

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name and Incorporation**

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Bowfishing Association of Michigan, Inc.
- Section 2. This Corporation shall be incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the statutes of the State of Michigan.
- Section 3. This Corporation shall have the power to acquire, hold, transfer, convey, assign, lease and/or mortgage real and personal property (solely for the benefit of the corporation and its members).

All documents to be executed on behalf of the Corporation shall be approved by the executive committee (board). The executive committee shall designate the personnel to sign such documents.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this association shall be:

To promote the sport of bowfishing in the State of Michigan, including the practice of good sportsmanship and ecologically harmonious use of natural resources.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Membership**

A member is defined as a person who has been approved by the board and who pays dues and participates in club activities.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Requirements for Membership**

- a) An individual applying for membership must be at least 18 years of age.
- b) That membership constitutes family membership in that the principal members' family, including the spouse and children 16 and under qualify as members upon timely payment of dues. Immediate family, other than that of spouse, 17 and over living at their parents' home will be considered as members for an additional \$10.00 each.
- c) All members must comply with the by-laws and rules of the association.
- d) Current memberships will automatically be renewed upon application pending no violations of Articles III and Articles IV.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Acceptance of Members**

Any person qualified by membership under these by-laws, who desires to become a member of this association, shall make written application, giving such information as the executive supported by references. Dues shall be included with application.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### Termination of Membership

- a.) If any member is guilty of conduct, injurious to the best interest, good order, promotion or peace of the association, or violate any of the rules of the association, such person may be expelled from membership at any regular meeting of the association or executive committee after giving the member in question the right to a hearing on the reason or reasons for possible expulsion.
- b.) Any person may voluntarily resign but dues will not be refunded.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### The Officers of the Association

The officers of the association shall consist of the following:

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer
- e) District Directors (Board appointed)

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### Executive Committee

- a) The executive committee or board shall consist of all officers of the association.
- b) A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### Section 1 Nomination and Election of Officers

- a) Nomination for officers' positions shall be accepted from the members at the last two scheduled tournaments. At least two persons for each executive officer will be nominated if possible. These actions will normally take place in the odd numbered years. Proceeding the year when the new officers take office.
- b) Terms of office are two years, and run from the end of the first board meeting when the ballots are counted of the even numbered year through the end of the first board meeting of the next even year when the new ballots are counted.
- c) Nominees must be a member of the association and when possible have been members in good standings for at least two years. When possible, the president must have served as an executive officer prior to being nominated for the office of president.
- d) In the month of December of the odd numbered year when the nominations are made, a list of current members eligible for write-in, and ballot of nominated members will be mailed with the notice of dues and any other information deemed necessary for the following year.
- e) During each election ballots shall remain sealed until the first regular board meeting in the even year. At the end of the board meeting the ballots will be counted and nominees with majority vote will be the new officers, also any ties will be broken by the executive board members at that meeting. The president will

notify the new officers of their immediate appointments. Regular members may be present in an unofficial capacity.

## **ARTICLE X**

### Duties of the Officers

#### Section 1 President.

- a.) It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the association.
- b.) The president shall have supervision over the activities of the club and its property as determined from time to time by the executive committee.

#### Section 2 Vice-President

- a.) It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President in the discharge of their duties, and in the absence of the President, or in case of vacancy in such office, to act as president.
- b.) Perform such duties as may be prescribed by the executive committee.

#### Section 3 Secretary

- a.) Attend and keep minutes of all meetings of the members and executive committee in books provided for that purpose.
- b.) Keep a correct roll of all members, showing their names, addresses, classification and any other necessary information required by the executive committee.
- c.) Keep a correct record of members and members' activities.
- d.) File and keep in convenient manner for reference all documents, records, reports and communications connected with the activities and business of the association.
- e.) Send all bulletins and notices of meetings and activities of the association.
- f.) In case the Secretary is unable to attend any meeting of either the membership or the executive committee, the secretary shall cause the necessary books, reports and papers to be brought to the executive committee meeting.
- g.) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the executive committee.

#### Section 4 Treasurer

- a.) Collect, receive and have custody of all monies, funds, fees, donations due, solicited or belonging to the association and to pay all bills contracted and approved by the association's executive committee for the benefit of the association, and keep an accurate of it in the books.
- b.) Submit a current bank statement at each executive committee meeting.
- c.) Make available to the membership the financial records upon request.
- d.) Notify each applicant for membership of his acceptance of a properly applied for membership with a copy of the by-laws.

e.) Perform such duties as may be prescribed by the executive committee.

#### Section 5 District Directors

- a.) As prescribed by the board, district directors will be named according to active participation in the promotion of the association, particularly, as members, through the organization of tournament competitions, geographic location or other activities deemed vital to the association's existence.
- b.) A District Director will be a voting officer.

