

HERNANDO COUNTY FISHING CLUB

Founded
July 7th 2007

BY-LAWS

Club Mission:

To provide Hernando County and the surrounding areas with a club that is dedicated to recreational fishing.

Club Meetings:

The club meets the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at the VFW Post 9236, 4345 Shoal Line Blvd. (Amended 2/2/2024)

Management of the Club:

A Board of Directors will be elected to govern the club in the member's behalf.

Club Member Conduct:

The Club provides a forum for people to get together, exchange ideas and listen to fishing guide and equipment experts and government personnel that affect our sport. Foremost in this effort, the Club is to provide a friendly atmosphere for people with a common interest to meet. Therefore, Club members and their guests shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner that does not reflect poorly on the Club or any of its members. Club members (and their guests) will treat other members with respect and common decency. Conduct to the contrary will not be tolerated and could result in expulsion from the Club. Incidences of such conduct must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors, in writing, within 30 days of the offense. The Board of Directors will review the information and vote on whether to expel or counsel the offending member. Should the Board of Directors decide to expel the member by majority vote, it will be brought up by the President during new business at the next monthly meeting. The membership will decide by majority vote whether or not to expel the offending member. Should the membership vote to expel, a letter from the President will be immediately sent to notify the offending member. Any remaining balance of dues will be pro-rated at \$2.00 per month and returned to the expelled member. An expelled member will no longer be considered for Club membership nor allowed to attend any Club function as a guest of a member in good standing.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall serve without pay and consist of six (6) officers.

1. To be a Board member you must be a member in good standing of the Hernando County Fishing Club and have attended at least 6 Club meetings and/or functions the last year.
2. Board members shall serve two (2) year terms. The President shall have a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. Election of the Board of Directors will be held on even number years at the October general membership meeting. Elections will be overseen by the current Secretary during the October general membership meeting. Election of each Board member position will occur sequentially (in order - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director) and in accordance with the following:
 - a) The Secretary will request nominations and seconds for each Board position except the Past President. Nominations and seconds can come from any member present, except the nominee.
 - b) The Secretary will affirm that the nominee accepts the nomination. A written acceptance note provided to the Secretary in advance from the nominee is permissible if the nominee cannot be present, and will be available for viewing by the membership.
 - c) The Secretary will then ask for a motion and second to close nominations for that Board position.
 - d) If more than one nominee is nominated and seconded for the same Board position, each nominee will be given two (2) minutes to address the membership. Discussion will then follow, during which time members can give a short (less than one (1) minute) comment or ask a question of the nominee. The nominee will be given time for a brief response.
 - e) The Secretary will then ask for a motion and second to close discussion.
 - f) The Secretary will then conduct a vote, by show of hands (one (1) vote per member), for that Board position. Only members present at the October meeting may vote.
 - g) The winner will be determined by the Secretary for the nominee obtaining the most votes. In the event of a tie, a single re-vote will be taken. If the vote remains a tie, it will be decided by a coin-toss. The Secretary will immediately announce the winner.
 - h) The Secretary will then begin the process again for the next Board position. Once the elections are complete, the Secretary will announce all Board members.
 - i) The Board member's term of service will begin immediately after the close of the October meeting.
3. Board members with four (4) unapproved absences shall be dismissed from the board.
4. The board will meet as needed but no less than 6 times per year.
5. If a board member resigns or otherwise cannot serve on the board, the Board of Directors will appoint a club member to serve out the remaining term of that position.
6. An individual member can only hold one (1) Board position.

Officers

1. The officers of the board shall consist of the Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Activities Director. Nominations for each Board position will be made from the floor of the general membership meeting, with the exception of the Past President position.

2. Duties of officers:

(a) President shall preside at all general and board meetings, call for a special meeting of the BOD to deal with exceptional circumstances, announce all decisions of the board at general meetings, appoint committee members and perform other duties as associated with the office. Have check signing privileges as one of two signatures required to sign club checks.

(b) Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the Presidents absence and assist the President as defined by the president. The Vice President is also responsible to develop, solicit, retain, and organize the general meeting content including any guest speakers that may present information to the general membership. Have check signing privileges as one of two signatures required to sign club checks.

