

SLTFC Policy, Practices & Procedures Book

INTRODUCTION

The Saltwater Light Tackle Fishing Club is guided by its **By-Laws**. The **SLTFC Policies, Practices & Procedures Book** further define the By-Laws in terms of the policies, practices and procedures used by the Board of Directors in running the day-to-day activities of the club.

The By-Laws can only be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors ***and*** a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the club membership present at a regularly scheduled membership meeting.

On occasion, the Board of Directors may find it necessary to clarify and/or resolve specific issues by adding to, deleting from, or changing the current club policies, practices and/or procedures. The SLTFC Policies, Practices & Procedures Book can be changed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors without the approval/vote of the club membership.

Changes to the SLTFC Policies, Practices & Procedures Book must be reviewed to determine that they do not conflict with the By-Laws.

This document provides a summary of the most recent policies, practices and procedures defined by the SLTFC Board of Directors.

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GENERAL

Coordinating Activities with other Clubs (September 2006)

- The area fishing clubs should make their Special Events/Outings schedule known to the other clubs and invite them to participate. This would be beneficial on events like an Offshore Bottom Fishing Trip on the Captain Stacy where 40+ people were needed to make the trip financially acceptable (one club would not generate enough interest within its membership to reach the 40+ participation goal). The Board accepted the idea and appointed a Club Liaison.
- The SLTFC Tournaments would not be included.

Donations and Charities (September 2009)

The Board of Directors may from time-to-time approve donating to worthy activities from Club funds provided that the donation:

- a) Does not impose a financial burden or risk to the Club.
- b) Is to a not-for profit or government-sponsored activity whose goals are consistent with the Club's established policies and principles.
- c) Will benefit recreational saltwater fishing in our local region.

About the SLTFC Statement (Revised February 2007)

The Saltwater Light Tackle Fishing Club meets the last Tuesday of each month except November and December and is open to anyone who enjoys the thrill of catching fish on light tackle. The club's focus is on inshore and offshore species with a special emphasis on conservation.

The SLTFC is designed to provide a social atmosphere for the exchange of fishing information. We have monthly speakers, club member presentations and club tournaments, all designed to increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the sport. Anyone interested in learning more about tackle, techniques and places to fish is invited to join the Club.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues Schedule (January 2006)

- Mail the bills to the membership before the end of January.
- The dues are due on or before the March Membership Meeting date.
- New membership directories will be available at the April meeting.

New Member - 4Q

- New members will be accepted in the 4Q of the year (Oct/Nov/Dec) and their dues will be applied to the remainder of the current year as well as the following year, making them a club member through the end of the following year.

Annual Membership Survey (January 2006)

- The Secretary will send out a draft of the coming year's survey in November to the Board for comments/suggestions to be considered at the next Board meeting (December). A draft of the survey (incorporating Board member comments) will be reviewed at the December (or early January, as scheduled) Board's organizational meeting.
- The annual survey of member's interests and feed-back on Club activities will be sent out in the January Newsletter.
- Each club member (family members, sponsors, and sponsor family members) can turn in a completed survey form (one survey per member).
- A special raffle will be held at the February meeting for those members who have turned in their surveys. Survey forms will be available at the meeting prior to the raffle.

Sponsors (February 2007)

- Sponsors will be contacted in June and July regarding renewal of their sponsorships.

NEWSLETTER

Timing (January 2005)

- The timing of our monthly Newsletter was discussed. The consensus of the Board is that the Newsletter should be sent as soon as is reasonable following the monthly Board meeting, but not later than the 17th of each month.
- Policy (April 2007)
- Members not having paid by the April Newsletter publication date will be removed from the mailing list.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meals (January 2006)

- Non-members will not be charged extra for the meal unless it becomes a problem.

Meals (February 2009)

- The guest speaker at the monthly membership meeting will receive their meal and beverage free of charge.

Leftover Food (April 2006)

- A suggestion was made to take the leftover food to charitable organizations (Hope Mission). It was decided that because of the "involved logistics" (who will be in charge of transporting the food, containers, overnight refrigeration, packaging, liability concerns, etc...), that the leftovers will continue to be offered to the club members.

Sale of Used Fishing Gear (July 2005)

- Members can bring their used fishing gear to any meeting and announce that they are interested in selling it. Members can also advertise in the club newsletter free of charge.

Raffle Tickets (November 2005)

- A member can buy as many raffle tickets as they want, and therefore be eligible to win as many prizes as they can.

Raffle Prizes (September 2006)

- Raffle winners can pick the prize they want from those available at the time of their drawing, instead of the President pre-designating the prizes to be awarded ahead of time.

Speaker Presentation Time (February 2007)

- It was important to start presentations according to the agenda because some members arrive just in time to hear the speaker (not have a meal). The general opinion of the Board is to leave the stop time in the hands of the President, asking that the interest of the members be considered.

Holiday Gala (2004)

- The price of the Holiday Social meal has traditionally been subsidized to hold the price to members at \$15.
- Invitations are to be sent out in mid-October with Club-addressed stamped return envelopes.

TOURNAMENTS

Red Drum weigh-in exception (Weight vs. Length) (February 2007)

- Determine winners in the Red Drum species category by length instead of the common practice of using weight.
- Discussion:

Red Drum is the only species in the tournament that has both minimum and maximum length requirements. The tournament rules allow Red Drum above the legal maximum slot limit to be weighed-in. Because Red Drum over the maximum limit must be released, and because all scales do not weigh the same, it was decided to use length instead of weight for all Red Drum.

Tough Luck Trophy (November 2006)

- The Club will have a "Tough Luck Trophy". The engraving of plates currently on the plaque will be done at no cost to the club by Carolina Sports (Arendell Street), the original supplier of the plaque. Additional name plates may be added at a cost of approximately \$30 when the existing plates are all used.

Cash Prize Rule Change (June 2005)

- The Board agreed to delete rule 3 from the Tournament entry form which states:
“An angler may win only one cash prize per tournament”.

This means that a member can win a cash prize for every species in which he/she qualifies, but cannot win more than one cash prize for any one species.

Tournament Decisions

- The Tournament Director presents changes to the Tournament (number of tournaments and schedule, rule changes, species changes, etc...) for a majority vote of the board.

Tournament Awards (November 2009)

- Unless otherwise changed by a motion and vote of the Board, the following will be the annual awards for the SLTFC tournament season:
 - “Rookie Angler of the Year” \$50 and an engraved plaque
 - “Lady Angler of the Year” \$50 and an engraved plaque
 - “Angler of the Year” \$200 and an engraved plaque

The plaques will be engraved with the recipient’s name. The plaques will be held for one year and then passed along to the next year’s recipient.

The awards will be given to the club member(s) who through the course of one tournament season accumulates the most points among the “rookie”, “lady” and “angler” categories.

A “rookie” angler is defined as a club member that has never fished in a SLTFC tournament. The “rookie” angler must declare his/her status on a tournament entry form.

All ladies are automatically eligible for the “Lady Angler” award, and if they have never fished in a SLTFC tournament, they can also enter as a “rookie” angler.

A member can win more than one of these awards based on their “entry status” and point accumulation. In other words... a lady that has never fished in a SLTFC tournament and enters as a “rookie angler”, and accumulates more points than any other member, will win “Lady Angler”, “Rookie Angler” as well as the overall “Angler of the Year” award.