MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. All anglers in sympathy with the objects of this corporation shall be eligible for membership upon the approval of the Board of Directors. Termination of any membership at any time shall require the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. The membership will consist of the following classes:

- **A. Active Members:** All members of the same household living at the same address that are 18 years or older. Only individuals of the same household listed on the initial application for membership form or on the annual dues renewal form will be considered active members. Members of the household who are under 18 years of age will be considered junior members if so requested. A member of the household who turns 18 in any given year will be considered an active member in the next following year, if so indicated on the dues renewal form. Life Members are Active Members.
- B. Junior Members: Anglers under the age of eighteen (18) years. A junior member need not reside in the same household as an active member but each junior member must have an active member sponsor.
- C. Inactive Members: Any current member in good standing, who because of illness or adverse financial circumstances, is unable to participate actively in the affairs of the Club, provided such angler makes a written or verbal request to the Board of Directors to be placed in the class of inactive Membership. Final approval of membership status to Inactive Membership shall require a majority vote by the Board of Directors. Inactive status shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors and may be continued or discontinued by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. A Distinguished Member, who requests an Inactive Membership, shall be granted Inactive status without Board of Directors approval.
- **D. Honorary Members:** The Board of Directors may, from time to time, by majority vote elect to Honorary Membership persons possessing the qualifications deemed sufficient to warrant such action. Honorary members shall not be required to pay any fees or dues to this corporation. It is the intent of this membership classification to honor those non-members who over a continuing period of time have given their support to the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club, and/or made significant contributions to the sportfishing community.

The Board of Directors shall review the status of every Honorary Member not less than every two years, and, by majority vote, shall determine if such Honorary Member continues to possess the qualifications as an Honorary Member and, if not, such Honorary Member shall be removed as an Honorary Member.

- E. Distinguished Member: The Board of Directors may each year, by a 66 2/3% majority, elect to the status of Distinguished Member not more than five (5) Active Members who, because of their long standing, dedication and service to the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club, possess the qualifications deemed sufficient to warrant such action. Further qualifications for Distinguished Member status are twenty (20) years of active membership and service at one time as an Officer and/or Director of the club and /or trustee of the Foundation.
- H. Non-Resident Member: This classification of membership shall be available to anglers who reside outside the State of California. A Non-Resident Member shall have all the privileges of the Club, except the right to vote or hold office. The initiation fee and dues for Non-Resident Member shall be 50% of the active member rate.
- I. Life Member: The Board of Directors may each year, by a 66 2/3% majority, elect to the status of Life Member, a Distinguished Member who has accrued 30 years of continuous membership. This is the most prestigious honor that a member may achieve. A Life Member will not be required to pay dues. A Life Member is a de facto Active Member.
- **SECTION 3.** Active Members shall have the privilege of voting and holding office. Only Active Members shall have all rights, title, or interest in the assets of the corporation. Membership and any right arising there from shall be nontransferable, and all rights of a member in the corporation or in its assets shall cease upon death or other termination of membership.

SECTION 4. As a condition precedent to membership, it is necessary for a prospective member to attend at least two of any of the following events prior to being accepted as a member:

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- 1. Regular dinner meetings
- 2. Annual awards event
- 3. Annual Kids' Fishing Trip
- 4. Marine Mentors' Trip 5. Kids' Trout Derby
- 6. Family Picnic

Or any other event the board of directors deems appropriate as a condition set forth in this section.

This qualification shall not apply to "Non-Resident" members applications.

In addition, a prospective member's application shall be signed by at least one active member sponsor(s) who have fished with the prospective member and certify by their signing that the prospective member is an angler in sympathy with the objectives and values of the Club.

A new member will pay no regular dues for the calendar year in which the application is approved by the board of directors. If the board of directors approves a new member's application in the 4th quarter, the new member will not be required to pay dues for the following calendar year. In subsequent years, the new member will be required to pay dues at the then prevailing amount approved by the board of directors. This provision applies to both Active and Non Resident members.

For purposes of the pre-admittance the requirements of an Active Membership as set forth in this Section 4, may be met by any member of the household over 18 years of age

At such time as the Club is in receipt of an application from an applicant that has met all criteria for membership as provided for in this Section 4, such applicant's name shall be circulated to the general membership in the Club's newsletter or by any other means of circulation approved by the Board of Directors. Not less than ten (10) days after such circulation, the application of such applicant shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval or disapproval. The vote of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Members of the Board in attendance at the meeting of the Board of Directors shall be required for approval of such applicant to become a member of the Club.

SECTION 5. If a member's renewal form and dues payment have not been received by December 31 preceding the year of renewal, then the member may, upon board action, be placed on pending status for a period of up to one year and shall not appear in the roster for the following year. Pending status shall mean that for up to one year following the applicable December 31 renewal deadline, the pending member is eligible for reinstatement without any further action upon receipt by the Board of the member's renewal payment and renewal form.

The membership of any person who is a pending member for any consecutive one-year period shall expire at the end of such one-year-period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member who has failed to renew by the December 31 deadline, may not be placed on pending status if at least one board member shall state that he has personal knowledge of that member's intention not to renew membership. In such case that membership shall expire as of December 31 of that calendar year.

ARTICLE V INITIATION FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1. The annual dues for an Active, or Non-Resident Member shall be such amount as shall be determined by the Board of Directors, from time to time, plus taxes provided by law, if any. There shall be

no annual dues for Junior Members of any class. Dues for calendar year 2016 is \$100 per household. **SECTION 2.** In the event a member moves out of a household, the current members of the household and the departing member of the household shall retain their membership until the end of the current

dues year. In the subsequent year after changing households the member shall complete a dues renewal

form for the new household without the need to complete the requirements of Article IV Section 4.