

ARLINGTON ANGLERS FISHING CLUB INC

GOVERNANCE POLICIES



ARTICLE I – Governance Policy Details

This document supplements the AAFC Bylaws. It provides details on the Governance and Policies of the Arlington Anglers Fishing Club and is considered a living document. Changes to policies such as dues and fees is the responsibility and control of the Board of Directors. The intent of this document is to enable changes to fees and such, while staying congruous with the ByLaws and not requiring changes to that document as often.

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Ref. Article #	Name	Description
XI	Dues	<p>Annual dues are \$40 per year for each family unit. Refer to Bylaws Membership Section for definition of family unit.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to pay their dues by the year end for the following year but are only considered delinquent if dues are not paid by the end of February.</p> <p>Fees are discounted by 50% for new members joining between July and September. New members that join later than September, will pay the full \$40 amount but their membership will be for the remainder of the current year and the next.</p> <p>Annual dues for past Presidents are waived each year.</p>
XI	Meeting Fees	<p>Meeting Fees are \$3 for each adult family member attending. Children of family members are not required to pay a meeting fee.</p> <p>Fees are \$8 for each visitor.</p> <p>Members that are delinquent in Dues will pay the visitor fee.</p> <p>Door fee payment entitles meeting attendees to a door prize raffle ticket at no extra charge. An additional or optional raffle prize can be entered for a fee. This is subject to change. See below.</p>
VIII Section 5	Board Meeting minutes	<p>Post on Members Only tab of AAFC Website within 30 days of meeting.</p>
VI Section 4	Financial Reporting	<p>Treasurer will provide to the Board, at the end of the Calendar year, or shortly thereafter (by mid-January) the prior year's actuals vs. budget, along with a proposed budget for the coming year. Upon approval by the Board, the annual approved budget along with the prior year's</p>

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		<p>actual financials will be posted to the AAFC Website under the Members Only Tab. This will be posted within 30 days of Budget approval.</p> <p>Annual Audit is to take place by either a Board Member or a designated and approved alternative representative.</p>
VI Section 10	Big Fish Contest	Refer to Big Fish Contest Rules. Awards are given at the December Holiday Party.
I	Club Meeting specifics	<p>Refer to Website and/or monthly Newsletter for latest details.</p> <p>Meetings are held in person on the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30 PM, except August (Family Picnic) and December (Holiday and Awards Banquet). Club Meetings are held at:</p> <p>Poplar Creek Banquets and Bowling Alley 2354 W. Higgins Rd. Hoffman Estates, IL. in the Barrington Square Shopping Mall (just off I-90 at Barrington Rd. & East on Higgins Rd.)</p> <p>Special Events meet elsewhere and will be communicated to the membership.</p>
X	Annual board meeting timing - elections	Board Elections are held annually in the November meeting. Nominations for open board positions start informally 2-3 months before. See Bylaws for further details.
XII	Raffles and Prizes	<p>The Sergeant at Arms is responsible for collection, tally, and ticket distribution for any Raffles or Prize awards. Currently, AAFC has a door prize raffle at each monthly club meeting. There is no charge for this.</p> <p>There is also an optional raffle for select prizes such as fishing rods, reels, and accessories. This costs \$5/ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets.</p> <p>The Board reserves the right to omit or change these awards.</p>
XI Section 1	Club Merchandise	From time to time, the Club will purchase T-shirts, hats, coffee mugs, etc. to sell to members. This is on a limited purchase basis and sold until supply runs out. The official Club Logo must be used on any merchandise, wherever possible.

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XI Sections 3 & 4	Sponsored Events or Outings – Two types: Club sanctioned volunteer events Club Member coordinated fishing outings	Events such as Community Outreach are club sanctioned, marketing, and supported directly by volunteers. All Club Members are encouraged to create and sponsor a fishing outing, which may be a day on a local lake, or several dates in Illinois or elsewhere. This may include lodging, member boats or rentals, restaurants, food, etc. While these are encouraged, they are NOT official Club Outings.
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