



# LUNKERS UNLIMITED

## CLUB CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

May 2019



### ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

This club shall be called the “LUNKERS UNLIMITED, INC,” of Mokena, IL.

Section 2: Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To offer our State Conservation Department our organized moral 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 detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to his crime. To improve our skill as Bass Anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert Bass catching techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation. To function as a dynamic and effective link with other clubs embracing the principles and purpose of Bass angling. To participate in Bass fishing with other serious Bass Anglers.

### ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Number of Members

The club’s total membership shall not exceed 50 active members. This number may be altered by amendment only.

Section 2: Requirement for membership

To become a club member, a person shall:

- A. Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- B. Prospective new members must attend two Board and one General meeting.
- C. Be sponsored by two members in good standing at a General or Board meeting.
- D. Applicant must appear before the Board of Directors and receive a majority vote for acceptance.

E. A \$25 initiation fee will be assessed to new members.

Section 3: Membership Dues

- A. Each member of Lunkers Unlimited, Inc. of Mokena, shall pay into the treasury of the organization a per capita dues assessment, the amount to be set by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership, and this amount to fall due at the general meeting each month.
- B. Individuals failing to pay the per capita dues within ninety (90) days shall have his membership terminated unless otherwise determined by the board.
- C. A certified letter or EMAIL will be sent to any member delinquent in annual dues.

Section 4: Membership

- A. Age requirements
  - 1. Must be 18 years of age or older.
- B. A member in good standing is one who has:
  - 1. Met all financial obligations.
  - 2. Attended one out of every three club functions (ex: general meeting, fish off, picnic, fund raisers).
- C. If a member is in poor standing, a certified letter or EMAIL will be sent requesting the member to attend the next Board Meeting and give reason. If member does not attend the meeting or contact a member of the Board, the individual's membership will be terminated.

Section 5: Voting

A qualified voter is a member in good standing.

ARTICLE III – POWERS

Section 1: Powers of Lunkers Unlimited, Inc. shall be: to direct, manage, supervise, and control the business, property and funds of the organization.

Section 2: The work of Lunkers Unlimited, Inc. shall not be conducted for private gain.

## ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

- A. Dates will be designated by the Board at the beginning of each year.
  - 1. In cases where a meeting night falls on a holiday, it will be decided at the preceding meeting when to hold the next meeting.
  - 2. All attempts will be made to hold Board of Directors meeting after the General meeting.
- B. Members must attend one out of every three club functions during the year (i.e., fish-off, picnic, fund raiser, or General meeting).
  - 1. A special consideration will be made for any member who lives a distance that does not allow for meeting the requirements of “meetings”. However, they must comply with requirements of attending other club functions, or participate in one out of three fish-offs.
  - 2. If a member is unable to attend a scheduled meeting, their absence can be “excused” by notifying another member who will be attending the meeting. The attending member will relay the reason for the non-attending member’s absence.
  - 3. If a member fails to meet membership requirements as determined by the Board, they will be dropped in bad standing unless otherwise agreed by the Board.
  - 4. A member who has been dropped in bad standing may appeal to the Board for a change of status. A change of status will require a two-thirds majority vote of the Board.
- C. Members are responsible for dues whether present or not.
- D. Special or call meetings may be held upon call of the President. In addition, a meeting may be called by a majority of Directors or by any group of members totaling one-third of total membership, provided at least three days notice is given to all members of the organization.
- E. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and procedures prescribed by Roberts Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE V – MANAGEMENT

- Section 1: Management of Lunkers Unlimited, Inc. shall be vested in the Board of Directors, composed of the officers and a pre-approved number of members in good standing, who shall be selected in the manner hereinafter stated.
- Section 2: Said Board of Directors shall be the administrative body of the Lunkers Unlimited, Inc and shall be empowered to transact all business and manage all property and funds as well as supervise all activities of the organization.

- Section 3: Majority of membership of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- Section 4: If any member of the Board of Directors is absent from two consecutive duly called meetings of the Board of Directors, his position may be held vacant and filled at the discretion of a majority of the Board of Directors.
- Section 5: Directors shall be elected to serve a one-year term.
- Section 6: The President shall automatically become a member of the Board of Directors for one year following his termination of office.
- Section 7: In any and all cases where subjects are not covered in this Constitution, the Board of Directors shall be empowered to act, excepting that it may not go contrary to the basic concepts to the Constitution.
- Section 8: The elected Vice President shall be “in training” with the intention of advancing to the position of President once the current President’s term has expired or been terminated.

#### ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

- Section 1: A. This Constitution may be amended at any special meeting of the Lunkers Unlimited, Inc. or any special meeting thereof by a two-thirds majority vote of Total Active Members, provided that a twenty (20) day written notice of intent to amend shall be given to each member in good standing.
- B. A review of the Constitution should be completed every three years. The President may select a Constitution Committee to review and recommend changes.

#### ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

- Section 1: Officers of the Lunkers Unlimited, Inc. shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom shall serve without pay.
- Section 2: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Lunkers Unlimited, Inc. and it’s Board of Directors, and shall serve ex officio as a member of all committees except nominating committee and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as normally pertain to the office.
- Section 3: The Vice President shall preside over all meetings, in the absence of the President, and shall be charged with developing, recording and supervising the membership and organization.

A. The Vice President shall be “in training” with the intention of advancing to the position of President once the current President’s term has expired or been terminated.

Section 4: The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for keeping accurate and permanent records of business transacted and other such duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall receive all money accruing to the Lunkers Unlimited, Inc., shall deposit same in a responsible bank account for same at all meetings and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 6: All officers shall serve until their successors have been duly qualified, elected, and installed.

