

**Contra Costa Bass Club**  
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**Article I – Name**

This club shall be called the “Contra Costa Bass CLUB” and referred to thereafter as the CLUB.

**Article II – Purpose**

The purpose of this CLUB shall be to bring together at frequent intervals those who are interested in Black Bass fishing. To stimulate public awareness of fishing as a major sport. To offer our state conservation department our organized moral, physical, and political support and encouragement. To promote and adhere to all regulations as set by the Department of Fish and Game (DF&G). To report at member’s discretion any violators of these laws to the proper authorities. To improve our skills as bass anglers through fellowship and friendly exchange of expert bass catching techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage fishing and a love for this great sport.

**Article III – Membership**

**Section 1**

The membership of this CLUB shall be composed of persons who are interested in furthering the purpose of the CLUB.

- A. The membership of this CLUB shall be composed of licensed anglers eighteen years (18) or older, or sixteen years (16) for children of current members.

- B. A member in good standing shall be any member elected to membership whose dues are no more than two (2) months in arrears. Only those members in good standing are entitled to vote on CLUB issues.

## **Section 2**

To become a member, a person must fulfill the following requirements:

- A. Attend two (2) of three (3) consecutive regular CLUB meetings.
- B. Compete in two (2) regular CLUB tournaments, fishing with a CLUB member within the first four (4) months of application unless otherwise approved by the board.
- C. Agree to abide by the CLUB by-laws, all tournament rules, and all California DF&G regulations.
- D. Be voted in by the membership on a closed ballot. Affirmation must be by a majority of the members present and voting.
- E. Upon acceptance, the new member must pay the initiation fee and any remainder of Bi annual dues for the current 6-month period.

## **Section 3**

Any member who voluntarily leaves the CLUB may be reinstated by paying any and all dues and fees owed at the time of leaving and are affirmed by a majority of the members present and voting.

## **Section 4**

A member may be dropped from the membership roll for any of the following:

- A. Being in arrears of dues for three (3) consecutive months and/or failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings. Exceptions can be made by contacting the Board of Directors. After the third meeting, that member will be contacted in writing/email and notified that his membership is being terminated. If the member does not contact the Board prior to the end of the next Board meeting, membership may be terminated.
- B. Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on this CLUB. This action will be decided by the Board of Directors and their decision is final.

## **Section 5**

If a member is dropped for failure to attend meetings and/or being in arrears of dues, the member may be reinstated by paying all back dues and must be voted in on a closed ballot by the membership present and voting. A majority vote is required for acceptance.

## **Section 6**

Membership shall be limited to fifty (50) members. The CLUB shall maintain a 60% boater to 40% non-boater ratio so as to assure a balance of rides for non-boaters.

## **Section 7**

Duties and requirements of members

- A. Members shall control the use of profane language at meetings and functions of the CLUB.
- B. No member shall use the name of the CLUB to endorse any political candidate for public office or appointment.
- C. Each member shall keep the CLUB informed of any changes in address. Failure to do so shall not be an excuse for not receiving notices of any nature from the CLUB.
- D. All members must be ecology minded.
- E. At least once each year, members may be drafted by the Tournament Director to serve as an assistant at a tournament. These duties are further defined in the Tournament rules.

**Section 8**

The membership of the CLUB shall consist of boaters and non-boaters. To be considered a boater, the member's boat must meet the following guidelines.

- A. The boat must meet all U.S. Coast Guard requirements.
- B. Member must carry the minimum required liability insurance as required by our insurance carrier.
- C. Boat must be a minimum of seventeen feet in length.
- D. Minimum of 115 horsepower motor.
- E. Must have a functional engine kill switch.
- F. Operational live well
- G. Operational bilge pump.
- H. Running/anchor lights.
- I. Bow-mount trolling motor.
- J. Front casting platform. (NOTE: Raised platform, which extends above the gunwales, is not allowed.)

**Section 9**

Honorary Membership - Any CLUB member may nominate an individual for honorary membership. That person must have shown a continued support for the CLUB. The honorary member may attend CLUB meetings, fish a CLUB tournament as a guest, and attend the year end banquet. Nominations for honorary membership will be accepted until the September CLUB meeting and voted on at the October CLUB meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of CLUB members present is required. The Board of Directors must approve each nomination prior to a vote. Current Honorary Members are Gene Buchholz, Jim Soden & Jon Walton

**Article IV – Officers**

**Section 1**

The officers of the CLUB shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Section 2**

The term of office for all officers shall be one year.

**Section 3**

No officer shall hold more than one elected position at any one time.

#### **Section 4**

The officers shall be nominated in July, elected in August. Newly elected board members will act as "Board Member Elect" from August till December and will be installed officially at the end of the December meeting before it is adjourned.

#### **Section 5**

In the event the presidency becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall preside for the remainder of that term as President and a new Vice-President shall be nominated and elected to that position. In the event any other office becomes vacant, nominations shall be asked for and an election held to fill the remainder of that vacated office term.

#### **Section 6**

To be eligible for office a member must:

- A. Have been a member for at least six months.
- B. Have attended at least 3/4 of the CLUB meetings.
- C. Have participated in 1/2 of all CLUB functions.
- D. Have shown an active interest in all CLUB functions.

