

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANGLERS (RMA)

Organization and By-laws

Updated December, 2011

A. GENERAL

1. **Club officers and length of term:**
 - a. The following elected officers shall govern the affairs of the organization and shall constitute the Executive Board (E-board): President; Vice President; Secretary/Treasurer; Editor/Librarian; Tournament Director (3/98); Program/Environmental Committee Chair. The following committee chairs shall be appointed by the president and approved by the executive board: Program/Environmental Committee Director; Outing Director. (12/00)
 - b. Term of office for club officers and committee members shall be one (1) year, with no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve. (12/00)
2. **Monthly meeting:** The club will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.
3. **Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedural conduct of club meetings.**
4. **Monthly E-Board meetings:** The current and newly-elected E-Board shall meet together in January after the elections. The E-board shall then meet monthly to discuss and conduct club business.
 - a. Club business includes:
 - I. Regular club bills and items related to operation of the club.
 - II. Reimbursement of approved out-of-pocket expenses.
 - III. Discussion of other matters important to the club.
 - b. Three (3) E-board members must be present to have a quorum. (12/00)
5. **Newsletter:** A club newsletter titled *The Rocky Mountain Angler* will be distributed monthly.
6. **Annual Audit:** An annual audit of the club's financial records will be accomplished by the Executive Board at their January meeting with the results reported at the February club meeting.
7. **Number of members required for voting:** Impeachment of officers or amendments to by-laws or tournament rules requires approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the regular monthly meeting. (3/98)
8. **Proxy:** Members are not allowed to vote by proxy.
9. **The overall objective of the club shall be to:**
 - a. Provide active dialogue among fellow Rocky Mountain Anglers.
 - b. Provide continuing angling education to club members.
 - c. Provide a basis for community action activities and education.
 - d. Provide regularly scheduled fishing activities for members.

B. ELECTION, IMPEACHMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS

1. **Qualifications:** Club officers must be RMA members in good standing.
2. **Election procedures**
 - a. Nominations for officers shall take place at the regularly scheduled December meeting. (3/98)
 - b. Election of officers shall take place during the January club meeting.
 - c. All voting will be by secret ballot.
 - d. Ballots will be counted by a committee of three (3) members selected the night of the election.
 - e. All elected positions will be awarded to the candidate receiving the most votes for the office.
3. **To remove an officer from office by impeachment**
 - a. A majority of the E-Board must approve the resolution.
 - b. The resolution must be published thirty (30) days prior in *The Rocky Mountain Angler*.
 - c. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting must vote "yes" in a secret ballot. (Also see Section A, Paragraph 8).
4. **To replace an officer who cannot complete a term of office:** When a member of the RMA executive board cannot complete a term of office for any reason, the president may appoint someone, with the approval of the executive board, to serve the term of that office until the next regular election. (12/11)

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

1. **President**
 - a. Exercise supervisory care over the concerns of the club and preside over the monthly club meetings.
 - b. Serve as chair of the Executive Board.
 - c. Provide a monthly report to the Editor/Librarian for *The Rocky Mountain Angler*.
2. **Vice President**
 - a. Assume the duties of President if the President is not present unable to finish the term of office.
 - b. Serve as head of the Membership Committee. (12/00)
 - c. Assist the President and E-board as necessary.
 - d. Maintain and distribute a current club membership roster. (12/00)
3. **Secretary/Treasurer**
 - a. Maintain a checking account in the name of Rocky Mountain Anglers at a bank of his/her choice and present financial status report at each monthly meeting.
 - b. Maintain financial records for the club and present an annual financial audit to the Executive Board.
 - c. Prepare a budget for the coming year to be presented at the club's February meeting.
 - d. Pay all club debts out of club funds under the direction of the President and the E-board.
 - e. Collect club dues and tournament fees.
 - f. Maintain a record of official club activities.
 - g. Keep a record of all written committee reports submitted by committee heads.
4. **Editor/Librarian**
 - a. Publish and distribute *The Rocky Mountain Angler* to current members prior to the monthly meeting.
 - b. Maintain the club's fishing books, maps, and reports.

