

ORO MADRE BASS ANGLERS BY LAWS

February 4, 2010

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1: NAME

This organization shall be called the **ORO MADRE BASS ANGLERS**.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE

To stimulate public awareness of Bass fishing as a major sport. To offer our state conservation department, Fish and Game Commission, our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards and legal enforcement of existing regulatory standards. To report any polluter, and call public and political attention to their crime. To improve our skill as bass anglers through fellowship and friendly exchange of expert bass fishing techniques and ideas. To promote and encourage youth fishing, and a love for this great recreation. To function as a dynamic and effective link with other organizations embracing the principles and purpose of Bass Anglers Sportsman Society.

Furthermore, the purpose of the **Oro Madre Bass Anglers** is to operate a social and recreational club within the meaning of Section 23701 (G) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. This organization does not contribute to pecuniary gain or profit to its members and is organized for non-profit purposes. Additionally, Oro Madre Bass Anglers is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service, under IRS Section 501 (c) (7) as a tax exempt organization, and will abide by the laws granting this tax exempt status.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Oro Madre Bass Anglers shall begin with at least ten (10) members. During the first six (6) months of existence, the total general membership shall not exceed thirty (30) members. After six (6) months, the membership shall be unlimited. The membership shall maintain a minimum of one (1) more boater than non-boater. If the Tournament Director feels that there is an excess of non-boaters, new members will be considered provisional member and dues will be prorated at the \$25.00 level. Provisional member will fish tournaments on a boat available basis and on a seniority basis.

SECTION 2: REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

To become a member a person shall:

- (a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership and bass fishing.
- (b) Be a member in good standing of B.A.S.S., or be willing to join B.A.S.S.
- (c) Be a minimum of 16 years of age.

PROVISIONAL MEMBER

Provisional Member shall be granted after the following:

- (a) Prospective members not sponsored by an existing club member may be approved by a simple majority vote of the present membership at a regular club meeting.
- (b) Payment of applicable club dues as specified below.

FULL MEMBERSHIP

Full membership may be granted after the following:

- (a) The provisional member has attended at least two club functions.
- (b) The provisional membership is waived if the prospective member is sponsored by an active club member.
- (c) After (a) or (b) above have been complied with, the membership will review the application.
- (d) Full membership will granted with a majority vote of the active members.

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES

- (a) Upon being voted into Oro Madre Bass Anglers all new members will pay the prorated club dues as defined below:
\$50.00 yearly.
- (b) Regular annual membership dues will be **\$50.00** Additional members of the same immediate family shall pay dues at a reduced rate of \$25.00 each for each additional membership.
- (c) Dues paid by members joining in November and December will apply to the following year.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES AND ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

THE OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER SHALL CONSIST OF:

- (a) **PRESIDENT** - Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and direct all committee functions. Supervise all club functions. The **PRESIDENT** will be provided copies of all tournament reports sent to the Department of Fish and Game within 30 days of each tournament. The **PRESIDENT** will also be provided copies of all permits issued by the Department of Fish & Game.
- (b) **VICE PRESIDENT** - Act as tournament director, assist the President in his duties and preside in the absence of the President. The tournament director will submit the tournament report within 30 days after the tournament date to the Department of Fish & Game in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 230. An additional copy of the report will be provided to the club president within the same time-frame. The incoming **VICE PRESIDENT** will be responsible for contacting the department of Fish & Game to petition the permits for the upcoming year. Copies of permits will be provided to the club **PRESIDENT**.
- (c) **SECRETARY** - Maintain accurate minutes of all meetings, keep regular liaison with B.A.S.S. headquarters, and schedule guest speakers.
- (d) **TREASURER** - Maintain accurate financial records, insure that all required information is provided to federal and state taxing agencies, and report the financial status of the organization at each meeting.
- (e) **RAFFLE COORDINATOR** - Organize and direct club raffles. Raffles will be held twice a year at the picnic and Christmas Party. Additional raffles may be scheduled with a majority vote of the active membership. Additionally the raffles will be funded annually.

