



# By-Laws 2015

## **PREAMBLE**

A non-profit organization for the purpose of fun, fellowship & friendship and to create and promote an interest in crappie fishing.

## **ARTICLE I                      NAME**

Section 1: We shall be known as the Middle Tennessee Crappie Club

Section 2: Foundation date March 2009

## **ARTICLE II                      MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: For the purposes of these by-laws, a "Member" will be either (i) an individual person, or (ii) a family. A family will be considered any individual person, his or her spouse and either person's minor children (under 18 years of age). Individuals in the same family may not individually pay member dues in order to be considered separate members.

Section 2: All members with their dues paid within the guidelines set forth in Article III of this document, are considered to be in good standing. These members are eligible to become officers in the club and have voting privileges on club issues.

## **ARTICLE III                      DUES**

Section 1: Annual membership dues will be \$25 per year, per family living in household. (Family=Spouse, minor children under 18 or turning 18 in current year). Membership is free after their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Membership dues are based on a yearly basis (12 months) from the first day of March. Member not joining on this

date are to be prorated at \$2 per month. Dues are always paid in advance for the next year.

## **ARTICLE IV                      OFFICERS**

Section 1: The officer positions of the club will be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2: All officers shall serve on the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Nomination and election of officers will be held at the February monthly meeting.

Section 4: The term of office will be for one year beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in March.

Section 5: In the event an office becomes vacant, nomination and election will be held at the next monthly meeting after the vacancy exists to fill the vacancy.

## **ARTICLE V                      DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

Section 1: President

- A. To insure the purpose and rules of this club are upheld.
- B. To chair all club meeting and activities.
- C. To call and chair all Board of Directors meetings.
- D. To form committees for special events or any situation not covered by this document.
- E. Serve as a Tournament Director.

Section 2: Vice President

- A. Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- B. Assist the Secretary & Treasurer with any duties that may be needed.
- C. Serve as a Tournament Director.

Section 3: Secretary

- A. To maintain and distribute a current standings list, member roster and any new club news.
- B. To keep accurate records of all club documents, meetings, and to help the club function effectively.
- C. Serve as a Tournament Director.

Section 4: Treasurer

- A. To collect all dues and inform the club of all members in good standing.
- B. To keep accurate records of club funds and report the club operating balance at every monthly meeting.
- C. Serve as a Tournament Director.

#### Section 5: Tournament Directors

- A. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 1 member volunteer will serve as the Tournament Director.
- B. Maintain attendance records at all tournaments, record tournament weights and make up the clubs tournament schedule on a yearly basis.
- C. The accurate measuring and weighing of all fish.
- D. To insure all tournament rules and procedures are followed.
- E. To secure any necessary permits for tournament sites.
- F. At each tournament the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer will serve as the Weight Master.
- G. In the case that an Officer may not be able to attend the tournament an alternate weigh master will be elected at the meeting preceding the scheduled tournament.
- H. A committee of tournament directors shall be formed from the club membership to help in collecting tournament fees.

#### Section 6: Board of Directors

- A. Shall be made up of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. Shall rule on and have final word on any club disputes, tournament disqualifications, or membership removals.

#### Section 7: Tournament Committee

- A. Will consist of 1 member volunteer along with the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. If any of the club officers are not present, additional club volunteers will be added until the Tournament Committee reaches a total of 5.
- C. Assist with tournament and help to enforce all rules. (see Section 5)

### **ARTICLE VI CLUB MEETINGS**

Section 1: All regular club meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday night of each month. On occasion, the club meeting may be subject to change.

### **ARTICLE VII REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: A member may be removed from the club by any action that would reflect unfavorably upon the club. There will be no reimbursement or prorated dues.

Section 2: The Board of Directors will have the final word on any removals.

### **ARTICLE VIII INSURANCE**

Section 1: Middle Tennessee Crappie Club suggests that all members and tournament participants carry liability insurance on their boats.

Section 2: All members and participants will be required to sign a liability waiver for all club events and membership.

## **ARTICLE IX                      RULES AND PROCEDURES**

Section 1: Any amendments to these by-laws can be made any time during the year however another meeting must be called in advance and two-thirds vote is required.