#### **Section 7**

An officer shall be removed from office for cause (failure to adhere to these by-laws, or performance of officer's duties) only by vote of at least 3/4 of the membership. The cause shall be submitted to the officer in writing prior to the vote.

## **Article V – Officers Duties**

#### **Section 1**

The President shall preside at all meetings at which he is present, shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the CLUB and shall serve as member ex-officio of all committees.

#### **Section 2**

The Vice-President shall assist the President in his duties and shall act as Tournament Committee Chairman. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence. The Vice-President shall also appoint the Tournament Committee.

#### **Section 3**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all CLUB meetings. These minutes shall be an accurate and official record of all business that is transacted by the CLUB. He shall make all necessary correspondence for the CLUB. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, he shall assume the duties of the President.

#### **Section 4**

The Treasurer shall receive all CLUB funds and maintain them in a bank or depository selected by the CLUB. He shall report all transactions and the financial position of the CLUB at each monthly meeting. The Treasurer shall maintain an open log of all members' dues and initiation

fees paid to date. The treasure shall also appoint a Ways & Means committee to discuss budget and expenses for each year, as he deems necessary.

## **Article VI – Board of Directors**

### **Section 1**

The CLUB shall have a Board of Directors, consisting of the current officers, past President and two members elected at large from the general membership. If no past President is available, a third member at large will be elected from the membership.

### **Section 2**

The Board of Directors shall meet as directed by the President.

### **Section 3**

The Board of Directors shall decide CLUB issues and their decision shall be final.

## **Article VII – Committees**

### **Section 1**

The President shall appoint any and all committees deemed necessary. The exceptions are the Ways & Means committee that is selected by the Treasurer and the Tournament Committee, which is selected by the Vice-President.

### **Section 2**

All standing committees, after appointment, shall be ratified by a majority vote of all members present and voting, prior to any decision.

### **Section 3**

All appointed committees shall elect their own chairman. The Tournament Committee and the Ways & Means committee are excluded.

### **Section 4**

All committees shall meet as often as deemed necessary by their chairman.

### **Section 5**

All standing committees shall present an annual report at the December meeting.

### **Section 6**

The chairman of each committee shall report all activities to the President.

### **Section 7**

The term for all committees is one year and shall expire in December.

## **Article VIII – Meetings**

### **Section 1**

The CLUB shall meet at least once every month.

### **Section 2**

Special meetings will be called as deemed necessary by any member of the Board of Directors.

### **Section 3**

To be eligible for year-end trophies, members must attend 50% of the CLUB meetings. Exceptions can be made in writing to the Board of Directors.

### **Section 4**

Meetings shall be run according to Roberts Rules of Order.

## **Article IX – Quorum**

Forty (40%) percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## **Article X – Leaves of Absence**

### **Section 1**

Any member shall be granted a Leave of Absence, upon written request, only if the member's dues and/or fees are current, and the request is submitted to, and received by, a board member. The minimum period of a Leave of Absence shall be not less than six months commencing on a date after the request is received. If the member is not current regarding any dues and/or fees, he or she must comply with Article III, Section 3, before the Leave of Absence will be granted.

### **Section 2**

Any member taking a leave of absence will be removed from the general CLUB roster. At the time the member decides to return if no spot is currently available, that member will be put in line ahead of any prospective members.

## **Article XI – Dues and Fees**

### **Section 1**

The CLUB shall assess and initiation fee of \$50 from each newly elected member.

### **Section 2**

Monthly dues of \$15 shall be paid bi annually in advance. A total \$90, is due each January and July. Refunds of up to but no more than 3 months dues will be granted if a member leaves the club or goes on a leave of absence.

### **Section 3**

Dues must be paid not later than the Wednesday immediately preceding the first monthly tournament of each 6 month period, or by the 15th day of that month, whichever occurs first.

Members whose dues are in arrears shall not be permitted to participate, in any manner, in any club tournaments.

#### **Section 4**

Dues and/or Fees will be refunded as described in Article XI Section 2.

## **Article XII – CLUB Responsibility**

#### **Section 1**

The CLUB shall not be held responsible for any unauthorized actions or commitment of any officer or member.

#### **Section 2**

Each year the CLUB may submit a subscription to the Black Bass Action Committee (BBAC). The CLUB and its members should support the BBAC conservation, legal, and youth programs.

#### **Section 3**

The CLUB shall provide secondary liability insurance, to the Board members, for all CLUB functions.

#### **Section 4**

Upon dissolution of the CLUB, any assets that remain will be given to a non-profit California corporation, which has as its primary charitable activity the conservation of the San Francisco Bay Delta ecosystem. Such an organization must hold a Federal Tax Exemption pursuant to IRC501 (c) 3.

## **Article XIII- Amendments**

Any proposed amendments of the by-laws shall be submitted in writing at any regular CLUB meeting. All members will be notified by mail/email of these proposed amendments prior to the next CLUB meeting for which they can then be voted on. Amendments shall become part of these by-laws only if approved by a 2/3 majority of the members present and voting.