

## **DUES, ASSESSMENTS, OFFICERS' ROLES, TOURNAMENT PROGRAMS**

### **CURRENT DUES AND ASSESSMENT**

Each Club is required to submit yearly dues in the amount of \$50.00 plus an assessment of \$10.00 per club member appearing on club roster. Each club is also required to sell a minimum of 150 raffle tickets to be eligible to fish the Zone Top 8 tournament. Meetings required to be attended under Article IX, Section 1 and 2 will not count until these fees have been paid to the Federation Secretary.

### **OFFICERS' ROLES**

The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be determined biannually by an election conducted during December Board of Directors Meeting.

The Officers -elect are installed at the annual February Board meeting and serve 2 year term or until a successor is duly elected.

Candidates for office must have served a minimum of one (1) year on the Board of Directors; have actively participated in Federation projects; and have displayed sincere interest in the efforts of the Federation.

Upon election, officers assume certain duties and responsibilities. These include:

#### **PRESIDENT**

1. Preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors
2. Direct all official business of the Federation.
3. Supervise and direct all Federation activities.
4. Appoint and be an ex-officio member of all Standing and Special Committees.
5. Act as the Federation's liaison with other organizations.
6. Maintain liaison with the national bass organization to which the Federation is affiliated.
7. Delegate such duties as may be appropriate to better serve the Federation.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT**

1. Assist the President upon request.
2. Preside in the absence of the President.
3. Chair Committees as directed by the President.
4. At the President's request, supervise and direct activities of the Federation.

#### **SECRETARY**

1. Arrange for all Board Meetings and disseminate appropriate notices.
2. Record accurate minutes of all meetings.
3. Maintain regular correspondence with affiliated clubs.
4. Maintain participation in required Federation activities.

#### **TREASURER**

1. Receive and distribute all monies upon approval of the Board.
2. Maintain accurate financial records and report accordingly at each Board meeting.
3. Submit a quarterly financial report.

Should an officer prove unsatisfactory, he may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors upon thirty (30) days prior notice.

#### **THE DIRECTOR'S ROLE**

There are four (4) Directors in each Zone. Directors are elected by the Club Representatives within their respective zone to serve a term of two (2) years. There is no restriction on the number of terms a Director may serve.

Outgoing Directors relinquish their seats on the Board at such time as their Club Representatives duly elect a replacement. The zone election should occur during a Zone Meeting sometime prior to the February Board of Directors meeting so that newly elected Directors can be seated at that time.

It is very important that each Zone take great care in selecting individuals to serve as their Directors. Candidates should possess genuine desire and willingness to work for, and in, the best interest of each club, the Zone, and the Federation as a whole.

Upon accepting a Director's position, the individual assumes certain obligations and expectations. He is expected to be active and involved in the many facets of the organization.

A Director should be willing to:

1. Attend all Board Meetings representing his Zone's concerns. There are a minimum of four (4) Board Meetings per year, usually in February, July, August and December. Additional meetings may be called by the President
2. In concert with other Zone Directors, arrange, schedule, and attend the Zone Meetings of his Zone. Directors of each Zone are required to offer four (4) such meetings per year.
3. Assist, guide and advise or possibly conduct the District Top-8 Qualifying tournament, the State Final, and Invitational Tournaments. He may also be called upon to solicit prizes for these events.
4. Help coordinate or assist in Federation special projects.
5. Maintain personal contact with the Clubs within his Zone and assist them as needed. An equal number of Clubs should be assigned to each Director of the Zone to alleviate duplication and to ensure adequate contact.
6. Encourage clubs to become involved and active in Federation programs.
7. Solicit advertising for the Federation's newsletter.
8. Assist clubs in receiving proper recognition for their projects and public service functions that reflect favorably upon the Clubs and the Federation, i.e. local media, newsletter, etc.
9. It is the responsibility of the zone directors to select a Top-8 Tournament director with the approval of the Board of Directors. Upon approval of the Board, the Tournament director will select a tournament crew and with the support of his zone director shall plan, organize, and operate that zone/district Top-8 Tournament. With the information and documentation received from the Federation Secretary provided however that all such Federation Top-8 Tournament rules. It will be the primary duty of the tournament committee to so conduct it's affairs that only honor, integrity, sportsmanship and the highest ideals of fair play will accrue, and thus to each and every member of the Indiana Bass Federation.

As one can see, a Director wears many hats. He is an avenue of information, a facilitator, a solicitor, decision-maker and a worker. It is imperative that prospective candidates be made aware of these expectations and that Club Representatives actively seek the best possible candidates for their Director positions.

### **Tournament Program**

*The Federation runs two separate and distinct tournament programs, which shall be more fully described, in later pages.*

*The first of these programs is the Top-8 Program with its primary goal being to allow affiliated Clubs and their members to participate in competition which could ultimately result in an Indiana Bass Federation member competing in the annual National Championship held by the national bass organization to which the Federation is affiliated.*

*The second of these programs is that of the Invitational Tournaments. The Invitational Tournaments are directed at allowing persons to compete on an individual basis without regard to their status as a Federation affiliated member.*

### *Invitational Tournaments*

*The Federation sponsors and conducts an Invitational Tournament circuit. The tournament series consists of a six (6) tournament schedule concluding with the Forest L. Wood Classic involving qualified contestants as determined by point standings earned from the six I.B.F.*

*Invitational tournaments.*

*The Invitational Tournaments are run under the direction of the Invitational Tournament Director who is appointed, or caused to be appointed, by the Federation president. This person can be from any affiliated club or from tournament fishermen actively fishing the Federation's Invitational Tournament Trail.*

*The Invitational Tournament Director is charged with the responsibility of organizing and conducting the Invitational Tournaments at the direction of the board of directors according to the rules of the Indiana Bass Federation and the rules and regulations of the State of Indiana. This should be in an exemplary manner to set the Indiana Bass Federation Tournaments above all others.*

*The Invitational Tournament Trail has evolved into the largest tournament trail now operating in Indiana. In recent history, the circuit has been averaging more than 200 contestants per tournament achieving recognition as the premiere tournament circuit for Indiana fishermen.*