

Penobscot Fly Fishers By Laws

Statement of Purpose

The Penobscot Fly Fishers is established as a non-profit membership Club, said purpose being to promote fly fishing and conservation of fisheries resources through education, volunteer services and personal conduct.

Article I Membership

All members shall agree to support the purpose and objectives of the Penobscot Fly Fishers. The Board of Directors may, by unanimous affirmative vote of all members of the Board, suspend or expel a member for due reason.

Article II Dues

The Board of Directors shall designate various categories of membership: individual, family, life, junior (age 18 and under) and complimentary. Dues will be payable by June 1st of each year and may be prorated for members who join at other times of the year.

Dues will be established by a majority vote by the Board of Directors, and may be changed by a majority of a quorum of the Board. Members who have not paid their dues by the October general body meeting will be dropped from the membership list.

Article III Meetings

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, except as specified by these By Laws.

Section A General Meetings

General meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month with the time and place published in the monthly newsletter. A quorum will consist of the members present.

Section B Board of Directors Meetings

Board of Directors meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month with the time and place to be decided at the previous Board meeting. A quorum will consist of at least 6 members of the Board present. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or the Secretary upon the request of any three Board members.

Article IV Officers

Officers of the Penobscot Fly Fishers will be elected for 2 year terms.

Section A: President

The President will preside at all regularly scheduled and special meetings and has overall responsibility for Club affairs, as directed by the Board. The President will be authorized to sign Club checks and make transactions in the Club savings accounts.

Section B: 1st Vice President

The 1st Vice President will be chair of the Membership Committee and/or other duties as assigned by the President, and will assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Section C: 2nd Vice President

The 2nd Vice President will be in charge of programs at general meetings and/or other duties as assigned by the President and will assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President and the 1st Vice President.

Section D: Secretary

The Secretary keeps Club records and minutes of meetings, maintains a current membership list, and collects membership dues. The Secretary is a member of the Membership Committee.

Section E: Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for all Club finances; prepares annual budgets for approval by the Board of Directors and prepares monthly financial status reports for Board Meetings. The Treasurer will be authorized to sign Club checks and make transactions in the Club savings accounts.

Section F: Assistant Treasurer

The Assistant Treasurer will work closely with the Treasurer and be able to perform all Treasurer responsibilities in the Treasurer's absence. The Assistant Treasurer will be a member of the Membership Committee. The Assistant Treasurer will be authorized to sign Club checks and make transactions in the Club savings accounts.

Article V Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall control the business and affairs of the Club and will be permitted to expend up to \$150.00 in unbudgeted funds for Club purchases without approval by the general membership. The Board shall consist of the five elected officers, the immediate past President and six elected members. The six elected members shall have terms of three years each, with two members to be elected each year. A vacancy on the Board, other than the President, will be filled by nomination by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Article VI Elections

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for all Officers and Directors whose terms will expire, at the November general body meeting. At that time, further nominations will be accepted from the floor. All nominations will be published in the Club Newsletter and the election will be held at the December General Body Meeting. Nominations will not be accepted at the December General Body Meeting. All elected Officers and Directors will assume their duties at the January General Meeting.

Article VII Committees

Section A: Nominating Committee

A three person committee will be appointed by the President by the June general meeting to serve for a two year term. Duties of this committee will be to select nominees for Officers, Directors and special awards.

Section B: Membership Committee:

Will consist of the 1st Vice President, the Secretary and any other members of the Penobscot Fly Fishers as appointed by the President.

Section C: Other committees:

May be established with members appointed by the President at any time to better serve the functions and needs of the Club.

Article VIII Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the of the Penobscot Fly Fishers, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors to one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any tax code subject to any order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Article IX Amendments to the By Laws

These By Laws may be amended at any general meeting of the Club. The affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present will be required for the adoption of any amendment. Notice of the proposed amendment will be published in a Club Newsletter at least 30 days prior to the general meeting at which the vote will be taken.

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