

Nassau Police Anglers

The Club was founded June 8, 2009 in the hamlet of Woodbury.

Constitution and By-Laws

Article I – Club Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be known as the “Nassau Police Anglers”.

Section 2: The purpose of the Club is to promote fraternity and friendly competition among its members and similar organizations interested in recreational fishing. In addition, the Club will encourage the preservation of the marine environment.

Article II – Club Boundaries

Section 1: The Club boundaries are all inclusive of all waters surrounding Long Island, including the counties of Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk in New York. This includes all tidal waterways such as bays, harbors, inlets and ocean.

Article III – Membership

Section 1: Full membership and voting rights are restricted to active or retired law enforcement affiliated with any Police Agency in (Nassau County removed 2011)) and of good character interested in actively promoting the organization and whose annual dues are fully paid.

Section 2: A Full member is entitled to have up to two (2) family member above the age of sixteen for an additional cost determined by the Board and the general membership. The family member will enjoy the benefits of full membership less voting rights. Should a family member become an active duty police officer that member would be required to pay for a full membership. (Enacted September 16, 2013)

Section 3: A Honorary Member is a person that has substantially supported the Club by various actions. The Honorary member shall be nominated by a Club member in good standing in the months of January, February, March and April. Approval of the Honorary membership shall require an affirmative vote of the majority of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting at which a quorum has been achieved. Honorary membership is for a one year period at no cost. Honorary members will enjoy the benefits of full membership less voting rights. (Enacted April 21, 2014)

Section 4: An Associate Membership is a person that does NOT meet the law enforcement criteria in set in Article III Section 1 but is of good character and interested in actively promoting the organization. An Associate Membership is granted as set forth in Article III Section 10. An Associate Member will enjoy all the benefits of full membership less voting rights. At no time shall Associate Membership exceed more than

ten (10) percent of the Club Membership. (Enacted 2011)

Section 5: Dues for the membership for each year shall be determined by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors that is subsequently ratified by a majority at the next General Membership Meeting.

Section 6: Dues for membership must be paid in full on or before the March general meeting. Members who have not paid their dues must wait 48 hours after the dues have been paid in order to weigh in a fish.

Section 7: A member who is 90 days in arrears in their dues will be dropped from the Roll call.

Section 7: A member who enters military service shall be considered a full member with all the rights and privileges and will exempt from paying dues until that time when military service is ended.

Section 8: A member can resign from the organization by submitting a written notice to that effect to the Board of Directors, who shall be required to accept the resignation. A member who resigns shall NOT be entitled to a refund of dues without a good cause as determined by Board of Directors.

Section 9: A member whose dues are fully paid may be released from the Club only for good cause and such release must be ratified by a majority of both the Board of Directors and the general membership. A member so released will not be entitled to refund of dues without a majority vote of the Board of Directors determining the refund.

Section 10: A proposal for a new membership must first be proposed by an existing member. The Club will be required to entertain proposals for new membership at least once a year. A new member must be certified by a majority vote of the general membership at the next meeting. The new member will be required to pay all fees and dues for the year upon acceptance of membership by the Club.

Section 11: A member that possesses a current commercial license will be prohibited from competing for all awards, derbies and leader board entries.

Section 12: All FISH caught and entered in Club competition MUST be caught by HOOK and LINE ONLY.

Article IV

Section 1: The Club will normally hold general membership meetings on the third Monday of every month, except when a legal holiday or unusual occurrence falls on that day. In such cases, the Board of directors will at its discretion schedule another date or cancel the meeting.

Section 2: Roberts Rules of Parliamentary Procedure shall apply to all meetings.

Section 3: Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or by any five (5) members in good standing who tender a written request for one to the Corresponding Secretary. The call for a special meeting must specifically indicate the topic and/or purpose of such meeting. No other business may be transacted at a special meeting other than for the business for which it was called.

