

**2007 RIVER CITY BASS  
CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1: NAME:

THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE RIVER CITY BASS OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

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 TO OUR STATE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT OUR MORAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

THE CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY (FULL) MEMBERS.

SECTION 2: REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- (A) VOLUNTARILY EXPRESS A GENUINE INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP.
- (B) BE REQUIRED TO FISH TWO (2) CLUB TOURNAMENTS.
- (C) AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE.
- (D) BE VOTED ON BY MEMBERSHIP. VOTE SHALL BE BY SECRET BALLOT AND AFFIRMATION MUST BE AT LEAST THREE-FOURTHS CONFIRMATION.
- (E) PAYMENT OF AN INITIATION FEE OF \$45.00 (this fee is currently waived as of 2006).
- (F) FULL MEMBERSHIP SHALL THEN BE AWARDED AND MEMBERSHIP CREDENTIALS PRESENTED.
- (G) AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP:

ANNUAL DUES FOR THE AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP IS \$50.00. THE AFFILIATE MEMBER WILL RECEIVE A \$10.00 REBATE IF BOTH (2) FEDERATION RAFFLE TICKETS ARE SOLD. THIS TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE TO ANY FORMER MEMBER WHO WAS A DUES PAYING MEMBER FOR A FULL FOUR (4) YEARS PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP. THIS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES BASS MEMBERSHIP INSURANCE. THE AFFILIATE MAY PARTICIPATE IN ANY CLUB TOURNAMENT HOWEVER THEIR NAME SHALL BE DRAWN AFTER ALL REGULAR MEMBERS. THE AFFILIATE WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY MONETARY DISTRIBUTION FOR OVERNIGHT TOURNAMENTS. AFFILIATES COULD BE INVITED TO FISH ON THE STATE TEAM IF REGULAR MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT FILL THE TEAM. AFFILIATES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO EARN TOURNAMENT POINTS, CHEVRONS OR TO VOTE. ANY CLUB MEMBER WISHING TO PARTICIPATE AS AN AFFILIATE MUST DECLARE THEIR INTENT TO DO SO BY THE FIRST CLUB TOURNAMENT AND SUCH DECLARATION IS BINDING AND CANNOT BE CHANGED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP DUES:

THE MEMBERSHIP DUES SHALL BE \$100.00 ANNUALLY. \$50.00 OF THE DUES SHALL BE PAYABLE BY THE DECEMBER MEETING. THE BALANCE OF \$50.00 IS DUE BY THE APRIL MEETING OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

ARTICLE 3: FUND RAISING PROJECTS

SECTION 1: DISPOSITION OF EARNINGS:

ALL REALIZED PROFITS FROM CLUB FUND RAISING PROJECTS SHOULD BE FUNNELED INTO THE CLUB'S GENERAL TREASURY.

SECTION 2: GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENT FROM THE CLUB'S GENERAL TREASURY, IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

- (1.) NORMAL OPERATING EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH RUNNING THE CLUB ACCORDING TO B.A.S.S. GUIDELINES
- (2.) EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH FUND RAISING PROJECTS
- (3.) PAYMENT OF ENTRY FOR A TEAM AT THE STATE TOURNAMENT TO REPRESENT THE CLUB
- (4.) TWO NIGHTS LODGING FOR THE TEAM AT STATE TOURNAMENT
- (5.) ENTRY FEE FOR THE CLUB'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE MR. BASS TOURNAMENT
- (6.) REIMBURSE EACH MEMBER UP TO \$15.00 PER MEMBER FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE CLUB'S ANNUAL BANQUET
- (7.) REMAINDER OF CLUB'S FUNDS (AFTER \$200.00 SET ASIDE FOR ONGOING OPERATIONS) SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY AMONG THE FULL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET, NOT TO EXCEED \$75.00 PER HEAD.
- (8.) THE DISPOSITION OF ALL CASH AWARDS FROM THE CLUB GENERAL FUND SHALL BE MADE AT THE ANNUAL CLUB BANQUET.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES

SECTION 1: OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER 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-TREASURER:
  - MAINTAIN ACCURATE MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS.
  - MAINTAIN ACCURATE FINANCIAL RECORDS AND REPORT THOSE RECORDS AT EACH MEETING.
- (D) TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:
  - PRESIDE OVER ALL CLUB TOURNAMENT DRAWINGS AND TOURNAMENTS.
- (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 NOVEMBER. 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 JANUARY 1ST.

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) HAS 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 NOVEMBER MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER. ONCE THE MEETING BEGINS, NO ADDITIONAL BY-LAW CHANGES WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

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, DECEMBER 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.

RIVER CITY BASS MUST MAINTAIN FEDERATION MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR B.A.S.S. MEMBERSHIP, AND SUBMIT A MEMBERSHIP ROSTER TO B.A.S.S. HEADQUARTERS AS REQUIRED.

*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.*