

## **Barrie Bassmasters Club By-Laws**

Updated May 2022

### General Club Business

1. The Barrie Bassmasters (the 'club') meet on the Second Tuesday of every month at the designated meeting place and time (currently 7:00pm at Cottage Canoe in Barrie), from January to November (December is normally just a social gathering & awards night).
2. The order of business shall be the following:
  - a. Call to order by the Club President
  - b. Introductions of the membership, the Executive, and distinguished guests
  - c. Presentation of Minutes of preceding meeting
  - d. Presentation of Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Conservation Director's report, Media/ Website report, Tournament Director's report, Vice President's report, President's report.
  - e. Reports of Special Committees
  - f. Unfinished Business (Old Business)
  - g. New Business
  - h. Programmed Activity, if applicable
  - i. Tip of the month and 50/50 draw
  - j. Adjournment
3. Executive Committee comprises the club President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Tournament Director, Webmaster/ Media Director, Conservation Director.
4. Nominations for the new executive begin at the October meeting, and continue at the November meeting. Elections of the new Executive take place every year during the November meeting. The new Executive Committee's first meeting will be in January.
5. Policy / rule changes: For any suggested rule or policy change that requires a vote to pass, and which the executive deems to be impactful to club operations in any capacity, will be heard and discussed at the meeting in which it is presented, and then voted on during the following meeting. I.e. a suggested policy change brought up in February will be presented/ discussed in Feb. and then debated once more in March, and then voted on in March.

### Club Tournament Selection & Scheduling:

1. Only Club members in good standing are eligible to fish club tournaments, and vote on the lakes which will be selected to fish on any given year.
2. The Tournament Director shall select a tournament committee, consisting of a minimum of 4 other club members, including himself. The Tournament committee will decide the Dates and locations of each of the club tournaments, and shall make every effort to avoid dates which conflict with other local tournaments (such as CSFL westerns, OBN Qualifier/ special events).
3. The draw for the club tournament lakes will be at the January or February meeting. The committee will publish the schedule by no later than the March meeting.
4. If any non-boaters were not drawn to fish a club tournament due to an insufficient number of boaters, those anglers will be guaranteed a spot in the next tournament.
5. In the event that we have an excess of boaters, boaters shall be drawn to fish together in teams of two. The pair of boaters shall decide amongst themselves who's boat will be used in the competition. The angler who ends up not using their boat will be considered a non-boater for that event and will hence be eligible for non-boater prizes. A boater may fish alone in the event that a partner cannot be found.

6. The selection of 6 of the 7 club tournament Lakes we will fish on any given year is based on a draw of a selection of pre-selected lakes (or any other lake of a members choosing) that is typically within a 1 ½ hour drive of the City of Barrie.
7. 5 tournaments shall be scheduled on weekends (either Saturday or Sunday) and two shall be scheduled during the week on a Friday.
8. Lake Simcoe is an automatic Lake that the Club will fish every year (i.e. the 7<sup>th</sup> Lake). Lake Simcoe may be chosen to be fished a second time if the membership selects it in the `draw` procedure as outlined above.
9. The Club President can pick a lake of his choosing, in lieu of the lakes that the membership chooses through the voting process. This is typically an effort to choose a different lake that we have not fished in a while.
10. For lakes we fish year over year, typically we change up the time of year we fish the lake. i.e. if we fished Simcoe in July in 2016, choose September in 2017.
11. Refer to the latest version of the `Barrie Bassmasters Club Tournament Rules` for rules that are specific to Tournament fishing, including the prizes, Angler of the Year, etc.
12. OBN qualifier refund: members who register or renew their membership by Jan. 31 will be eligible to receive a (partial) refund of their OBN qualifier entry fee for the same year. The amount of the refund varies from year to year but has typically been \$100.
13. Tournament draws: members must pay their entry fee(s) for the club tournament(s) they wish to fish, on the day that the draw takes place. Late entries will not be accepted unless there is a shortage of boaters, then in such a circumstance the tournament director will attempt to solicit further entries after the draw to fill the vacancies.

#### Volunteering:

1. The Barrie Bassmasters Club is run by volunteers, and the various tournaments and other events that we put on for the benefit of all members requires significant volunteer efforts in order to function. It is expected that ALL members will volunteer at tournaments, other various events, and /or provide assistance of the club executive in other ways from time to time.
2. Open tournaments and/or other events may be cancelled if we are not able to obtain sufficient volunteer efforts.
3. For those who participate in tournaments but never volunteer, you may be considered to be a member NOT in good standing, and thereby be ineligible to fish the OBN Qualifier, or be ineligible for end-of-the year prizes, at the discretion of the club executive.

#### Tournament Eligibility:

4. Boaters must provide proof of boat insurance prior to the start of Tournament season. This is due to be submitted by the May meeting.

#### OBN Qualifier:

1. Membership dues are required to be paid by June 30<sup>th</sup> for eligibility to participate in the OBN Qualifier Tournament for the same year (i.e. must pay membership dues by June 30, 2016 to be eligible to fish the OBN Qualifier in the 2016 (typically August).
2. Eligibility to fish the OBN qualifier is based on your Angler of the year ranking from the previous year. i.e. we will prioritize pairings to fulfill our initial boater+ non-boater allotment based on the angler of the year standings, and so on down the list. In the event that our allotment is not fulfilled based on this priority, then entrants will be accepted on a first come-first served basis. After our allotment is fulfilled, and in the event that the OBN allows more registrations (most often this is the case), we will then accept additional entrants on a first come-

first served basis. Our club is required to enter an even number of boaters and non-boaters, as is required by OBN. Club executive will attempt to match pairings, including reaching out to different clubs, however if this cannot be achieved then we may need to reject tournament entries.

#### End of year prizes/ awards:

1. End of Season awards are presented at the end of the season (December).
2. The winner of 'big fish of the year' receives a replica fish mount through Advanced Taxidermy. The winner is responsible for making arrangements for the type/style of mount, and making shipping arrangements. The club's contribution for the mount is \$500 and will be paid to the winner upon confirmation that the replica mount has been ordered.
3. Other awards include Angler of the year (including their name on the AOY trophy), non-boater angler of the year (awarded to the angler who mostly fishes as a non-boater throughout the year), members who make Team Ontario (including names on a trophy), big bag of the year.

#### Memberships:

- Club membership fee is \$65 during the earlybird period- this includes B.A.S.S. Nation \$32 USD (~\$40-50 CAD depending on the exchange rate); Ontario B.A.S.S. Nation \$15 CAD; remaining funds go to the Barrie Bassmasters- to contribute towards various expenses, prizes, etc.
- Club membership fee increases to \$80 after January 31<sup>st</sup>. This is to encourage members to re-new early in the year, and hopefully participate in club activities/ business early in the year prior to fishing season.
- Associate membership fee (i.e. for those who have a full membership in another OBN club) is \$20 for the season.

#### Conservation:

- Our conservation projects are generally scheduled prior to tournament season and towards the end of the year (fall) if at all possible.
- Typical/ historical conservation projects include(d): Little Lake clean-up (up to approx. 2015) Penetanguishene road clean-up (2015-current), Dymont Pond clean-up up to approx. 2016).