Section 4: At all meetings of the Club, a quorum shall be necessary to transact business. For general or special meetings, a quorum shall consist of at least fifteen (15) members and five (5) members of the Board of Directors. In the case of a meeting restricted to the Board of Directors, a quorum shall consist of at least five (5) Board members.

Section 5: No discussions of sectarian or political nature shall be permitted at meetings except those topics deemed directly related to fishing and boating. In case of disagreement as to whether the topic is pertinent, the President has the authority to make a decision.

Section 6: The regular order of business at Club meetings shall be as follows:

- A) Call the meeting to order.
- B) Salute the Flag and then a moment of silence
- C) Read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- D) Reading of communications and submission of bills for payment. (The Treasurers record shall always be available for review at meetings).
- E) Reports from
 - 1) Directors
 - 2) Standing and Special Committees
- F) Proposal for new members
- G) Old and unfinished business
- H) New business
- I) Fishing reports
- J) Good and welfare
- K) Adjournment

Article V - Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Club, also known as the Board of Directors shall consist of eight (8) in number as indicated below

- A) President
- B) Vice President
- C) Treasurer
- D) Recording Secretary
- E) Corresponding Secretary
- F) Webmaster (Enacted May 20, 2013)
- G) Quartermaster (Enacted September 16, 2013)

Section 2: Officers shall be elected to a term of two (2) years by a majority vote at a general meeting. The regular term shall begin and end immediately after election.

Section 3: Any Club officer who is absent from meetings or duties for three (3) consecutive meetings, without just cause as determined by the Board shall be considered to have resigned the office. The general membership shall be empowered to immediately elect a successor to fill the unexpired term of that office.

Section 4: The President shall be the Chairman of the Board at all meetings. The Board must have a quorum to conduct business.

Section 5: Past Presidents shall automatically become Trustees of the Club for a term of six (6) years each. A Trustee may attend meetings of the Board and be allowed to take part in its deliberations, but may not vote on matters which are strictly within the jurisdiction of the Board. Trustees do have the right to vote at a general meeting as does any member in good standing.

Section 6: Any elected officer may be impeached and removed for malfeasance at any time upon a two-thirds vote of the Board and general membership. An officer so accused has the right to speak in defense before the Board and general membership before such a vote is taken. The accused officer must be notified in writing of the action considered at least one (1) month before the meeting at which such action is being taken.

Section 7: The specific duties of each member of the Board are enumerated here:

- A) The President shall preside at all meetings, exercising general supervision over Club affairs. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President may sign checks for

the payment of all obligations, and also appoint Chairpersons of all committees.

B) The Vice President shall exercise the duties of the President in the absence of the President, and have all the rights and powers of the President when acting in that office.

C) The Treasurer shall maintain an account in the name of the Club, collect all membership dues and other received funds, maintain all necessary financial records, pay outstanding obligations as directed by the Board and submit a current financial report at each general membership meeting. It is the Treasurers responsibility to see that all payments and/or deposits are signed by himself/herself or by the President. The Treasurer shall assume the rights and duties of the President in case of the absence of both the President and Vice President.

D) The Recording Secretary is responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings including the reading of the minutes of previous meetings at the start of the current meeting for both the Board and General membership meetings, specifically and respectfully.

E) The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct and maintain a record of all correspondence between the Club and other persons and agencies, serve notice of meetings and deliver a report of all activities at the start of each general meeting.

F) The Sergeant and or Sergeants-at-Arms shall be responsible for preserving order at meetings and other Club functions, restricting access to meetings and/or other Club functions to the appropriate personnel, and at the direction of the most presiding officer, require the removal of unauthorized individuals.

G) The Webmaster is responsible for maintaining the Club website. The website shall contain pertinent information on the activities of the Club. The website should have information on Club meetings, fishing trips, fishing reports, Club photos and other information helpful to the general membership.

H) The Quartermaster is responsible for maintaining Club merchandise available to Club members to purchase. The Quartermaster shall report to the Treasurer for all monies transacted.