5. **Tournament Director** (*This paragraph, 3/98*)
 - a. Conduct tournaments according to the duties and rules in the Rocky Mountain Anglers Tournament Rules.
 - b. Maintain accurate records of all tournament statistics and standings throughout the year.
 - c. Report the results of each tournament to the Editor for publication in *The Rocky Mountain Angler*.
 - d. See to the purchase of all club and tournament awards.
 - e. Appoint a committee to help with tournament duties.
 - f. Propose a schedule of tournaments to the membership at the February meeting, which shall be subject to the approval of the membership by a majority vote at that meeting. (*12/11*)

D. COMMITTEES

1. **Who can serve on committees:** Committee members shall be RMA members in good standing.
2. **Standing committees:** The club shall maintain the following standing committees: Program/Environmental; Outing; Membership.
 - a. Program/Environmental Committee
 - I. Chaired by a club member who is appointed by the President and approved by the E-board. Program/Environmental Committee Chair is a member of the E-board.
 - II. Committee chair may solicit as many committee members as necessary to accomplish committee duties.
 - III. Duties include:
 - Arrange educational and informational programs and activities for all meetings.
 - At the direction of the President, meet in addition to the regular club meetings to discuss issues of importance to RMA, then present a report and recommendations to club members at a regularly scheduled meeting.
 - Serve as a liaison between Rocky Mountain Anglers and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.
 - Attend special meetings related to fishing and aquatic concerns.
 - b. Outing Committee
 - I. Chaired by a club member who is appointed by the President and approved by the E-board.
 - II. Committee chair may solicit as many committee members as necessary to accomplish committee duties.
 - III. Duties include making arrangements for the club's family outing, awards banquet and other social events as directed by the President.
 - c. Membership Committee
 - I. Chaired by the RMA Vice President, who may solicit as many committee members as necessary to accomplish committee duties.
 - II. Duties include:
 - Ensuring that new and prospective members receive necessary information about the club, including applications for membership, club by-laws and tournament rules.
 - Administering and overseeing any programs for new members.
 - Researching and helping solve membership-related problems.
 - Maintain and distribute a current club roster on a regular basis.
3. **Committees to assist the E-board:** Any E-board member may solicit members from the club for a committee to help perform duties of the office.

E. DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

1. **Dues**
 - a. Beginning January 1, 1999, club dues will be \$30 per year. (*3/98*)
 - b. Partial dues for new members will be pro-rated at \$3.00 per month." (*3/98*)
 - c. All members wanting to remain current will pay dues by the February meeting. (*3/98*)
2. **Becoming a member** (*12/00*)
 - a. Club members must be at least 18 years old.
 - b. To become a member, submit club dues and a completed application to the Secretary/Treasurer.
 - c. New members will receive a copy of the club by-laws and tournament rules.
3. **Status of membership:** A member shall be considered in good standing if his/her dues are paid for the current year. Members more than six (6) months behind in paying dues may be removed from the roster by the Vice President.
4. **Reinstatement:** A member who has been dropped from the club roster may be reinstated at any time by paying full club dues for the current year.

F. AMENDING CLUB BY-LAWS

1. **Submitting changes:** Any member may propose changes to the by-laws by submitting them at the October club meeting.
2. **Announcing proposed amendments:** Proposed changes must be published in *The Rocky Mountain Angler* prior to the November regular monthly meeting.
3. **Discussion:** Proposed changes will be discussed at the November meeting. Any further changes will be published in the Rocky Mountain Angler prior to the December meeting.
4. **Voting:** Voting on proposed changes will take place at the December meeting. Changes require a "yes" by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present (Also see Section A, Paragraph 7).
5. **Publishing amendments:** Outcome of the vote shall be published in *The Rocky Mountain Angler*.
6. **Copies of by-laws:** Each member shall receive the new by-laws at the next monthly meeting. Any member may request a copy.
7. **Effective Date:** Changes will become effective January 1 of the following calendar year. (*11/99*)

G. YEARLY CLUB AWARDS (*This section, 3/98*)

Each year, in addition to awards specified in the Rocky Mountain Anglers Tournament Rules, the club will give the following awards:

1. **Angler of the Year**
 - a. Awarded to one or more individuals who exemplify the principles and standards of Rocky Mountain Anglers.
 - b. The Executive Board shall select the recipient based on whatever criteria they deem important to fill the requirements of Section G, Paragraph 1.a., above.
 - c. Club membership is not required to receive this award.
 - d. Nominations from club members may be submitted up to the regularly scheduled December meeting.
2. **Conservationist of the Year**
 - a. Awarded to one or more individuals who make a significant contribution to the betterment of Utah's wildlife and natural environment.
 - b. The Executive Board shall select the recipient based on whatever criteria they deem important to fill the requirements of Section G, Paragraph 2.a., above.
 - c. Club membership is not required to receive this award.
 - d. Nominations from club members may be submitted up to the regularly scheduled December meeting.