**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 perspective 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) Be an active member of B.A.S.S. (2023)*

**SECTION 3: FISCAL YEAR**

The RCBC’s fiscal year shall run from 1 November to 31 October (2022).

**SECTION 4: MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

The membership [full] dues shall be $155.00 annually; $80.00 of the

dues shall be payable by the October meeting (2022). The balance of $75.00 ($85, if entering into the annual big bass pot) is due by the first tournament draw of the fiscal year. The optional $10.00 annual big bass fee (see tournament rule #15) may be included raising the annual dues to $165.00.

(*A $5 increase was approved for the 2022 and 2023 seasons*).

College Students: Reduced dues structure for College Anglers who are full time students at an accredited institution. A flat rate of $95 for college students that sign up as a non-boater.

College students that sign up as a boater must pay full price.

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.

If a member renews or a perspective 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. The new member would be eligible to participate in

the optional big bass pool in either case.

A new club member, who only plans on fishing as a co-angler, may receive a “trial membership” for ½ of the annual dues. This trial membership is only good for one year. *(2021)*

**ARTICLE 3: FUND RAISING PROJECTS**

**SECTION 1: DISPOSITION OF EARNINGS:**

All realized profits from club fund raising projects will be deposited into the club's general

treasury.

**SECTION 2: GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENT FROM THE CLUB’S GENERAL TREASURY:**

**Required ( R ) / Optional ( O )**

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

( O ) payment of entry for Team 1 at the state tournament to represent the club unless club’s bank account falls to below $800.

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

( R ) payment of 1⁄2 travel gas expenses to “odd man” during any club tournament.

( O ) two or more nights lodging for Team 1 at state tournament.

( O ) chevrons and plaques for annual award winners.

( 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.

*( O ) B.A.S.S. National Championship stipend. To offset travel expenses for member(s) qualifying for the national championship. An amount not less than $300, but not to exceed the award granted by the State Federation. The actual dollar amount to be approved (by a simple majority) prior to the event. (2023)*

**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.

-serves as second alternate financier to the treasurer.

**(b) Vice President:**

-act as program chairman.

-assist the president in their duties and preside in their absence.

-serves as first alternate financier to the treasurer.

-serves as the first alternate to the secretary.

**(c) Secretary**

-maintain accurate minutes of all meetings.

**(d) Treasurer:**

-serves as primary financier of the club.

-maintain accurate financial records and report those records at each

meeting.

-arranges financial coverage of duties when absent.

**(e) 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.

-ensures 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 (as needed) to

President or Vice President.

**(f) Federation Director:**

-maintains 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 *bi-annually, beginning in calendar year 2022 for fiscal year 2023, (2023)* at a regular meeting, during the month of **November (2023)**. Elections 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. *In order to cast a vote for the upcoming year, membership dues (or at least 50%) must be paid in advance of the November meeting. (2023)*

**SECTION 4: TERM OF OFFICE:**

The term of office is **2 years**, which begins November 1st, 2022. (2022)

**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. (2023)*

(b) any action, which would reflect dishonor and disgrace upon this club. *In addition, any verbal disrespect towards a member or members of the club. The infractions(s) will be discussed and handled by the club officers then presented to all members.*

*- 1st offense: documented warning from the club officers.*

*- 2nd offense: suspension from the next four club tournaments and disqualification from the next Nebraska B.A.S.S state tournament.*

*- 3rd offense: expulsion from the club. (2023)*

(c) failure to attend fifty percent of the club meetings or fifty percent of the club

functions during a six-month period, employment responsibility excluded, 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.