

Constitution of “Marquis Anglers Club”

Article I ---- Name

The name of this organization shall be “Marquis Anglers Club”.

Article II --- Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to explore various methods of fishing near campus and to participate in waterway conservation efforts, and our primary objectives are to develop/improve our fishing skills, understand when to apply these skills, and do all of this while respecting natural resources.

Article III ---- Membership

Membership is open to all Lafayette students, regardless of fishing experience. We not only aim to engage in fishing related activities, but to teach each other along the way. Members will be required to register for the Marquis Anglers through DoSportsEasy.

Article IV ---- Officers

The officers of this organization shall be “Club officers, usually president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Voting in to be done each year, except for the founding year, during the midway point of the spring semester. During the founding year, treasurer and secretary position is to be awarded on first come first serve basis. Member must be an upperclassman with at least one year of prior membership to be eligible for president or vice president position.

- A) **If a Lafayette College staff member, faculty member, coach or instructor is interested, they are welcome to join the club. However, they will not be eligible to vote in the event of an impeachment or election.**
- B) **In order for an officer to be impeached, ¾ of the total members must vote to impeach.**

- C) **Vice President will serve as primary safety officer, President will also serve as Program Chair.**

Article V---Elections

- 1) Elections shall be held annually by members of the club on the first Wednesday of April each year. Officers will be decided by a majority vote.
- 2) The term of office shall start on the Monday following the election. This will provide a window for current officers to transfer responsibilities to new officers.

Article VI ---- Meetings

This organization shall meet every other week for at least 5 meetings each semester, excluding trips. Executive only meetings may occur to discuss conflicts of interest, the structure of the club moving forward, etc.

Article VII ---- Procedure

The meetings of this organization shall be conducted according to parliamentary law as defined in *Roberts’ Rules of Order*.

Article VIII --- Amendments

This constitution may be amended by 2/3 total member vote OR unanimous executive vote.

Article IX --- Risk Management

Section I: Injuries- In order to mitigate risk of personal injury, it is essential that all members demonstrate basic knowledge of water hazards as well as standard fishing procedure before interacting with bodies of water where fishing will take place. Members must demonstrate how to properly operate fishing equipment, mind their surroundings when casting, as well as demonstrating the safe use of waders if necessary.

Section II: Finances- Before any money is spent, resources must be properly allocated to allow for a surplus. Members are encouraged to use personal fishing equipment if on hand, and funding is to be used solely for club equipment and/or excursions. This may include fishing rods, reels, line, hooks, etc.

Section III: Hazing- Hazing is not to be tolerated under any circumstances. Anyone involved in hazing will be subject to sanctioning through the school's conduct process.

Ethan Riehl

Print Co-Founder Name

Ethan Riehl

Signature of Co-Founder (President)

Max Hook

Print 2nd Co-Founder Name

Max Hook

Signature of 2nd Co-Founder (Vice President)