

# **2010 CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS BASSMASTERS ASSOCIATION CASEYVILLE. ILLINOIS 62232**

## ***ARTICLE 1- NAME AND PURPOSE***

### **Section 1: NAME**

This chapter shall be called the Hollywood Heights Bassmasters association of Hollywood Heights.

### **Section 2: PURPOSE**

Stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a 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 this crime. To improve our skills 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 of recreation.

## ***Article II – MEMBERSHIP***

### **Section 1: NUMBER OF MEMBERS**

The chapter shall begin with at least six but not more than ten charter members. During the chapters first six months of existence, total membership shall not exceed 30 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) Be voted on by membership. Vote shall be by secret ballot and affirmation shall be unanimous. Proxy votes will not be permitted.
- (c) Full membership shall be awarded and membership credentials presented

### **Section 3: MEMBERSHIP DUES**

(A) The membership shall run for a period of one year starting January 1 and ending December 31. The dues shall be s 25.00 annually payable in advance but no later than the next scheduled club meeting in February.

(b) The dues for a new member will be \$25.00 payable no later than the next scheduled meeting following his acceptance into the chapter.

(c) In the event that a person joins the chapter on or after July 1, the same conditions will apply as in (b) above except that the dues will be reduced by 50% to reflect late membership status for that year.

## ***ARTICLE III OFFICERS, ELECTIONS VACANCIES AND ELIGIBILITY.***

### **Section 1: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.**

The officers of the chapter shall consist of:

(a) President: the president shall preside over all meetings and direct all official business. He shall appoint and direct all committee functions. And supervise all club functions.

(b) Vice president: the vice president will act a program chairman. Assist the president in his duties and preside in the absence of the president.

(c) Secretary: the secretary shall maintain accurate minutes of all meetings. And report at each meeting.

(d) Treasurer: the treasurer shall maintain accurate financial records and report at each meeting.

### **Section 2: ELECTIONS**

The election of officers shall be held annually at a regular meeting during the month of December. Election based upon nomination results held at the November meeting. Officer elections shall be made by a simple majority of the members present. Elections for each officer shall be held separately in order listed in article iii, section 1.

### **Section 3: ELIGIBILITY OF VOTE**

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

#### **Section 4: TERM OF OFFICE**

The term of office is for one year, which shall begin January 1 and end on the last meeting day of December or until a successor assumes office. Original slate of officers shall serve until the last meeting day of December.

#### **Section 5: VACANCIES**

In the event of an office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked and an election shall be held to fill the unexplored 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 2/3 of the chapter meetings and 2/3 of the chapter functions.
- c) Have shown an active interest in all chapter functions.

### ***ARTICLE IV METHOD OF AMENDING CONSTITUTION***

#### **Section 1: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the membership present, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership one regular meeting prior to the vote.

### ***ARTICLE V REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP***

#### **Section 1: A MEMBER SHALL BE DROPPED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ROLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- a) Failure to pay dues.
- b) (b) Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on this chapter. This shall include physical violence.