#### ARTICLE VIII - FINANCES

Section 1: All funds of the Lunkers Unlimited, Inc. shall be deposited in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors and all disbursements of funds shall be by numbered checks drawn by the Treasurer.

#### ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS

Section 1: Annual elections shall be held at the November meeting. The President shall nominate a committee of three members at the September meeting, and this committee shall have the duty of placing in nomination the name of candidates for each of the various elective offices and positions. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the October meeting provided they are entered by a member in good standing. All nominations must be entered on a ballot to be voted upon at the November meeting. The candidates for each office or position receiving the majority of the votes for that office shall be declared elected.

Section 2: Qualifications for nominees are as follows:

A. Must be an active member in good standing for one year.

B. Must have attended a minimum of eight regular monthly meetings the previous year.

#### ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

Section 1: The President shall appoint all committees and the Chairman thereof.

Section 2: All Committee activities and finances must be approved by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XI – SEVERANCE

- Section 1: Any Member of Lunkers Unlimited, Inc. may be removed for cause provided the charges are made known to him at least two weeks (14 days) in advance of a hearing before the Board of Directors, and further provided that at least two-thirds of the vote of the members of the Board shall be received favoring such removal.
- Section 2: Any Officer or Director shall be dischargeable for cause, provided that he first be given an opportunity in open hearing to defend himself and provide that he shall have given at least two weeks (14 days) advance notice of the hearing. A majority vote of at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors shall be required to dismiss any Officer or Director from Lunkers Unlimited, Inc.
- Section 3: Any member or Officer so removed shall forfeit all rights in any funds or property belonging to the Lunkers Unlimited, Inc., as determined by the Board of Directors and the use of the name and insignia of the organization shall therefore be denied him.
- Section 4: Resignations may be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing subject to approval.
- Section 5: Any member who agrees, in advance, to participate in a club function, but becomes derelict without valid cause to be determined by the Board of Directors, shall be subject to a fine. A refusal of the member found guilty of this violation to pay said fine will lead to dismissal from the club. The fine will be determined by the Board.

AMENDMENTS I, II, AND III  
SEPTEMBER 2000

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I. Affiliate Membership:

A. Definition:

1. This amendment is proposed to accommodate active members who cannot participate full time, but still want to participate with Lunkers Unlimited.

B. Requirements:

1. An Affiliate Member must have been an active member in good standing for no less than (1) one year.
2. An Affiliate Member must maintain monthly dues.
3. An Affiliate Member must partake in club activities, no less than (2) two events per year, i.e. meetings and/or family events (banquet or picnic).
4. An Affiliate Member will make every effort to contribute or help in any Lunkers Unlimited Club function.
5. An Affiliate Member cannot participate on the Board.
6. An Affiliate Member can participate in club fish off and have all the rights of other members but cannot accumulate points for year-end standing.

C. How to become an Affiliate Member:

1. A letter of intent stating your desire to change your membership status must be sent to the President two weeks prior to the Board meeting.
2. The Board will vote on the change and take action.

D. How Affiliate Member May Become an Active Member:

1. If the Affiliate Member wishes to again become active, the member must inform the Board of the member's intentions prior to the following Board meeting.
  - a) The member will then be placed on the waiting list and given priority over new members and Associate Members if the active membership is filled to capacity.

- b) If the active membership is not filled to capacity leaving no individuals on the waiting list, the Affiliate Member will immediately be placed as an active member without the required formalities.
- c) The Affiliate Membership will in no way affect the number of individuals in relation to the active membership, but will be completely independent of the active rolls.

## II. Associate Memberships:

### A. Definition:

1. A member in good standing who cannot participate in club functions.

### B. Associate Memberships Purpose and Evaluation:

1. An associate membership should be granted to members in good standing who, for whatever reason, need to drop out of active membership.
  - a. An associate membership will grant these members a degree of security specifically designed for the future.

### C. Rules and Regulations Governing Associate Memberships:

1. Member should initiate a letter of intent indicating his intent in changing his membership status.
2. An associate membership will be granted by the Board.
3. A new member may not initially enter the club as an associate member, but the individual member must have been an active member in good standing prior to his associate membership.
4. An associate member will not pay monthly dues.
5. An associate member may not participate in any fishing events scheduled for the year.
6. Although not mandatory, an associate member may participate in Club social functions at his own expense and may attend monthly meetings.
7. If the associate member overcomes his hardships and wishes to again become active, he must inform the Board of his intentions prior to the following Board meeting.
  - a. He will then be placed on the waiting list and given priority over new members if the active membership is filled to capacity.



- b. If the active membership is not filled to capacity leaving no individuals on the waiting list, the associate member will immediately be placed as an active member without the required formalities.
8. The Associate Membership will in no way affect the number of individuals in relation to the active membership, but will be completely independent of the active rolls.

### III. Lifetime Membership:

- A. Lifetime Member will be determined by full Board unanimous vote. There are no requirements, dues or otherwise. Lifetime Members must adhere to all fish off rules.

#### AMENDMENT IV MARCH 2018

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#### AMENDMENT IV - Dues

- I. Annual dues \$240.00 (\$20.00 per month)

#### AMENDMENT V

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#### AMENDMENT V – ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

B.3 If a member fails to meet membership requirements as determined by the Board, they will be dropped in bad standing unless otherwise agreed by the Board.

B.4 A member who has been dropped in bad standing may appeal to the Board for a change of status. A change of status will require a two-thirds majority vote of the Board.