

**BYLAWS OF
THE MAIN LINE FLY TYERS**

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Voted on by Club Body and Accepted October 18, 2006

PREAMBLE

This club shall be known by the name of The Main Line Fly Tyers. It shall be not be affiliated with any other organization.

It's objective shall be to promote the sport of Fly Fishing, and the art of Fly Tying. It shall be composed of those enthusiastic Fly Fisherman who are interested in furthering their knowledge of the sport. The club shall be open to all, regardless of race, creed or color.

SECTION 1 – Membership

Article 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible for membership, a person must have reached their Twelfth birthday and be able to attend regular club functions.

Article 2 – Limitations

No person under 12 years of age shall be considered for membership. Persons under 18 years of age shall be considered junior members. Junior members at no time will comprise more than 25% of the total membership of the club.

Article 3 – Application

Application for membership must be submitted in writing, on an application form secured from the club secretary or treasurer. All applications will be reviewed by the executive committee, and approved by the body at a regular meeting. All applicants must be sponsored by a member in good standing before the executive committee will consider their application.

Article 4 – Guest

To help promote the sport of fly fishing, the art of fly tying and expand the club membership guest(s) are pemitted to attend one general meeting during the meeting year. There is no charge for a guest visit. Guest(s) will be required to sign in and identify themselves with the treasurer and/or secretary of the club.

Attendance of the regular monthly meeting by anyone with guest status shall be allowed only once during the course of a year . A guest who wishes to attend more than one meeting will be asked to pay any and all fees of regular membership as

defined in section 3 of these Bylaws. A guest shall have no voice in the business of this club and no vote on any matter.

There will be no guest(s) allowed on meeting nights which are deemed “Special Meetings” by the planning committee. All special meetings will be open to the general public for an admission charge. This charge will be set by the planning committee.

Article 5 – Expulsion

The following interactions of club rules shall be considered sufficient reason for Expulsion

1. Failure in payment of dues.
2. Failure to participate in any activity made mandatory by the body.
3. Failure to pay just debts incurred by the club for an individual member or group of members.
4. Failure to uphold all sections and articles contained in these Bylaws.
5. Failure to abide by the laws and regulations of any state Fish and Game Commission.

Expulsion procedures will be started by the Executive Committee which will bring a recommendation before the body. The body shall have final say in expulsion proceedings pertaining to items 2, 3, 4 and 5 above. Failure to pay dues will be considered automatic expulsion.

Any member knowing sufficient reason for expulsion of another shall submit in writing to the secretary all pertinent data.

Article 6 – Reinstatement

Any member expelled from The Main Line Fly Tyers will be considered for reinstatement if the ex-member submits in writing a request for reinstatement. This request will be forwarded to the Executive Committee, which will return to the body with a recommendation. The body will have final say in all cases of reinstatement. If the body grants a request for reinstatement, the membership will not be considered in good standing until all fees and dues referred to under section 3 are complied.

Article 7 – Privileges of a Member

Any member in good standings will be entitled to participate in any and all club activities. He will be entitled to solicit the support of the club in any and all activities consistent with the purpose of the club. He will be entitled to vote on any and all motions and resolutions brought before the body and in all elections held by the club.

Article 8 – Duties of a Member

It is the duty of a member to support his club in any and all activities which he is able and carried by the majority. The time, place and date for all meetings shall be determined by the body. The first meeting shall be called by the Planning Committee under the direction of the body.

SECTION 2 – Finances

Article 1 – Burden

All expenses incurred by The Main Line Fly Tyers shall be borne by the entire membership. The fiscal year of this club shall run from July 1 to June 30. The club treasurer shall close and balance the financial records after the last meeting in June.

Article 2 – Disbursements

Dues shall be set by the body after hearing budget proposals and recommendations by the Executive Committee. The amount of dues will be recorded in the Bylaws after approval of the membership. Dues shall be paid annually by all members before October 31 of the current club year. Any member suffering expulsion under section 1, article 2 will be asked to pay a \$5.00 reinstatement fee.

A family membership is available which includes junior age children and spouses. The annual dues for a family membership will be set at 20% above the normal yearly membership dues. All junior members and the spouses of any member in good standing be considered full members but without voting privileges.

Junior members of non-members shall pay half of all fees and dues.

Dues have been set by quorum vote of the club body at the regular meeting of March 1998 at \$50 per annum.

Payment of dues shall be according to the following schedule:

Month	Percent of Annual Dues to be Paid	Example: Based on \$50/yr
Sep	100	50
Oct	100	50
Nov	100	50
Dec	100	50
Jan	100	50
Feb	100	50
Mar	50	25
Apr	50	25
May	50	25

Jun	0	0
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Article 4 – General Fund

The Executive Committee of the Main Line Fly Tyers are authorized to open a checking account as a general fund. All money collected by the club shall be held in this account until disbursed by the body according to article 2 of this section.

SECTION 3 – Officers

Article 1 – Designation

This club shall have four permanent duly elected officers (see section 4 article 3) Namely – President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be called the Executive Committee.

