

# **CARSON FLY FISHING CLUB**

## **Bylaws**

(As amended and adopted March 2, 2011)

### **Name**

The name of this non-profit organization shall be the Carson Fly Fishing Club. The location of Carson Fly Fishing Club shall be Carson City, NV.

### **Address**

The mailing address of the Club is P.O. Box 3163 Carson City, NV 89702. The address may be changed by the board from time to time.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the club is to:

Promote appreciation and increase interest in the sport of flyfishing by means of education programs, fellowship and assistance to club members, youth and others, encouraging them to become better fly fishers and true sportsmen;

Encourage and promote conservation and the betterment of fisheries, waters and watersheds;

Support observance of fish and game laws and advocate the practice of catch and release fishing;

Facilitate camaraderie through general membership meetings, clinics (fly fishing and fly tying), fish-outs, tier's cabins, banquets, annual barbeques, fly tying expos, and other social events;

Raise funds and provide financial support to projects, organizations, agencies, in furtherance of the above purposes;

Provide volunteer support for the betterment of the sport and fisheries.

### **Membership**

The club membership is open to all persons interested in fly-fishing and supporting the purposes of the Club.

A family membership will include the immediate members of a family living in one household.

Each individual membership shall have one vote. Each family membership shall have two votes. Each member must be present to vote (no proxies). Both of the family members who wish to vote must be at least 17 years old.

### **Dues**

Dues are for a calendar year. New member dues paid after November 1<sup>st</sup> will be credited to the following year's membership. The board of directors shall set the amount of dues from year to year.

## **Organization, Officers and Directors**

### *Officers – Board of Directors - Executive Committee*

The officers of the organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and immediate Past President. These officers and not less than five Directors shall constitute the organization's board of directors. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the executive committee with full authority to act between board and/or general meetings. A person shall be a member with dues current for two years, before becoming eligible to be an officer.

### *Directors*

Directors are elected at large from the general membership. Before becoming a board member, a person must be a member with dues current for at least one year.

The schedule for board meetings shall be published and all club members are welcome to attend.

### *Term of Officers and Directors*

All Officers and Directors shall hold office for one calendar year.

*Vacancy in the office of President:* In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall become President. If the Vice President is unavailable, the Secretary shall assume the duties of President. When an office becomes vacant, or the board determines an officer must be replaced, the board of directors may appoint a replacement for the balance of the year.

### *Duty of Officers*

**President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

He/she shall receive and prepare correspondence on behalf of the club, as directed by the board of directors.

He/she shall prepare the agenda for board meetings, and the regular general membership meetings.

He/she or his designee shall represent the club at other events relative to the purposes of the club.

The President shall have the authority to commit not more than \$200 on behalf of the club for any single purpose, without board approval.

**Vice-President:** In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all powers of, and be subject to all restriction upon, the President. The Vice President shall work in concert with the President in carrying out the purpose of the Club.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of board meetings and distribute them prior to the next regular club meeting. Corrections to the minutes may be made by the board at that meeting. The Secretary shall maintain the roster of membership. The secretary or his designee may distribute the monthly newsletter.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the organization and prepare and submit to the board for its approval a monthly financial statement listing revenues and expenses and beginning and ending bank balances. The Treasurer shall hold and maintain the checkbook. Each check drawn on the club account shall be signed by two officers. The Treasurer shall present a report at general membership meetings summarizing revenues and expenses, and ending bank balances. In the event the Treasurer will miss a meeting, he may designate another director to present his report.

Board Member (Director): Directors shall be responsible for tasks or committee assignments as recommended by the President and approved by the board.

*Quorum:* A quorum of the board shall consist of not less than two officers and three additional board members who may or may not be officers. When a quorum is present, the board shall have the full authority to act on behalf of the club on all matters. An officer may participate by phone or proxy if necessary to obtain a quorum.

The Officers and Directors may appoint additional board members or committee chairmen to fulfill functions or duties as needed or required

Committees shall be formed and organized by the President. Committees may be formed for, but not be limited to, the facilitation of such functions as concessions, fund raising and community awareness. Other appointments may be:

Banquet Chairman  
Club Equipment and resources librarian  
Conservation Chairman  
Director Northern California Council of the FFF  
Education/Program Chairman  
Election Committee Chairman  
Fish-outs Chairman  
Flypaper Editor  
Publicity  
Website Administrator  
Trout in the Classroom Coordinator  
Women's Program  
One member may hold more than one position

### **Nominations and Elections**

Elections will be held each year at the October general membership meeting. Elections shall be by secret ballot. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be elected, in that order. Directors will be elected after the officers have been selected. After nominations are received for an office, ballots will be distributed, voted, collected, and tallied, and the results announced. A majority vote of the members present at a meeting must be obtained for a candidate to be elected. Following the elections of officers, candidates for board of directors may be nominated, or volunteer. The slate of directors may be approved by a voice vote.

### **Disbursement of Funds**

The Treasurer shall prepare and distribute checks for supplies, services, donations, special projects, raffle items, and any other expenses approved by the board. The President has authority to commit funds in accordance with the board's approved budget. The board of Directors has authority to approve budgets and expenditures in advance for any committee affairs.

## **Regular Membership Meetings**

The regular meetings of the organization shall be held the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise scheduled in advance by the President. The board of directors shall decide each October at the general membership meeting to confirm the existing meeting day or select a new meeting day.

## **Place of Meetings**

The place of the general membership meetings of the organization shall be determined by the board of directors. The place of the board meetings of the club shall be set by the board of directors.

## **Newsletters**

The club shall distribute a monthly newsletter (known as the Flypaper) each month prior to its general meeting. The newsletter may address: upcoming activities or events; agendas/programs for upcoming general meetings; opportunities for participation in club related activities; club resources; or other topics as relevant. Newsletters will be distributed by email with paper copies to those who request them.

## **Annual Awards**

### *Fly Fisher of the Year*

Each year, at its annual banquet, the club may present an award to the "Club Fly Fisher of the Year". The purpose of the award is to bestow richly deserved honor on the individual for achievement of significant results toward education, habitat restoration, conservation or enhancement of fisheries or fly fishing within the State of Nevada or the Eastern Sierra of California.

The Club Fly Fisher of the Year shall be the person who has contributed most positively to the success of the club and furthered its stated purposes.

The recipient of the award shall be selected by secret ballot of the board of directors, with a unanimous vote required to win. Nominations shall be received from the general membership, shall be written, and shall cite the reasons why the candidate should be selected. The board may consider points made in a nomination letter and any other information brought up at the board's selection meeting. The award will be designated by the board.

### *President's Award*

Each year, at the club's annual banquet, the President may present the President's Award to his/her selected club member who has contributed most to the assistance of the president or the benefit of the club. The award will be selected by the President.

## **Amendments**

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the members by a majority vote of the members present.