

Arizona Crappie Association (AZCA)

Bylaws for the AZCA

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ARTICLE 1 - Name/ History and Purpose

Section 1: Name and History

This club shall be called the "Arizona Crappie Association" (AZCA). The AZCA was originally formed as a chapter of the American Crappie Association (ACA) in March of 2007. In April of 2008 the AZCA split from the ACA and became an independent club with no corporate affiliations.

Amendment A: The Club may become a LLC, Non-Profit or other type of corporation if it is deemed necessary by the current President for the growth and protection of the Arizona Crappie Association. This must be voted on by membership at a regular meeting and pass by a two-thirds majority vote. The current President or a member appointed by the President may also solicit sponsorship from other corporate or non-corporate sources for raffle prizes and/or gifts for club members and events. However, if the club is to in any way incorporate; it must stand alone as its own entity and not merge with any other business or corporation.

Section 2: Purpose

- Bring public awareness of crappie fishing as a major fishing sport
- Assist state conservation departments with our organization's moral and political support
- Promote to the fullest the adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards and help protect those standards by detecting and reporting any polluter and call public and political attention to any crime.
- Improve our skill(s) as crappie anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert crappie-catching techniques and ideas
- Promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation.
- Hold two open Crappie Fishing Tournaments a year
- Promote and practice the immediate release of all Crappie caught under 10" in total length.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1: Requirement for Membership

To become a chapter member, a person shall:

- Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership
- Regularly attend meetings either in person or on the internet
- Occasionally volunteer to assist with club functions
- Keep annual dues current
- While attending a first meeting, be voted on by membership. Vote affirmation must be 85% or greater of voting members.

Section 2: Membership Dues

The membership dues shall be \$40 for individuals and \$25 for spouses, paid annually or upon being voted into the club. Youth members (minor children or grandchildren) are free. Memberships run from April to April. For new members joining after October 1st, dues shall be \$25 for individuals and \$15 for spouses.

Section 3: Meetings of Members

The membership shall hold regular meetings on the second Saturday of each month unless that date conflicts with a holiday or special event such as our spring or fall club tournaments. The location will be voted on at the meeting prior.

Amendment A: Four meetings a year will be “open meetings” for prospective members to attend. These meeting will be held in March, April, September and October unless otherwise voted to by membership.

Amendment B: To clarify “Open” and “Closed” Meetings, open meetings are open for the public to attend and prospect joining the Club. Closed meetings are for AZCA Members and their guests only. These guests, when accompanied by an AZCA Member, can join in on fishing and (respectfully) attend meetings. They can also prospect the club and be voted in as members at their first meeting. These meetings are closed only to the general public.

Amendment C: While attending a qualified meeting (being a meeting open to the public or a closed meeting as a guest of an AZCA member) prospective members may be voted in as a club member.

Amendment D: The club president may grant any member who has gone above and beyond to assist the growth of the AZCA with the honor of being a “life member”. Life members are required to keep a current membership app on file with the club but are not required to pay dues. This must be confirmed by membership with a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE III - Officers, Elections, Vacancies, & Eligibility

Section 1: Officers and their Duties

The officers of the club shall consist of:

- **President (elected):** Preside over all meetings and directs all official business, solicit sponsorship and appoint a Secretary/ Treasurer, Membership Director, Tournament Director or any other officers needed to help with club business. All officer appointments by the president must approved by membership by a majority vote.
- **Vice President/ President Elect (elected):** Assist the president in his duties, preside in the absence of the president and submit an accurate report to the President of meeting minutes and attendance. It is assumed but not required that the Vice President will run for President after their term as Vice President is over
- **Secretary/ Treasurer (appointed):** Manage the club treasury, maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at each regular meeting. Any and all expenses paid including but not limited to vendors or club members for supplies must be approved by the club president.
- **Membership Director (appointed):** Maintain and provide to the President an accurate list of current members and their personal information. Handle new member inquires and assist in new membership drives.
- **Tournament Director (appointed):** Work with the president on and oversee all club tournaments, including handling and accounting for entry fees paid and winner pay outs. Maintain and provide to the President an accurate record of all tournament entries, pay outs and over all results. Assist the President in soliciting sponsorship.
- **Sargent at Arms (appointed):** Bring each meeting to order and dismiss member when meeting is over. The president may also ask the SAA to assist in special duties including but not limited to running raffles and purchasing club swag like t-shirts and stickers.
- **IT Director (appointed):** Provide and maintain our club website. Any costs of domain name or server will be paid with club funds.

- **Special Projects Director (appointed):** Work with the club president, VP and membership on projects such as but not limited to conservation and public appearances at events that are linked to outdoor sports.

It is important to note that appointed offices may change depending on what the club president and VP feel they need as for their cabinet to operate and improve the club.

- **Founder (granted):** The title of “Founder” has been granted to William F. Eveland (Pisculli) for his efforts in organizing and starting the AZCA. The Club Founder represents the club as a liaison with matters such as but not limited to public appearances, efforts with conservation, fund raising and/ or membership drives. The Club Founder is not an administrator or authority figure. Therefore any efforts the Club Founder makes on behave of the AZCA are to be coordinated with the club president and approved by membership.

Section 2: Elections

The election of the president and vice president shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of March and their term in office will start at April’s meeting. Election shall be by simple majority of members present. Confirmation for each appointed officer shall be held separately in order listed in ARTICLE III, Section 1.

Section 3: Eligibility of Vote

Each full member present at the time of the vote is entitled to one vote. Youth members can not vote and proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 4: Term of Office

The term office is for one year, which shall begin at April’s meeting, or until the successor assumes office.

Section 5: Vacancies

In the event the President must leave office early, the Vice President would assume the office of the President. In the event of another office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election held to fill the term of the individual vacating the office.

Section 6: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible for any elected office a member must:

- Be a full member (no youth members) for one year.
- Have a current membership app on file and all dues must be current.
- Have shown an active interest in all club functions.
- Have announced their intention to run for an elected office prior to March’s meeting.

To be eligible for any appointed office a member must:

- Be appointed by the club president at any time during the president’s term
- Be approved by membership by a majority vote (internet forum votes are acceptable)

Section 7: Member assistance

With permission from the president, club officers can solicit club members for help on their duties or special projects.

ARTICLE IV- Removal of Membership

Section 1: Removal of Membership

A member can be dropped from the membership roll for the following:

- Failure to pay dues, unless said dues are waived by a member vote due to special circumstances
- Any action that would reflect dishonor and disgrace on the AZCA

CLUB PRESIDENT

CLUB VICE PRESIDNET