Article 2 – Nominations

Nominations shall take place from the floor at the February and March regular club meetings. Nominations will not be valid unless the body is made aware of the time, place, and date. The news letter preceding nominations will announce that nominations will take place at the next meeting

Article 3 – Elections

Elections will be by secret ballot at the April meeting of the second year of the elected officers term. The winners will be determined by the majority vote of all members present at the election meeting. The term of officers shall be two years. The new officers will take office at the September meeting of the following meeting year.

Article 4 – Appointments

In the event an officer being unable to continue his or her duties, the Executive Committee shall appoint an interim officer to continue until the next election.

Article 5 – Duties of the President

It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings of the club. He shall appoint all members of all committees without debate. The president shall have no vote in any matter except in the event of a tie. Then his vote shall be the deciding vote on the issue. The president shall be responsible to the members for the results of all committees and all other officers. He shall by virtue of his office be the chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall by virtue of his office sign all and any legal documents, in the name of The Main Line Fly Tyers.

The president shall maintain the club's guest speaker contact list and records. He shall be responsible to 'turn-over' the contact list and records to the new president at the first executive meeting of new officers after an election. The 'turn-over' transaction will be witnessed and acknowledged in writing by at least one out-going officer and one new in-coming officer not including the outgoing and incoming presidents.

Article 6 – Duties of the Vice President

The vice president shall assist the president in any and all matters. He shall conduct the business of the club in the absence of the president and shall succeed the president in the event the president can no longer function in the club. The vice president shall by virtue of his office be the chairman of the planning committee and cosigner of all documents requiring a second signature.

Article 7 – Duties of the Treasurer

The treasurer shall keep an account of each member indebtedness. He shall collect all dues and money due to the club and shall deposit it in the general fund. He shall report all expenditures and income to the body at every monthly meeting. He shall by virtue of his office sign all checks and pay all debts approved by the body and shall inform the president and secretary of all members behind in their financial duties to the club so proper action can be taken. He shall handle the processing of all applications for membership, maintain a current membership list and process expulsion of members for non-payment of dues.

The treasurer shall be responsible to 'turn-over' the club's financial and membership records to the new treasurer at the first executive meeting of new officers after an election. The 'turn-over' transaction will be witnessed and acknowledged in writing by at least one out-going officer and one new in-coming officer not including the outgoing and incoming treasurers.

Article 8 – Duties of the Recording Secretary

The recording secretary shall keep minutes of all planning meetings and record and provide to the Newsletter Secretary a summary of the general meetings for publication in the monthly newsletter. He shall receive all correspondence and direct it to its proper channels and be responsible for mailing club information pertaining to general meetings and special events for advertising publication.

Article 9 – Duties of the Newsletter Secretary

The Newsletter Secretary shall be responsible to publish a monthly newsletter and distribute either electronically or by mail to the club membership. He shall be responsible for the mailing of the regular club newsletter. In collaboration and cooperation with the club treasurer, the Newsletter Secretary shall keep a complete

and accurate record of names and addresses of all members and make this list available to any member requesting it

Article 10 – Dual Officer Role

The office of Recording Secretary and Newsletter Secretary are the only elected office roles permitted to be held by one person concurrently.

SECTION 4 – Committees

Article 1 – Definition

A committee shall be formed of members in good standing, appointed by the president and/or designated by the Executive Committee, with specific tasks to perform. The Executive Committee shall be permanent and as many temporary committees as the body sees necessary.

Article 2 – Names and Functions

A. Executive Committee

It shall be the function of Executive Committee to conduct the necessary business of the club when it is unfeasible to determine the action by majority vote of the body. The executive committee shall have access to a \$20.00 petty cash fund that they may spend as necessary. This committee shall perform all other functions designated “Executive Committee” in the Bylaws.

It shall be the function of the Executive Committee to arrange all activities of the club and to present a yearly calendar of events to the membership as soon as it is possible to arrange a seasons meeting. This committee shall process all recommendations for activities before they will be brought open on the floor for debate. The planning committee shall perform all other tasks designated in the bylaws.

B. Library Committee

It shall be the duties of the library committee to keep records of the whereabouts and conditions of all club owned books and to inform the treasurer of all fines levied on a member for the abuse of a book. The library committee shall keep the body informed of worthwhile books they find and shall recommend the purchase of new books as they see necessary.

C. Refreshment Committee

It is the duty of this committee to provide refreshments at all meetings and club functions. The chairman of this committee will be reimbursed all expenses at the monthly meeting after presenting proper receipts to the treasurer.

Article 3 – Meeting of Committee

The time, place and specific purpose of any committee meeting shall be determined by the chairman of that committee.

Article 4 – Report of Committee

The chairman of any committee shall report to the president and the body upon request of the president.

Article 5 – Resignation

Any member of a committee wishing to resign shall inform the chairman of his committee who will then inform the president of a vacancy in his committee.

Any procedure not covered in these Bylaws, revert to Roberts Rules of Order.

A quorum count shall be 10 members