(c) Secretary shall be responsible for the keeping the minutes, membership sign up and membership roster and other duties pertinent to the secretary. The Secretary is responsible for the collection of all reports from committees and will make available to the president, upon request, any and all paperwork in his/her presence. A copy of all members shall be provided to all members and a copy of the minutes shall be provided to a member(s) upon written request. Prepare meeting agendas for both Board and general meetings. Have check signing privileges as one of two signatures required to sign club checks.

(d) Treasurer shall keep a record of the Club's budget, pay bills and prepare financial reports as needed. A summary of the daily finances shall be read at all meetings and a copy of them will be made for all board positions at board meetings. Members may receive a Copy upon written request. Have check signing privileges as one of two signatures required to sign club checks.

(e) Activities Director shall be responsible for all activities related to the club and be available to assist other officers as needed. The Activities Director will form committees with the assistances of the board to work on various activity projects. The director will meet with these ad hoc committees and report back to the board and membership on the status of activities. Have check signing privileges as one of two signatures required to sign club checks.

(f) Past President will act as advisor to the board. The past president has voting privileges on all board decisions.

3 Committees

Committees will be accountable to the BOD and supervised by the President or Activities Director.

General Membership Meetings

Order of meetings: (a quorum of three (3) officers is required to constitute an official meeting)

- (a) Call the club to order.
 - (b) Pledge of Allegiance
 - (c) Secretaries report (summarized reading of a copy the previous meeting minutes to the members). A motion to amend the minutes, if necessary, or accept the minutes will be made by the president. Acceptance requires a member to recommend acceptance and a member to second the motion. The Secretary will then conduct a vote of the membership present at the meeting to accept the minutes, as amended, and the Secretary will record the results of the vote.
 - (d) Treasurers report (which will include a summary of accounts). The president will then ask for a motion to accept or amend the treasurer's report. Acceptance requires a member to accept and a member to second the motion. The Treasurer will then conduct a vote of the membership present at the meeting to accept the treasurer's report, as amended, and the Secretary will record the results of the vote. The Treasurer will make a copy of the report available to the general membership for their review.
 - (e) Activities Director report
 - (f) Committees reports.
 - (g) Welcome new members and visitors. The president will recognize and introduce any new members at the meeting.
 - (h) Old business. Any discussion by the members for no more than five minutes per topic. This will be presided over by the president and its order of conduct will be solely monitored and controlled by the President.
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- Any request for monetary donations must be presented to the Board of Directors in writing one month prior to the general meeting to allow time to vet the request and insure it aligns with the mission of the Fishing Club. If vetting is approved by the board it will be placed on the agenda for presentation, discussion, and vote, by the general membership. #1
- (j) Member's Fishing reports.
 - (k) Meeting program or close meeting.

Conflict of Interest

Any Member of the board who has a financial, personal or official interest in, or conflicts with any matter pending before the Board of such nature that it prevents or may prevent that member from acting on the matter in an impartial manner, will offer to the Board to voluntarily recuse him/her self; will vacate their seat, and refrain from discussion and voting on said item.

Fiscal Policies

1. The fiscal year of the club shall be from October 1st to September 31st.
2. These by-laws may be amended by a two-third vote of the Board of Directors present at a board meeting, provided a quorum is present and a copy of the proposed amendments are provided to each Board member at least one week prior to said meeting.

These amended by-laws were voted into effect on this day of: January 25, 2013.

The following board members were present:

Name: Rich LaBelle, President

Name: Andy Herd, Vice-President

Name: Rick Hall, Jr., Secretary

Name: Tom Taylor, Treasurer

Name: Ken Siderio, Activities Director

Name: Joe Peters, Past President

#1 Modified BOD Meeting Sept.2019

These amended by-laws were voted into effect on this day of: February 2, 2024.

The following board members were present:

Name: Allen Rightmyer, President

Name: Brian Shaw, Vice-President

Name: Allen Rightmyer, Acting Secretary

Name: Willima Conrad, Treasurer

Name: Robert Siemon, Activities Director

Name: Greg Hobbs Past President

#2 Modified General Membership Meeting February 2, 2024

