

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF CENTENNIAL BASS CLUB OF NORTHERN COLORADO

DATE: 15, February 2021

## ARTICLE I

### Name and Purpose

#### Section 1: Name

This chapter shall be called Centennial Bass Club of Northern Colorado.

#### Section 2: Purpose

To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as major sport. To offer our State conservation department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards. To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to his crime. To improve our skill as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert bass catching techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage youth fishing, and a love to this great recreation. To function as a dynamic and effective link with other chapters of the Colorado Bass Federation embracing the principles and purposes of Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (TM).

## ARTICLE II

### Membership

#### Section 1: Number of Members

The chapter shall begin with and maintain at least six chapter members (family membership excluded). During the chapter's first six months of existence, total general membership shall not exceed 25 members. After six

months, this number may be altered by amendment.

## Section 2: Requirements for Membership

To become a chapter member, a person shall:

- (a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- (b) The prospective member must be a member of B.A.S.S and have a valid B.A.S.S. Membership number
- (c) Be approved by a majority of members present at a regular monthly meeting.
- (d) Full membership shall then be awarded and membership credentials presented.
- (e) Must be 16 years of age.

## Section 3: Membership dues

- (a) The membership dues shall be established annually.
- (b) CBC dues will be in line with BASS dues
- (c) Each member must keep their personal BASS Membership updated
- (d) Each of the 11 current Board of Director's annual Club Dues are to be reimbursed, for the current year dues that were paid, no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>, provided they are still a Board Member in good standing.

## Article III.

### Officers, Elections, Vacancies, and Eligibility

#### Section 1: Officers and their duties

The officers of the chapter and their duties shall be:

- (a) President: Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and direct all committee functions. Supervise all club functions.
- (b) Vice President: Assist the president in his duties and preside in the absence of the president.

(c) Secretary: Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings as called for by the chapter president. Establish an annual Bylaw committee of at least 5 volunteers. If there are not 5 volunteers the Secretary will appoint the committee

(d) Treasurer: Collect and disburse all monies. Maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at each regular meeting. Prepare an annual audit for review by the Chapter Board of Directors. The treasurer and any other chapter officer handling chapter funds may be asked to be bonded at any time. . Maintain regular liaison between the chapter and the Bass Angler Sportsman Society and the Colorado B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation.

(e) Tournament Director: Shall be responsible for all mini-tournaments and all day tournaments in regards to all points, starting times, legal limits, boat insurance, disqualifications, and any other questions or problems that may arise at a tournament. Said Tournament Director will appoint two assistants to help with all tournaments. Tournament Director is responsible for getting all permits and insurance for each tournament so that all tournaments' comply with BASS and local laws.

(f) Team Tournament Director: Shall be responsible for all mini-tournaments and all day tournaments in regards to all points, starting times, legal limits, boat insurance, disqualifications, and any other questions or problems that may arise at a Team Tournament. Said Team Tournament Director will appoint two assistants to help with all tournaments. Team Tournament Director is responsible for getting all permits and insurance for each tournament so that all tournaments' comply with BASS and local laws. Team Director is also responsible for care and maintenance of the scales and proper storage.

(g) Activities Director: Will provide all raffle prizes, films, guest

speakers, and fishing demonstrations.

(h) Youth Director: Coordinate all club youth functions including but not limited to Bass Masters Casting Kids, C.A.S.T. Junior bass club, etc.

(i) Conservation Director: Promote Club conservation projects. Be the Club spokesperson with Local and State agencies.

(j) Chief Financial Officer ( CFO ): The CFO is responsible for the Finance Committee. CFO will preside over all Finance Committee meetings. The CFO will work in conjunction with the Club Treasurer to have a yearly State of the Club financial review and have proposals on how to manage and monitor finances. The CFO will also work with the Treasurer to recommend investment opportunities for the Club. The CFO will fill in for the Treasurer in their absence. If the Treasurer position they will act as temporary Treasurer until the next election. The CFO will be the Chairperson for the Finance Committee. The CFO and any other chapter officer handling chapter funds may be asked to be bonded at any time.

## Section 2. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will consist of no more than four members including the Chairman ( CFO ) and three other members he appoints.

a) Chairman will call all meetings of the Finance Committee and preside at such meetings.

b) The Finance committee will review all requests for expenditures in Excess of \$175.00 which have been discussed and brought up at any regular monthly meetings.

c) The Finance Committee may approve emergency spending in excess of \$175.00 with the majority vote of members.

d) The Finance committee will consider only those matters that are Pertinent to our Club mission statement when directing Club monies.

e) Findings by the Finance Committee Shall be presented to the club members at the next regularly scheduled business meeting.

### Section 3: Elections

The election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of December. Elections shall be by simple majority of members present. Election for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in Article III, Section 1.

### Section 4: Eligibility of Vote

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

### Section 5: Term of Office

The term of office for President and Vice-president is One year with the Vice-President succeeding the President. All other officers shall have terms of one year, which will begin on January 1 and end on the last meeting day of December or until the successor assumes office. Original slate of officers shall serve until the last meeting day of the following December.

### Section 6: Vacancies

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked and an election held to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office. National B.A.S.S. headquarters should be notified immediately of the change in any officers.

### Section 7: Eligibility for Holding Office

To be eligible for an office, the nominated individual must:

- (a) Have been a member for 6 months.
- (b) Have shown an active interest in chapter functions.

## Article IV

### Steering Committee

All steering committees will serve for one year or until a new committee is

appointed. The terms of the committee members will coincide with that of the President.

(a) Board of Directors: The board of directors will consist of no more than 11 members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Tournament Director, Team Tournament Director, Chief Financial Officer, Activities Director, Youth Director and Conservation Director.

