

# Bylaws of the Byram Lake Association

Amended the Ninth day of March, 2010

## **Article I. Name and Organization**

**Section 1.** This organization shall be known as the Byram Lake Association, a non-profit corporation of the Charter Township of Fenton and the City of Linden, County of Genesee, State of Michigan.

**Section 2.** The fiscal year of this Association shall be the calendar year, January 1 to December 31.

## **Article II. Purposes**

**Section 1.** This Association shall promote the education of riparian property owners and other lake users about water quality and water safety.

**Section 2.** This Association will morally support issues which concern the welfare of the lake in general, including the conservation of water supply in the lake and watershed, maintain the quality of water safe for swimming and conducive to the renewal of fish resources.

**Section 3.** The Association shall support the measurement and evaluation of hydrological data of the lake so that decisions and actions of the Association shall be in line with what is best for the lake.

## **Article III. Membership**

**Section 1.** Membership in the Byram Lake Association shall be limited to riparian property owners and persons who own property with deeded access to Byram Lake.

**Section 2.** For the purpose of voting, each recorded parcel within the Township of Fenton and the City of Linden that is riparian property to Byram Lake is eligible for one (1) vote. Riparian property that is owned/or has deeded access to Byram Lake by more than one (1) owner shall only have one (1) eligible vote regarding any policy or proposition presented for discussion or decision at any meeting of the Membership/Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors, with 100% vote of the entire Board, may, at their discretion, admit to membership any person, firm, corporation, association, or governing body. Such membership does not afford them voting privileges or a position on the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.** Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Board of Directors on a form furnished by the Association for the purpose of registration & dues collection.

**Section 5.** Any member may withdraw from membership in the Association by written notice to the Secretary of the Association, but such withdrawal does not relieve the member from any dues, assessments or other charges theretofore accrued.

**Section 6.** Any member who shall reflect discredit upon this Association may be removed from membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors. Written notice shall be mailed to the member in question thirty (30) days prior to any action taken by the Board of Directors. A hearing before the Board of Directors shall be provided if requested by the member.

**Section 7.** The membership year is from January 1st through December 31st. Annual membership dues, set by the Board of Directors, shall be paid to the Treasurer for that year. Dues shall become delinquent if not paid by January 1st of each membership year. A delinquent eligible voting member shall be ineligible to vote until dues are paid.

#### **Article IV. Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected by majority vote of the eligible voting members attending the Annual Meeting and shall hold office for the succeeding two (2) years or until their successors are elected. They shall take office at the time of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.

**Section 2.** The officers shall serve without compensation and will devote their time and efforts for the public interest, thereby lessening the burdens of government in the areas of public safety and protection of water quality.

**Section 3.** In case of death or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall at once assume their title and duties. The vacancy in the office of the Vice President shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. In case of death or resignation of any other office, that office shall be immediately filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.** Any officer or director becoming ineligible for membership in the Association shall automatically forfeit their office and such vacancy shall be filled in the same procedure as stated above.

**Section 5.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, and shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

The Vice President shall assist the President in performance of their duties. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside at meetings of the Association and perform all other duties of the President.

The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Association and the Board of Directors unless otherwise delegated by the Board. They shall keep the minutes of all meetings and maintain a clear record of the business of the Association and Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid to the Association and shall keep an accurate record of the members and their financial status in the Association. They shall disperse such monies as approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make a report of the financial status of the Association at each meeting of the Association and of the Board of Directors. A written ledger of membership will be provided to the Board of Directors in the month of January. All monies paid to the Association shall be deposited by the Treasurer in the bank account of the Association. No funds shall be disbursed by any officer without the approval of the Board of Directors. Any disbursement of monies requires two (2) authorized Board of Director signatures.

## **Article V. Board of Directors**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the four (4) duly elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer), the past president last holding office (Director @ Large), and the eight (8) duly elected district representatives (Directors).

**Section 2.** The Association shall be organized into four (4) districts for the purpose of electing representatives from each district to serve on the Board of Directors. The districts are defined as follows: A. District One - Dooley Drive B. District Two -

Byram Lake Drive C. District Three - Silver Lake Rd & Restwood Drive D. District Four - Lakeview Park Drive & Linden Rd.

**Section 3.** Each district shall be represented by two (2) directors who will serve two (2) year terms, elected on alternating years.

**Section 4.** District Directors shall be elected from the eligible voting members in good standing of each district at the Association annual meeting by the majority of the voters present and voting.

**Section 5.** The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs and property of the Association, and shall serve as the executive policy making group of the Association.

## **Article VI. Meetings**

**Section 1.** The annual Meeting of the Association shall be held in July of each year. The Meeting will be held on the day, time and place established by the Board of Directors. Written notice of said Annual Meeting shall be delivered at their address at least ten (10) days in advance of said meeting listing agenda to be discussed.

**Section 2.** Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Board of Directors and only upon notice having been sent at least three (3) days in advance of said meeting.

**Section 3.** A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or any three (3) members of the Board of Directors with a minimum of twenty four (24) hours notice.

**Section 4.** A quorum shall be deemed to exist at any membership meeting when at least ten percent (10%) of the members of record are in attendance. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall exist if five (5) members or more of the Board are present.

**Section 5.** The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules or order the Association may adopt.

## **Article VII. Amendments**

**Section 1.** These Bylaws may be amended at any annual meeting or special membership meeting provided that notice of such meeting be given at least ten (10) days in advance of said meeting and the proposed amendment shall be set forth in detail. Amendments will be effective upon affirmative vote of the majority of eligible voting members present at said meeting.

**Section 2.** These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors present and voting at two (2) successive meetings of the Board of Directors, in no event less than thirty (30) days apart.

## **Article VIII. Dissolution**

**Section 1.** In the event of dissolution, all assets real or personal, shall be distributed to such organizations as are qualified as tax exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of a future United States Revenue Law.