

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF CENTENNIAL BASS OF COLORADO  
DATE: 11 NOVEMBER 2008

ARTICLE I  
Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

This chapter shall be called Centennial Bass 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) If the prospective member is not a member of B.A.S.S he is required to join.
- (c) Be recommended by one member at a regular monthly meeting.
- (d) Be approved by a majority of members present at a regular monthly meeting.
- (e) Full membership shall then be awarded and membership credentials

presented.

- (f) Must be 16 years of age.

### Section 3: Membership dues

The membership dues shall be established annually, of which \$10.00 would be applied to the club classic.

## 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. Maintain regular liaison between the chapter and the Bass Angler Sportsman Society and the Colorado B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation.
- (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.
- (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.
- (f) Activities Director: Will provide all raffle prizes, films, guest speakers, and fishing demonstrations.
- (g) Youth Director: Coordinate all club youth functions including but not limited to Bass Masters Casting Kids, C.A.S.T. Junior bass club, etc.

#### Section 2. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will consist of no more than four members including an elected chairman 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 2 years 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 4 Steering Committees

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 10 members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Tournament Director and his assistants, Activities Director, and Youth 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

## 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 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 Dissolution of funds

### Section 1: Distribution 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 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 of 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:

Chapter membership will be limited to 75 members (family membership excluded).

Amendment No 6 Article II Section 1:

If an honorary member is voted in, their membership will not be included in our 75 member roster.

Amendment No 7 Article II Section 2:

Any perspective member age 14 to 16 must be signed in by parent or guardian. Their status will be associate member and dues will be \$10.00 per year. Their membership will not be included in the 75 member limit set by the club.

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, Activity Director, and Youth 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:

An honorary or associate member will not be eligible to vote.

Amendment No. 11 Article V Section 1:

Guests will not be allowed to fish mini-tournaments unless the membership of the club has fallen below 75 members, and as always, no guests are permitted to fish all day tournaments. (The only exception will be for mini-tournaments when there are more boaters than non-boaters and the Tournament Director gives approval for the guest's participation.)

Amendment No. 12 Article II Section 3:

\$10 of the membership dues will no longer go to the Club Classic

We, the elected officers, do hereby agree to the above bylaws and Amendments on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2008.

Frank Villa, President

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Michael Hubbard, Vice-President

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Steve Barbee, Secretary

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Brett Vogel, Treasurer

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Ron Mayer, Tournament Director

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Robert Ross, Activities Director

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Albert Gonzalez, Youth Director

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