(1) President will call all meetings of the Board of Directors and preside at such meetings.

(2) The secretary shall record the minutes of these meetings.

(3) The board will decide all protests and rule on all violations of the tournament rules and bylaws of the chapter when appropriately received.

(4) Develop an agenda for the monthly meetings.

## Article V

### Removal of Membership

#### Section 1: Removal of Membership

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

(a) Failure to pay dues.

(b) Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on this chapter

(c) Issues regarding removal of Membership will be brought to the Steering Committee for research and investigation. All parties directly involved will have the right to be part of the proceedings. The Steering Committee will make a ruling on the issue, per Article IV, Section (a), Sub section 3. The Steering Committee ruling will be final.

## Article VI

### Affiliation

#### Section 1: Requirements for Affiliation

- (a) Approval of chapter charter by B.A.S.S.
- (b) Update B.A.S.S. with chapter membership roster once each year, immediately following the election of chapter Officers and Directors.
- (c) Names and Addresses of new members joining the chapter during the year must be submitted to B.A.S.S. as they occur. The necessary forms are included in the B.A.S.S chapter handbook.
- (d) Maintain 100% B.A.S.S. membership.
- (e) Support state federation conservation and youth progress. Any additional requirements that the state federation establishes for chapters, such as membership dues, attendance at meetings etc, would be necessary in order for the chapter to participate in the state federation qualifying tournaments, and any other federation sponsored tournaments or events.

## Article VII.

### Methods of Amending the Constitution

#### Section 1. Amending the Constitution and Bylaws

The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present.

## Article VIII

### Finances

## Section 1: Distribution of Funds from Full Moon Open Fund Raiser

- a) Net proceeds ( after all expenses: Permits, Tournament Payout and any other expense relative to the production and purpose of holding the fund raiser tournament ) shall be divided as so
  - 1) 50% of proceeds shall be assigned to the Centennial Bass Club of Northern Colorado General Fund for the purpose of paying Club expenditures which may include: Licenses, Permit Fees, Room Rentals, Annual Awards and/or expenditures deemed by the Finance Committee as needing to be expensed out of the General Fund, which may or may not need a vote from the Membership at a planned Business Meeting.
  - 2) 30% of proceeds shall be assigned to Club Tournament payouts, divided as so:
    - CBC Club Classic – 15%
    - CBC Individual Weekend Tournaments – 10%
    - CBC Team Championship – 5%
  - 3) 20% of proceeds shall be assigned for Charity, Conservation and Youth
    - Historical Charities: ALS and Three Food Banks: Dependent on the amount of the distribution, the sum of \$100 per Charity will be donated on the date of Colorado Gives Day. Should the distribution amount not be sufficient for stated amount, it will be decided by Finance Committee suggestion and brought forth at a general business meeting for the membership to approve a valid amount for that year's donation.
    - Conservation: All projects will be approved by the Membership at a general business meeting by majority vote.
    - Youth: Disbursements will be approved by the Membership at a general business meeting by majority vote
- b) Other Funds collected by Club
  - 1) All Club Dues will be deposited into the General Fund. These funds are used to pay for Membership dues to B.A.S.S. ( State and Nation )
  - 2) Any "Cut" from Tournament Fees will be deposited into the General Fund to be dispersed as needed for Operational Expenditures
- c) By-Law Addition No. 1 Article III Sub Section I: Treasurer will be able to disburse monies up to \$175/month without prior membership approval. Any amount over \$175 must be approved by general membership vote. (Examples of disbursement are raffle prizes, trophies, and club activities.)

## Section 2: Dissolution of Funds

Upon the dissolution of the Centennial Bass Club, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding



section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes

## Amendments

Amendment No. 1 Article I Section 2:

This chapter will actively participate in the BASS Colorado State Federation.

Amendment No. 2 Article II Section 1:

A complete membership roster shall be submitted to B.A.S.S. Chapter department each year.

Amendment No. 3 Article I Section 1:

This chapter shall be called Centennial Bass Club of Northern Colorado.

Amendment No. 4 Article I Section 2:

Centennial Bass will no longer be affiliated with U.S. Bass.

Amendment No. 5 Article II Section 1:

Stricken from Record

Amendment No 6 Article II Section 1:

If an honorary member is voted in, their membership will not include voting rights

Amendment No 7 Article II Section 2:

Any perspective member under age 18 must be signed in by parent or guardian.

Amendment No. 8 Article II Section 2:

For a member to remain active in Centennial Bass they should participate in a majority of the club functions. These functions include all day tournaments, mini-tournaments, regularly scheduled club meetings, and youth activities.

Amendment No 9 Article III Section I:

Elected club officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary,  
Treasurer, Tournament Director, Team Tournament Director, Activity Director, Youth Director and  
Conservation Director

By-Law Addition No. 1 Article III Section I:

Treasurer will be able to disburse monies up to \$175/month without prior  
membership approval. Any amount over \$175 must be approved by general  
membership vote. (Examples of disbursement are raffle prizes, trophies, and  
club activities.)

Amendment No. 10 Article III Section 3: Stricken

Amendment No. 11 Article V Section 1:

Stricken

Amendment No. 12 Article II Section 3:

Stricken

Amendment No. 13 Article II section 1: There is no limit on how many members may join Centennial  
Bass Club

We, the elected officers, do hereby agree to the above bylaws and

Amendments on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

Donny Steckline, President

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Chris Hamilton, Vice-President

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Josh Villa, Secretary

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Nate Caldwell, Treasurer

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Marshall Allen, Tournament Director

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Kirk Albrecht, Team Tournament Director

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Ray Archer, Activities Director

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Frank Villa, Youth Director

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John Murphy, Conservation Director

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Perry Flot, CFO

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Bill Wilson, Past- President

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