Annual income from the previous year's raffles will be used to fund the following year's raffles.

(f) WEB MASTER – The webmaster will maintain the club's website www.romadre.org and keep the online information current as the membership requires. Invoices for hosting and domain name services will be presented to the treasurer at the monthly meeting as they are received.

SECTION 2: ELECTIONS

The election of officers shall be held annually during the last regular meeting of the year in December. Elections shall be by a simple majority of members present. Election for each office shall be held separately in the order listed in **Article III, Section I**.

The President will insure that an Election Interest Form will be included with the November Newsletter. This form is to indicate interest in any office a person may be interested in holding the following year. Said form to be filled out by the member and returned to the President no later than the December meeting.

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY OF VOTE

Each member in good standing is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted. Except as noted for tournament schedules. Absentees can nominate individuals for office by notifying an active officer of the nomination.

SECTION 4: TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office is for one year, which will commence on January 1st and continue until December 31.

SECTION 5: VACANCIES

In the event of an office becoming vacant, the club will hold a special election as prescribed under **Article III Section 2** above.

SECTION 6: ELIGIBILITY FOR HOLDING OFFICE

To be eligible for an office, a member must:

- a) Have been a member for six (6) months.
- b) Have attended at least 3/4 of Oro Madre meetings and functions.
- c) Have shown an active interest in all Oro Madre activities.

ARTICLE IV - METHOD OF AMENDING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS AND TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Proposed amendments to the Oro Madre Bass Anglers Bylaws and Tournament Regulations can be presented to the President anytime during the year. Changes will be discussed and voted on by the membership, at anytime during a regular meeting through out the year. If an amendment passes a second vote will be called for to decide when such amendment will be implemented

ARTICLE V - REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

A member shall be removed from membership for any of the following:

- a) Failure to pay dues.
- b) Any action which is deemed dishonorable, disgraceful, or inappropriate by the membership of the Oro Madre Bass Anglers. It is the responsibility of any member witnessing such an action to report it to a club officer. The allegation will be discussed at the next regular meeting. Any action will be taken at that time.
- c) Failure to attend fifty (50) percent of Oro Madre functions during a twelve month period. However, should there be a conflict with the members work or other conflicting tournament schedules, this rule can be waived, on a case by case basis, upon a simple majority vote by the members of **Oro Madre Bass Anglers**.
- d) A majority vote of the membership is required to take action on any of the above.

SECTION 2: - RETURNED CHECKS

- a) The club will assess a fee of \$10.00 for any returned checks. The members issuing the check will be considered inactive until the check is made good and the fee paid.

ARTICLE VI - AFFILIATION

Oro Madre Bass Anglers desire to maintain an affiliation with B.A.S.S. The membership of **Oro Madre Bass Anglers** must maintain a 100% B.A.S.S. affiliation membership ratio and submit a membership roster to B.A.S.S. headquarters once a year. Such roster must include names, membership numbers, expiration dates of B.A.S.S. membership, and complete mailing addresses of members and officers.

ARTICLE VII - EFFECTIVE DATES AND REVISIONS OF THE BYLAWS

The Bylaws of Oro Madre Bass Anglers were effective January 1, 1988. Subsequent revisions have been made as follows:

- Revision II - May 31, 1990**
- Revision III - January 8, 1992**
- Revision IV - March 3, 1993**
- Revision V - January 5, 1994**
- Revision VI - January 4, 1995**
- Revision VII - January 8, 1997**
- Revision VIII - January 7, 1998**
- Revision IX - January 6, 1999**
- Revision X - January 5, 2000**
- Revision XI - January 10, 2001**
- Revision XII - January 31, 2002**
- Revision XIII - January 4, 2003**
- Revision XIIIIV - January 1, 2004**
- Revision XV - January 6, 2005**
- Revision XVI - February 4, 2010**

All revisions, including the bylaws as set forth above, have been amended for clarity only. The intent of this organization is to uphold its primary goals, as set forth above, while continuing to maintain its compliance with Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (7), California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 23701 (G) and the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 230.