

# CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS OF THE CEN-TEX BASS HUNTERS

We, the members of the Cen-Tex Bass Hunters Bass Club, in order to promote good sportsmanship through fishing, establish this constitution and bylaws for the association hereinafter referred to as the Cen-Tex Bass Hunters.

## ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. The Motto Of The Cen-Tex Bass Hunters Shall Be "Conservation, Fellowship And The Development Of Youth Thru Fishing".

## ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. All new members must attend the club meeting the Monday prior to the club tournament. New members shall be on probation for a period of two meetings and two tournaments. After the probation period has been completed the new member shall be voted on and approved by 100% of membership in attendance at the next scheduled club meeting. A new member can be voted on even if they are not present to keep from delaying point eligibility. The length of probation period is up to the new member on how fast they complete the probation period.

SECTION 2. All memberships will expire on the last day of September.

SECTION 3. Honorary memberships will be granted only by the board of directors.

## ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. The officers of the Cen-Tex Bass Hunters shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Youth Director, and Conservation Director.

SECTION 2. Elections will be held in November, new board takes office in January.

SECTION 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and shall be assisted by the other officers. Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure shall be observed at all times to cover procedures not specified in the constitution.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the general affairs of the club and as specifically directed within this constitution. Their decisions shall be binding and final except that they shall not abridge the right to petition. The board of directors must approve all expenditures of the club's funds.

SECTION 5. All elected officials will be voted on each year except the treasure.

SECTION 6. No member shall be eligible to be nominated for an office or director position unless they have been in good standings for at least eight (8) months and all

dues are current. The president position should be someone with 5 years or more as an active member.

SECTION 7. Should the President be unable to attend a meeting, the Vice President shall preside in his absence. In case an officer or director leaves the club permanently, the President shall call a special election to fill the un-expired term. Any absence of an elected official for more than two (2) months shall be considered a permanent change and the office must be relinquished. Should he return, he may be eligible to run for office at the next election.

#### ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1. Regular meetings shall, normally, be held on the first Monday of each month. The President may call special meetings or a Board of Directors meeting.

SECTION 2. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, a drawing for prizes may be held at each regular meeting. The number and value of prizes shall be left to the discretion of the board. All money received must be added to the club treasury.

#### ARTICLE V

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall establish dues for regular members.

SECTION 2. Annual dues will be paid at the August meeting and no later than the September meeting.

SECTION 3. Failure to reinstate dues prior to the November meeting will be reason for striking an individual from the membership list.

#### ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1. The president of the club may appoint members as necessary to properly accomplish the functions of the club.

SECTION 2. Rules for the tournaments will be based on "Club Policies and Procedures". These "Club Policies and Procedures" will be set by the Board of Directors and approved by a 2/3 majority of members present at a regularly scheduled club meeting.

SECTION 3. Weigh-in must be made on club approved scales and by approved weigh-in director. Fish may be weighed-in early for emergency reasons and witnessed by another club member. The Board of Directors will determine the validity of the emergency prior to entering the points in the Top 6 Competition. Record of catches must be kept on a ledger provided by the club. The cut-off time for the tournament weigh-in shall be strictly enforced; however, break downs do occur and assistance may be required from other club members to recover a non-operational boat. Should this

situation occur, neither boat will be penalized for a late weigh-in. It is highly recommended that the fish be brought to the scales first and recover the broken down boat afterwards so other anglers are not inconvenienced.

Section 4. All tournaments shall be based upon a draw system. Awards shall be presented for the first, second and third place teams, and the first place individual. An additional award will be awarded to the member catching the largest fish of the year.

Section 5. Anglers that are being paired should be able to assist one another in case of an emergency. If the Board of Directors feels that the angler pairing is unsafe, a new pairing will occur.

Section 6. At the end of the year, the six (6) members who earned the most points for the year shall be recognized at a special function of the club, at this function the "Top 6" shall be presented a plaque recognizing their accomplishments. An additional prize may be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The club may sponsor the "Top 6" or their alternates to state level tournaments each year. The "Top 6" members may petition the board at any time to represent the club in any state level sanctioned tournament. Any sponsorship or participation in the name of Cen-Tex Bass Hunters must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to fishing such a tournament. In order to accommodate the "Top 6" team the club may have its club 2 day tournament on the state championship lake the weekend prior to the first official day of practice.

Section 8. Additional tournaments may be held during the year. The board of directors shall handle dates, times and details of additional tournaments.

## ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1. Proposed amendments to this constitution must be voted upon by the membership at the regular monthly meeting. The amendment must receive at least 2/3 of votes of those present for two consecutive meetings to be adopted and must be published in the newsletter prior to the second meeting. Upon adoption, amendments become effective immediately but in no case may they be considered retroactive. Proposed amendments may be presented to the membership from the floor as a motion or from the board of directors. Discussion and debate shall be limited to twenty minutes.

## ARTICLE IX

SECTION 1. Should a member, including officers/directors, cause embarrassment or undue criticism to the club, or anything to offend this constitution, they may be cited to show cause before the board of directors. The directors are to see that appropriate action, if any is to be taken. In extreme cases, as decided by the board of directors, it shall be discussed in an open meeting of the club, and if it is the desire of at

least 2/3 of the membership present, offender may be expelled from the club. Expulsion will be considered permanent until such member petitions to the board of directors for reinstatement and receives a unanimous vote from the entire club membership.

SECTION 2. If any member, including officers/directors miss four (4) consecutive meetings they will be placed on inactive status. In order to regain active status, the member must attend two (2) consecutive meetings. During this time, points will not be awarded during tournaments until the member regains active status. Points will not be retroactive.

SECTION 3. During all club functions, all persons (including guests) are to conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsman-like manner.

## ARTICLE X

SECTION 1. The bylaws and provisions of this constitution shall be observed and no changes shall be made except as through constitutional procedures as specified herein. Any decisions or interpretations will be up to the board of directors with the overall objective of doing what is in the best interest of the club and what is fair for all concerned.

## ARTICLE XI

SECTION 1. All members of Cen-Tex Basshunters must maintain a current membership in B.A.S.S. this shall be 100% at all times.

SECTION 2. All boat captains must maintain insurance on their boat which is mandated by B.A.S.S Nation which is \$300k limited liability.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer shall submit all appropriate paperwork to B.A.S.S. and Texas B.A.S.S. Nation as required.

SECTION 4. Cen-Tex Bass Hunters shall be affiliated to Texas B.A.S.S. Nation and actively support, in order to able to participate in their programs.

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