

BY-LAWS  
Of  
The Villages  
Deep Sea Fishing Club

I. NAME:

- A. The name of this entity shall be “The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club”. It is a not-for-profit Organization.
- B. The principal office of the Association shall be located in The Villages, Lady Lake, Fla. at the residence of one of the then current officers. Other office sites may be designated by the Executive Committee, as need arises.

II. PURPOSE:

- A. To provide its members with the opportunity to participate in the activities of both salt and freshwater fishing in a safe, legal, and skilled manner at reasonable costs.
- B. To encourage sociability while enhancing the camaraderie of those interested in fishing, regardless of sex, age, ethnic, origin, or religious beliefs.
- C. To share skills, talents, and knowledge in promoting good sportsmanship while protecting the environment.

III. MEMBERSHIP:

A. Any resident or lessee in The Villages, Florida who has a valid ID issued by The Villages, Florida is eligible for membership.

IV. OFFICERS:

A. The Officers of this club shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each officer's term shall be two (2) years. The officers shall assume the duties customarily assigned to their office, unless otherwise stipulated elsewhere in these by-laws. These four officers shall be members of the Executive Committee along with the Immediate Past President.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Chairpersons for the following Standing Committees may be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

1. Fishing Trips
2. Web Master

B. Duties of the Standing Committees shall be those designated by the Executive Committee.

C. The President may appoint other committees as needed with the approval of the Executive Committee.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- A. The officers, Standing Committee Chairs and the Immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Committee.
- B. All Officers and chairpersons shall maintain accurate records of their duties, meetings, and accomplishments. These will then be turned over to their successors.
- C. Officers meetings may be held at the discretion of the President, or at the request of two other officers. Minutes of officers meetings will be available to the Executive and/or membership on request.

VII. MEETINGS:

- A. Meetings of the club membership will be scheduled on a monthly basis at a time and place designated by the Club Officers unless circumstances dictate otherwise. At a minimum there will be an Annual Meeting in the winter and a General Membership Meeting in the Spring.
- B. Members present at a regularly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote will rule on all matters unless specifically directed otherwise by the By-Laws.
- C. Business may be conducted in a fairly informal manner in a relaxed atmosphere but both the membership and officers should be aware that standard Meeting protocol eliminates digressions and promotes greater individual participation in an orderly manner. Any member may request such formalized procedure be followed at any meeting.
- D. Robert's Rules of Order will govern.

## VIII. FISCAL:

- A. Annual dues shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the General Membership during the October general membership meeting. The fiscal year shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Annual dues paid during the fourth quarter by a new member will vest the new member for the following fiscal year.
- B. Unless otherwise requested, the Treasurer will serve as the chief financial officer of the club. The Treasurer shall maintain a checking account in the name of the club at a local bank for the deposit of all funds collected and/or received by the club. No bond is required.
- C. The signature of the Treasurer or that of the President will be required on checks.
- D. An Auditing Committee of three members shall be appointed by the President in November. Their report will be given at the January meeting.
- E. Officers and committee heads will make all reasonable effort to have each individual trip and activity self-supporting.

## IX. ELECTIONS:

- A. At the October meeting, the President shall appoint a three-member nominating committee, none of whom will be running for office.
- B. Current officers shall be ineligible to serve on the nominating committee but may be considered for continuation in their existing office or for another position.

- C. The nominating committee shall present their slate at the November meeting and additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided that prior consent has been obtained from the nominee.
- D. The election may be held either at the November or December meeting and officers will assume their duties in January.
- E. In the event of only one nominee for each position, elections may be by acclamation. Otherwise, the election shall be by secret ballot. The majority shall rule.
- F. Nominations and the vote of the membership shall fill vacancies as they occur throughout the fiscal year at the request of any member whose current dues have been paid.

X. AMENDMENTS:

- A. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the club by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, provided that the proposed change(s) is(are) read and discussed at a regular club meeting; that the next regular meeting be announced as the time for additional discussion of the change(s) or amendment(s) and the final vote by the membership. It is expected that the normal meeting announcement provided to the "local" newspaper will advise member of the pending by-laws vote.

Respectfully submitted,

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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