting to order.

1A. Introduce guests

2. Read minutes of the previous General and Board meetings and any correspondence.

2A. Motion to approve the minutes as read.

3. Treasurers report.

3A. Motion to pay the bills.

4. Reports (Committees or officers)

5. Old business.

6. New business.

7. Raffle.

8. Program (May be moved up in order to accommodate a speaker or time frame).

9. Motion to adjourn.

Article V. Election of Officers and Trustees

Section 5.1. The Nomination Committee will present a slate of officers and trustees to the Secretary so the names can appear in the December newsletter. Additional nominations can be made from the floor prior to the elections at the December meeting. New officers are to be installed at the January meeting.

Section 5.2. Elections shall be carried out by secret ballot presided over by Secretary, nominating committee or another officer appointed by the President that is not on the current ballot.

Section 5.3. Only paid members under Article I, Section 1.2 may vote and are entitled to one vote per office.

Section 5.4. Members not attending the December meeting but wishing to have their vote recorded shall waive their right to a secret ballot. They shall: Record the offices and the names of their chosen candidates, sign their name and seal the ballot in an envelope. Mail it or deliver it to the President prior to the December meeting. At the December meeting, these ballots shall be opened when the votes are tallied. The Secretary or presiding officer shall counter-sign these votes as tallied and keep them on record for a period of not less than six (6) months and not more than a year.

Section 5.5. The nominee for each office receiving a simple majority of votes shall be declared elected. In the case of a tie vote, the flip of a coin will determine the winner.

Article VI. Committees

Section 6.1. All committees will be responsible to the Board of Directors. The chair will be ratified by the board. All publication decisions shall be submitted to the board for approval.

Section 6.2. The following committees shall be appointed.

Newsletter: (Collect news, assemble, publish and mail newsletter.)

Program/Activity: Arrange for speakers, videos or activities for meetings.)

Fund-Raising: (Organize and oversee all fund-raising projects.)

Nominating: Convene in October. Charged with acquiring members to run for elected club officers and trustees. See that slate of officers is published in December newsletter for vote.

Audit: (Audit club financial records annually in December and at other times as Requested by the President.)

Telephone: (Call members about changes in meeting time, activities, etc.)

Article VII. Approval of bylaws and Amendments

Section 7.1. These bylaws shall become effective only upon ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes cast at a monthly general meeting.

Section 7.2. Proposed amendments to the bylaws will be published in the newsletter for two months. On the second month at a general meeting the amendments will be voted on with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to ratify.

Article VIII. Standing Rules

Section 8.1. Status of members whose action(s) undermine the integrity of the charter will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and the appropriate action will be taken.

Section 8.2. Removal of a member will require a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Article IX. Liabilities

Section 9.1. The club, its officers or trustees, individually or collectively, will not be held liable or accountable for accidents or injuries sustained at a club meeting or activity.

Article X. Club Dissolution

Section 10.1. In the event the club should dissolve, all remaining assets of the club, property, investments, and bank accounts should be donated to another local, state, or national fly fishing organization such as the Fly Fishing Federation. (Amended December 2, 2002)

Revisions

Items revised and/or deleted are underlined.

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