

North Fork Anglers Fishing Club Constitution 2023

Article 1. Name North Fork Anglers Fishing Club (Club)

Article 2. Goal

To form and maintain a fishing club that encourages its members to fish responsibly with conservation and fairness as a priority and to encourage the community to respect and enjoy nature and the local waters and waterways and to promote through education recreational sport fishing. In accordance with the following:

- 1) Members agree to fish responsibly with conservation and fairness as a priority and to encourage the community to respect and enjoy nature and the local waters and waterways and to promote through education, recreational sport fishing.
- 2) Members agree to fully understand and responsibly respect our local environment and fully understand and comply with applicable wildlife and fisheries laws, rules, and/or regulations of Village, Town, State or Federal governments.
- 3) Members agree that any violation of said Town, State or Federal wildlife or fisheries management laws, rules and/or regulations whether observed by any member of the Club or Law Enforcement Officer charged with enforcement of said wildlife or fisheries management laws, rules or regulations may result in termination of membership in the Club as decided by the Board of Directors after a member would have the opportunity to address the Board.
- 4) Members agree to pay the required annual dues responsibly as soon after January of each year as possible. Failure to pay such dues in a timely manner as specified in the Club By-Laws will result in loss of certain benefits and privileges as specified in the Club Constitution and By-Laws.
- 5) Members agree to acknowledge that for the Club to be a useful, vibrant and enjoyable organization that they will participate to the best of their ability in attending meetings, Club events and community outreach.

Article 3. Definitions

- 1) Board – Club Board of Directors consisting of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and any additional Board Member positions as created by the existing Board.
- 2) Club – North Fork Anglers Fishing Club
- 3) Officers – President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary

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Article 4. Membership

Section I To be eligible for Individual membership, a person must be:

- A. Sponsored by an existing Club member in good standing
- B. A person who exhibits a sense of responsibility to the environment and applicable wildlife and fisheries laws of the State and Federal governments
- C. A person who is 18 years of age or a high school graduate

Section II A Family membership will include the individual member, their spouse and children who exhibit a sense of responsibility to the environment and applicable wildlife and fisheries laws of the State and Federal governments

Section III Junior Individual membership shall be a person 6 to 18 yrs. with parent's written permission, filing a waiver of Club liability and completion of a medical treatment authorization.

Section IV Total number of club members (a Family membership shall count as one (1) member) may be limited as decided by the Board.

Section V Membership is subject to 3-months' probation and will be granted afterward pending approval by the Board.

Section VI All members must, strictly abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club and strive to live up to the goals of the Club as stated in Article 2.

Article 5. General Funds

The general funds for the Club will be derived from:

- A. Annual membership dues.
- B. Fund raising events.
- C. Donations.

The general funds raised shall be used to pay all Club related expenses and claims and shall be deposited in the Club bank checking and/or savings account until such time as needed. The Club treasurer shall provide a financial report at each Club meeting and in writing if deemed necessary by the remaining Board members.

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Article 6. Board of Directors and Election of Officers

Section I. The Board of Directors (Board) shall consist of:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Treasurer
- D. Secretary
- E. Any Additional Board member positions deemed necessary by the Board

Section II Officers and Board shall be elected for a period of one year by a majority vote of the members in good standing. If a majority of the members in good standing are present at the election meeting, at their discretion the vote may be by written secret ballot or voice vote. However, if a majority of Club members in good standing is not present at the election meeting the vote will take place by email. Members in good standing will be notified of such email voting and return email votes must be submitted to the Club secretary within 14 days of the of the originally scheduled election date.

Section III At the October meeting each year the Board shall receive nominations for Board Offices from members in good standing.

Section IV Nominations shall be revealed at the November meeting each year and election held for the succeeding 1 year term of the Board and Officers.

Article 7. Meetings

Section 1 Meetings will be held on ta fixed day of each month at a time and place proposed by the Board and agreed upon by the membership subject to change if necessary (holidays, events etc...).

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Board or a majority of the membership in good standing. Notice of the special meeting shall be emailed a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the proposed meeting date.

Article 8. Amendments

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended by any proposal submitted in writing by a member in good standing and read at two (2) consecutive Club meetings and/or sent as an email after said two (2) meetings. After the second reading and/or email such proposal will be decided by a majority voice vote if a majority of members in good standing are present at that

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meeting. However, if a majority of club members in good standing is not present at the meeting the vote will take place by email. Members in good standing will be notified of such email voting and return email votes must be submitted to the Club secretary within 14 days of the of the originally scheduled election date.

Section 2. To repeal any amendment to this Constitution, a waiting period of one (1) year from the date of the amendment's adoption and enactment must be observed.

Article 9. By-Laws

The Board shall propose and members in good standing approve By-Laws created in accordance with this Club Constitution, for the purpose of directing the function and operation of the Club.

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Richard E Strzepek, Secretary