### **ARTICLE XI**

#### Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee

##### Section 1

- a) The executive committee shall meet at least two times in a calendar year with one meeting scheduled prior to and after the designated inland season for Michigan (Carp) bowfishing. These meetings are open to the general membership, although general membership will have no vote. At least one-week advance notice will be given for any of the officers meetings.
- b) General membership meetings will be conducted prior to any organized activity of the association requiring membership participation. These meetings will encourage input and comments from the general membership to be considered by the executive committee and recorded if deemed viable by the executive committee.

##### Section 2

A majority of officers will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may adjourn the meeting to a stated time and place. A majority vote is needed to carry a motion. All officers will receive a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

##### Section 3

Management and control of all affairs, annual dues, funds and property including the name of the association shall be vested in the executive committee on behalf of the Bowfishing Association of Michigan, Inc., except as delegated by the association president. Use of the association's name for any purpose other than the promotion of the association, the benefits due the association to its members and the benefit to the purpose of the association separately or entirely is forbidden.

##### Section 4

It shall be the duty of the executive committee to carry out the objectives and purposes of the association as provided herein, and in the Articles of Incorporation, and to enact any rules and regulations necessary to the operation of the association and its activities.

##### Section 5

The executive committee shall approve or disapprove the applications of prospective members, sponsors and participants in all association activities.

### **ARTICLE XII**

#### Dues, Fees and Assessments

## Section 1

Dues shall be determined annually by the executive committee as follows:

- a. General Family Membership to include spouse and children 16 and under. Children 17 and over if living in their parents' home will be an additional fee.
  - i. Family membership dues will be \$30.00 each.
  - ii. Children of members, 17 and over will be \$10.00 each. Proper identification will be required upon request.
- b. Membership dues will be assessed on an annual basis beginning January 1.

## Section 2

All members will be provided with a yearly numbered membership card and will be required, upon request, to present membership card and other proper identification as proof of membership.

## Section 3

### Event Registration Fees

- a) Bowfishing registration fees for tournaments will be \$25.00 per person in the Open division whose participants are members under general membership. Persons 16 or younger are excluded.
- b) Bowfishing registration fees for tournaments will be \$50.00 per team whose participants are members under commercial membership. Persons 16 or younger are excluded.
- c) Bowfishing registration fees for tournaments will be \$10.00 per person in the Sportsman's division whose participants are members. Persons 16 or younger are excluded.
- d) Association has ability to dictate registration fees in the case of a special event.

## Section 4

Lost membership cards will be replaced at a cost of \$5.00 each.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Distribution of Fees, Assessments, Dues and Contributions

## Section 1

Membership dues will be used for the running of the Association, its promotion, events and existence.

## Section 2

Registration fees for tournaments will be used for awards to participants.

## Section 3

Contributions to the Association in the form of gifts and property will be used as awards to tournament participants or for the running of the Association, its promotion, events and existence.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

All members shall be responsible for familiarizing themselves and abiding by the rules of the association. The Bowfishing Association of Michigan will not be held responsible for conduct or behavior of members or non-members participating in association activities that may result in personal injury or property damage.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### Order of Business

Unless otherwise changed by majority vote, the order of business at every meeting of the executive committee shall be:

- a.) Roll call
- b.) Reading of minutes of previous meeting
- c.) Reports of officers
- d.) Communication
- e.) Business matters to come before the association
- f.) Adjournment

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the authority for the parliamentary procedure.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### Club Activities, Rules and Regulations

#### Section 1 Competitive Tournaments

- a) That the structure, content, time and place of B.A.M. tournament remain under the control and supervision of the Association.
  - 1.) See attached B.A.M. Tournament Rules
  - 2.) Association has ability to alter tournament rules for a special event
- b) That tournament awards remain the exclusive right of the Association and distribution and schedule therein.
  - 1.) See attached B.A.M Tournament Awards Schedule
  - 2.) Donations and prizes for awards to be given to tournaments participants or of the running of tournaments shall remain the property of the Association until properly awarded to participants.
    - a.) Receipts for donations shall be given for contributions at fair market value.
    - b.) Receipts for services rendered shall be given at fair market value.

#### Section 2 Banquets and Awards Ceremonies

- a) It is the desire of the Association to recognize and award participants. Barring financial constraints, this will be an end-of-the-season tradition.

#### Section 3 Promotion of the Sport of Bowfishing

- a) Whenever possible, instruction and methods of bowfishing will be demonstrated by the Association.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the club shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December.

## **ARTICLE XVIII**

### Termination of Club

In the event of termination of the Bowfishing Association of Michigan, Inc., assets will be turned over to a non-profit organization designated by the executive committee.

## **ARTICLE XIX**

By-laws may be changed by majority vote of executive committee followed by a yes/no vote of full membership.  
By-laws may be changed no more than once per year.