

BYLAWS OF THE MULE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Mule Lake Property Owners' Association."

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote the welfare of the members and to improve the conditions in and around Mule Lake.

ARTICLE III: BASIC POLICIES

Section 1. The Association shall be nonpartisan and nonsectarian.

Section 2. The objectives of the Association shall be

- a. To improve fishing
- b. To improve water quality
- c. To promote safety
- d. To enhance beauty
- e. To promote a sense of community
- f. To disseminate information

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, FEES, DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. To be a member of the Association, an individual must own real estate or have their residence on the lake and pay the membership fee as stated in Section 2 of ARTICLE IV.

Section 2. The annual membership fee (dues) shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each real estate household.

Section 3. No assessments shall be made against the members of this Association by order of the Executive Board or by order of the membership of this Association.

Section 4. Individuals who do not own property on Mule Lake but choose to support the Mule Lake Property Owners' Association will be defined as Associate members. Associate members shall pay dues equivalent to the annual membership dues defined in Article IV, Section 2, but shall have no voting privileges.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1. The Executive Board (EB) of the Association shall be comprised of nine directors who will elect officers of the Association from the newly elected Executive Board. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer with the remaining six directors be Directors-at-Large.

Section 2. Director positions that are unfilled at the time of the Annual Meeting shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority of those present.

Section 3. There shall be a Nominating Committee of no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) selected by the President. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate the candidates to hold office. A report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to the Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting to enable him/her to send a copy to each member of the Executive Board. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 4. Only paid-up members of the Association shall be eligible to vote or to hold office. Eligible votes are limited to one vote per real estate property. All voters and office holders must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Section 5. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by nomination by the President with approval by the Executive Board according to the regulations specified in the by-laws.

Section 6. The election of officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer) shall be the responsibility of the nine directors:

- a. President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer.
 - 1) The Executive Board will elect new officers within ten days following each Annual Meeting.
 - 2) Length of term for officers shall be one year.
 - 3) Terms may be successive.
 - 4) The immediate past President, if no longer on the Executive Board, shall serve as a non-voting advisory member of the Executive Board for one year following the fulfillment of his/her term of office.
- b. *Directors*
 - 1) The length of term of these officers shall be three (3) years.
 - 2) Terms may be successive.
 - 3) A staggered plan of succession is to be established which will provide for the election of three (3) directors each year.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- Section 1. The President shall: preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board; shall appoint Special and Standing Committees; shall give a report at the Annual Meeting. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian (a non-voting member of the board).
- Section 2. The Vice-President shall act as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, when requested to do so. The Vice-President shall perform other duties as determined by the President.
- Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all Annual Meetings and all meetings of the Executive Board; shall conduct such correspondence of the Executive Board and committees and the President may direct; shall notify members of the appointment to committees; shall send all necessary notices of committee meetings; shall receive all moneys due this Association; shall deposit same in a depository approved by the Executive Board; shall disperse the funds of the Association only on the order of the Executive Board; shall present a statement of account at all meetings of the Executive Board and at other times when requested to do so by the President; shall keep a correct record of dues payments of all members; and shall make a complete report at the Annual Meeting.
- Section 4. It shall be the duty of all officers to deliver to the newly elected officers, within ten (10) days after the election, all properties belonging to the respective offices.
- Section 5. Board members shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers (President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer) elected by the Directors, the six (6) Directors and Chairs of the Standing Committees.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall have the power and authority over the affairs of the Association during the interim between Annual Meetings.
- Section 3. The duties of the Executive Board shall be: to transact necessary business in the intervals between Annual Meetings; to approve plans of work of the Standing Committees; to audit the Treasurer's accounts; to approve routine bills within the limits of the budget; to work toward achieving the goals outlined in Articles II and III of the by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII: STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The Executive Board, as deemed necessary, may create Standing Committees. With the approval of the Executive Board, the President may appoint the Chair and members of the Standing Committee.
- Section 2. Standing Committee Chairs and members shall not count as members present to represent a quorum during Executive Board meetings. They shall be considered non-voting members of the Executive Board.
- Section 3. Special Committees shall be created and appointed for a specific purpose and it will automatically disband when its work is done and its final report is received.
- Section 4. The President may be an Executive Board-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX: PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this Association in all cases which are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with the by-laws of this Association.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT PROCESS

- Section 1. These by-laws may be amended at the Annual Meeting of this Association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present providing the following requirements have been complied with:
- a. A copy of the proposed amendment(s) must have been sent to the Executive Board for examination at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
 - b. The Executive Board shall have one copy for each member of the Association to be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

In the event this Association is dissolved, any and all properties of the Association shall be given to the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Minnesota, specifically for the management of walleye fisheries on Mule Lake.