

## River City Bass Club (RCBC)

### Constitution and By-laws

#### ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSE

##### SECTION 1: NAME:

This chapter shall be River City Bass of Omaha, Nebraska; nickname is River City Bass Club (RCBC).

##### SECTION 2: PURPOSE:

Improve our skills as bass anglers through fellowship and a friendly exchange of expert bass catching techniques and ideas. Promote full adherence to all conservation codes and demand adequate water standards and legal enforcement of existing regulatory standards. Detect and report any environmental pollution and call public attention to the crime. Extend our moral and political support to our state conservation department

#### ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP

##### SECTION 1: NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

The club's membership shall not exceed twenty-eight members.

##### SECTION 2: REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP:

RCBC must maintain federation minimum requirements for B.A.S.S. membership, and submit a membership roster to B.A.S.S. headquarters as required.

A prospective member must:

- (a) express a genuine interest in membership.
- (b) be at least 19 years of age.
- (c) be voted on by membership. Vote shall be by secret ballot and affirmation must be at least three-fourths confirmation.
- ~~(d) payment of an initiation fee of \$45.00 (this fee is currently waived as of 2006).~~
- ~~(e) full membership shall then be awarded and membership credentials presented. (deleted 2018)~~

##### SECTION 3: FISCAL YEAR

The RCBC's fiscal year shall run from 1 October to 30 September.

##### SECTION 4: MEMBERSHIP DUES:

The membership [full] dues shall be ~~\$150.00~~ annually; ~~\$80.00 (updated 2018)~~ of the dues shall be payable by the October meeting. The balance of \$70.00 (\$80, if entering into the annual big bass pot) is due by the April meeting of the fiscal year.

College Students: Reduced dues structure ~~to be determined by officers~~ for College Anglers who are full time students at an accredited institution. ~~\$95~~ flat rate for college students that sign up as a non-boater. College students that sign up as a boater must pay full price ~~(updated 2018)~~

*Dual Club Members: No more than four (4) people can be members of RCBC and another BASS NATION club at any one time. RCBC membership dues for those who pay B.A.S.S. (National) dues with another BASS NATION club shall have dues reduced by the amount of the B.A.S.S. (National) dues. These members will have full rights within RCBC (added 2017)*

*Associate Membership: A member who has been a FULL DUES paying member for the previous four (4) years. An associate member does not compete for points to determine position on the first state team but does compete for chevrons and trophies like a regular member.*

*An associate member shall not be designated as a boater unless needed to balance a draw. An associate member may compete for daily and seasonal big bass awards if fees are paid accordingly. An associate member may participate in the State Tournament but shall be responsible for his own entry and expenses unless the club elects to provide some support by majority. The four (4) year requirement may be waived if circumstances dictate and approved by majority. Dues for the associate member shall be decided by the elected officers (added 2017)*

If a member renews or a prospective new member joins by July 31 or sooner, the full annual dues amount must be paid. If a prospective member joins after July 31, the dues owed will be **\$95.00 (2018)**. The new member would be eligible to participate in the optional big bass pool in either case.

### **ARTICLE 3: FUND RAISING PROJECTS**

#### **SECTION 1: DISPOSITION OF EARNINGS:**

All realized profits from club fund raising projects will be funneled into the club's general treasury.

#### **SECTION 2: GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENT FROM THE CLUB'S GENERAL TREASURY: *Required ( R ); Optional ( O ) (added 2018)***

In order of priority (not allowing the general funds to go below \$800):

( R ) normal operating expenses associated with running the club according to B.A.S.S. guidelines

( R ) expenses associated with fund raising projects

( R ) payment of entry for *Team 1* at the state tournament to represent the club (updated 2017)

( R ) entry fee for the club's representative in the Mr. Bass tournament

( R ) payment of ½ travel gas expenses to "odd man" during any club tournament (added 2017)

( O ) two or more nights lodging for *Team 1* at state tournament (updated 2017)

( O ) chevrons and plaques for annual award winners (added 2018)

( O ) any other payments for club-related events. This must be approved by 2/3 vote by those in attendance when the issue is raised (added 2017)

## **ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES**

### **SECTION 1: OFFICERS OF RCBC**

Shall consist of:

- (a) President:
  - preside over all meetings and direct all official business.
  - appoint and direct all committee functions.
  - supervise all club functions.
- (b) Vice President:
  - act as program chairman.
  - assist the president in his duties and preside in his absence.
- (c) Secretary
  - maintain accurate minutes of all meetings.
- (d) Treasurer:
  - maintain accurate financial records and report those records at each meeting.
- (d) Tournament Directors:
  - conducts all club tournament drawings (or designated officers conduct when a TD is not at a meeting when a draw is taking place)*
  - sets tournament launch and weigh-in times*
  - finalizes tournament weigh-in standings and points, including big bass winner*
  - acquires permits for tournament lakes when needed*
  - insures all club tournaments are run according to tournament rules and regulations*
  - responsible for tournament time adjustments or cancelations due to inclement weather*
  - participates with/in the Lake Selection Committee*
  - responsible for tournament discrepancy resolution or escalates to President or Vice President, as needed (updated 2017)*
- (e) Federation Director:
  - maintain regular liaison with Nebraska B.A.S.S. Federation and report on quarterly federation meetings.

### **SECTION 2: ELECTIONS:**

The election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting, during the month of October. Election shall be by simple majority of the members present. Election for each office shall be held separately in the order listed in Article Four, Section One.

### **SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY OF VOTE:**

Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not valid.

#### **SECTION 4: TERM OF OFFICE:**

The term of office is one year, which begins November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **SECTION 5: VACANCIES:**

In the event of office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

#### **SECTION 6: ELIGIBILITY FOR HOLDING OFFICE:**

To be eligible for an office a member must:

- (a) have been a member for six months.
- (b) have attended at least two-thirds of the club functions and meetings.
- (c) have shown an active interest in all club functions.

### **ARTICLE 5: METHOD OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION**

#### **SECTION 1: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:**

The proposed constitution changes must be submitted to the club officers before the December meeting is called to order. Once the meeting begins, no additional By-law changes will be entertained. Any By-law changes must be approved by two thirds of the members present.

### **ARTICLE 6: REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 1: REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP:**

A member shall be dropped from the membership role for any of the following:

- (a) failure to pay dues by the due dates as set forth in this constitution, October and April.
- (b) any action, which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on this club.
- (c) failure to attend fifty percent of the club meetings or fifty percent of the club functions during a six-month period, if brought before the club.
- (d) reinstatement of a discharged member shall require at least three-fourths vote of the membership.

All changes to the by-laws will be noted in italics, followed by the year changed, and will be carried as such for two years, for informational purpose.