



NEW MEMBER PACKET

Constitution

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Membership Application

Central Iowa Anglers - Constitution

ARTICLE I – Name, Purpose and Objectives

Section 1. Name. This non-profit organization shall be named the Central Iowa Anglers.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the Central Iowa Anglers members is to have regular meetings with guests welcome at which time all the aspects of multi-species fishing may be reviewed, discussed, and planned to meet the objectives of this organization.

Section 3. Objectives. The objectives of the club are as follows:

1. Assist the members to improve their skills in multi-species fishing through the exchange of techniques and ideas.
2. Promote friendliness and fellowship among fishermen.
3. Support conservation and acts that improve the quality of fishing on public waters.
4. Maintain good sportsmanship by all members.
5. Introduce young people to the sport of fishing and promote opportunities for them to participate in the sport.

ARTICLE II – Membership

Section 1. Membership. Any person, eighteen (18) years old and older, meeting the qualifications for membership, upon payment of the membership dues shall become a voting member of the club. A member's spouse and their children seventeen (17) years old and younger are granted non-voting membership. A paid membership entitles the member to attend and vote at all club meetings, attend outings, access the members only forum and hold office in the club. Non-voting family members are entitled to attend meetings and outings but may not hold office.

A family membership is available to a member and their spouse and includes their children 17 years old and younger. The family membership gives both the member and spouse full voting membership. Their children are non-voting members.

The President and the Vice-President have the power, by a vote of 75% of members present at a meeting, to expel or suspend any member whose conduct has been determined by the officers to be improper, unbecoming, or likely to endanger the interests or reputation of the club.

Section 2. Qualifications for Membership. The qualifications for membership are as follows: The prospective member must complete a club application and sign a statement acknowledging a desire to be a member, willingness to comply with the constitution and by-laws, and specifically to support the purpose and objectives of the club. Every member who is legally required to have a fishing license must maintain a valid State of Iowa fishing license and comply with all State of Iowa fishing regulations.

Section 3. Membership Dues. Annual renewal dues are to be paid by the end of the first meeting in February each year to maintain uninterrupted membership rights and privileges. Dues for new members joining after July 31 of any year are at half the yearly rate for the balance of the year. New members are to submit their dues with their application. Dues are not refundable. The club will determine the amount of annual dues at the November meeting by a majority vote of members present, for the following year.

Section 4. Nondiscrimination. Central Iowa Anglers does not tolerate discrimination with regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or veteran status in eligibility for membership.

ARTICLE III – Officers

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer

Section 2. Eligibility. To be eligible for office, a member must meet the following qualifications:

1. They must be in good standing with the club.
2. Attend at least one half of the regular club meetings and/or tournaments during the year of office.
3. The candidate must demonstrate an active interest in club functions.

Section 3. Election. The election of officers shall be as follows:

1. The election shall take place at the November meeting each year.
2. To be elected, the candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast by the members present. Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.
3. Election for each office will be in the order listed in Article III, Section 1. Candidates defeated remain eligible for nomination to other offices.
4. Nominations for officers open during the September meeting and remain open until closed by motion immediately prior to the voting on that office. Nominations may be made by any member and a member may nominate themselves.

Section 4. Term. All officers are elected for a one year term, and shall take office on January 1.

Section 5. Duties. Duties of the officer are outlined as follows:

1. *Duties of the President:* The President will preside at all meeting and functions for the club. The President, at his discretion, may appoint special committees. He is authorized to sign checks to disburse club funds in the absence of the Treasurer, and shall inform the Treasurer of any such disbursements as soon as possible. Meetings will be conducted following Robert's Rules of Order parliamentary procedures.
2. *Duties of the Vice-President:* The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President when the President is absent or upon request of the President. The Vice-President will advise or assist the officers, directors, and committees within the club. The Vice-President is responsible for the program at all regular meetings.
3. *Duties of the Secretary:* The Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes at regular meetings. The Secretary is responsible for timely notification to members for the time and place of the regular meetings, social functions, upcoming club tournaments, and special activities as directed by the President. The Secretary shall maintain the official files.
4. *Duties of the Treasurer:* The Treasurer is responsible to pay all financial transactions incurred and authorized by the club and shall give receipts for all funds received or disbursed. The Treasurer will maintain a database of member records. The Treasurer shall maintain financial records and present a statement of the financial condition at each regular meeting. Statement items shall be as directed by the President.

Section 6. Vacancies. In the event an office becomes vacant, the secretary shall notify the membership at least fourteen (14) days prior to the next regular meeting that nominations are open and an election shall be held at the meeting. Should the Office of Secretary become vacant, the President shall provide notification to the membership as provided in this section.

Section 7. Committees

The President and or Vice President may form and appoint committee members as needed to fulfill club functions. Examples of such committees are Banquet Committee, Tournament Committee, Newsletter Committee and Special Projects Committee.

ARTICLE V – Amendments

Section 1. Procedures. Amendments to this constitution or modification to articles, or sections, may be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting if Section 2 has been fulfilled.

Section 2. Time Requirements. An amendment or modification of the constitution must be presented in writing to each member a minimum of one regular meeting prior to the regular meeting in which the vote will be conducted. Notification can be made by E-mail or a notice in the members section of the forum on the Central Iowa Anglers website.

February 1, 2007





Central Iowa Anglers
David Merial, President
Brian Wells, Vice President
Jack Salsbury, Secretary
Travis Green, Treasurer

Central Iowa Anglers Membership Application:

Name: _____ Preferred Nickname _____

Address: _____

Street, City, State, Zip

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____ (mobile) _____

Email: _____ Internet name(s) _____

(e.g. WalleyeGuy)

I have read, understand and am willing to comply with the Central Iowa Anglers' constitution in its entirety as a member. If required by law, I will maintain a valid State of Iowa fishing license. I will adhere to all State of Iowa fishing regulations.

Signature

Date

Enclose a check for **\$20 Single \$30 Family** (Half price after July 31st) Payable to "**Central Iowa Anglers.**" Applications and payments can be mailed to:

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