



Petawawa Bassmasters Constitution

GOALS

- Maintain the values of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S)
- Recruit new anglers to the exciting world of bass fishing.
- Improve upon and share secrets of bass anglers starting with the grassroots amateur bass fisherman.
- Promote the bass fishery in the Ottawa Valley.

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership in the Petawawa Bassmasters (PBM) is limited to 30 members
- Members will be required to maintain a current subscription with the Bassmasters magazine as well as the annual B.A.S.S. Federation.
- Members will be required to maintain PBM chapter dues.
- Members in good standing from the previous season receive priority for positions in the chapter. Once initial field is tallied, new membership from the public can be recruited until the maximum of 30 members is attained.
- Members must make an effort to attend PBM meetings and functions. This will allow for maximum attendance and input from the membership.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

- PBM executive will consist of a President, Vice President/Treasurer, Tournament Director and Conservation Director.
- Executive positions will be for a period of two years or until a member is required to step down from their duties.
- PBM executive positions will be selected through a majority vote system. Ballots will be created once an election date has been selected. Voting will take place at a pre-determined meeting. In the case that a member is unable to attend a meeting to vote, a mail copy or email copy of their vote will be accepted on their behalf. This will allow for maximum input from the membership.
- The outgoing president will not vote during the new election. He/she will be the impartial member in the ballot to allow for fair and equal tallying. Once all ballots have been received and tallied, the outgoing president will contact the new executive and advise them of the results. Once the new executive has been contacted and accepts their positions, the remainder of the membership

will be contacted, advised of the results and made aware of whom the new executive members are.

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

- The executive will be responsible to the membership for the conduct and operation of a successful B.A.S.S. Federation chapter.
- The executive will determine which bodies of water will be fished. A rotational system will allow for bodies of water not to be stressed due to fishing pressure, pollution and boat traffic. Also, new bodies of water will allow for greater variety and challenges to the angling membership.
- When determining the water selection, the main criteria to consider should be,
 1. Proper launching and parking facilities for a tournament field
 2. Water safety (traffic, hazards, lake conditions, etc.).
 3. Bass population that is not a target of over harvesting.
 4. Distance from the greater Petawawa region.
 5. Tournament pre-fishing and competition pressure.
 6. Input for selection from the membership.
- The PBM executive is also responsible for administering,
 1. Prize/payout structure.
 2. Trophies and/or awards.
 3. Functions and events (both internal to club and external to the public).
 4. Any other matters that will arise affecting the maintaining of the organization.

DUTIES OF EACH EXECUTIVE POSITION

President:

- Direct liaison with the OBFN and B.A.S.S. Federation presidents on any matters affecting the Petawawa chapter.
- Liaison with the general public, media, and outdoor organizations concerning matters involving the PBM.
- Presides over all PBM meetings acting as the chairperson.
- Delegates tasks pertaining to the efficient operation of the PBM.

Vice President/Treasurer:

- Act in the position of President in his/her absence.
- Assists in the operation of the PBM with the other executive members.
- Maintains the operating budget and financing of the PBM account.

- Provide updated financial reports at executive and general meetings.
- Act as Media director.

Tournament Director:

- Assists in the operation of the PBM with other executive members.
- Responsible for the execution/coordination of tournament day activities (starts, weigh-in, conduct etc.).
- Liaise with lake/river community organizations with respect to launching facilities, parking and local restrictions on water, allowing for smooth operations of the day's events.
- Ensure that recording data, weigh in equipment and other logistical matters are functional for the operation of each competition.

Conservation Director:

- Assist in the operation of the PBM with the other executive members.
- Liaison with the MNR to stay current with the conditions of local fisheries.
- Develop a conservation plan for PBM to participate within the community.
- Advise PBM members of any concerns or restrictions on bodies of water concerning PBM's tournament schedule.

MISCELLANEOUS

- If a team is proven to have cheated during a PBM event, or committed a gross misconduct IAW B.F.N. rules of ethics, that member and/or team will be banned from PBM and PBM organized events for life.
- Amendments to the PBM constitution can be made with a majority vote 2/3 membership in attendance at a general meeting. Once an amendment has been made and passed, the whole membership is to be made aware of the amendment.
- PBM will consult with local clubs and be proactive to arrange mutual agreement on lake selection/dates so as not to create any duplication or conflict with competitions.
- Angler of the Year for PBM gains a competition bye for the following season. He/she will get to compete the following season at no charge. However must maintain a current Bassmaster Magazine subscription, Federation and PBM Dues.
- Total points will determine the Angler of the Year at the end of the competition season. In the case of a tie, the total accumulative weight will be the tiebreaker.

- Members will be awarded points for participation in PBM activities. One point to be given to members who attend PBM conservation efforts and kids casting events.
- Total points accumulated through tournament standings, attending conservation projects and kids casting events will determine Angler of the Year and priority to the Hank Gibson Provincial Qualifying Tournament.
- In order to qualify for the Hank Gibson Provincial Qualifying Tournament members must participate in at least one of the boater/non boater draw “Club Only” tournaments.
- Club Members unable to fish in a tournament **due to special circumstances** may recruit a substitute from outside the Petawawa Bassmasters to fish in their place. The member will be allowed to retain points earned by their substitute towards Angler of the Year and positioning for the next years Provincial Qualifier. Each **TEAM** is allowed up to, but **no more than 2 substitutes per season** and must provide reason for absence from a club event. **All requests for a substitution of a team member are subject to approval by the Petawawa Bassmasters Executive Committee.**