

BYLAWS OF LAKE SARAH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

June 11, 1973

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be

LAKE SARAH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE II

(Amended April 27, 2006)

I. MISSION, OBJECTIVES, AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. MISSION – To promote policies and practices that represent and protect the interests of the lake Sarah stakeholders and enhance their ability to maximize enjoyment of their shared resource.

B. OBJECTIVES

1. To promote a normal water level on Lake Sarah.
2. To pursue and support strategies for containment and control of non-native invasive aquatic vegetation.
3. To promote the vitality of the fishery.
4. To advocate and initiate programs and practices that will result in water quality improvement.
5. To facilitate the removal or marking, as far as possible, menaces to navigation.
6. To facilitate adequate maintenance of sewers and roads.
7. To promote safe, courteous, and legal utilization of the lake.

C. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order.
2. Set Agenda – anyone not on agenda may be placed under Open/Misc.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Approval of Treasurer's report
5. Reports of active committees.
6. Old business.
7. New business.
8. Open/Miscellaneous.
9. Adjournment.

ARTICLE III
(Amended July 27, 2008)

I. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- A. Membership in the Association shall be open to any interested party. Non-stakeholders shall not exceed 25% of the total regular membership.
- B. Annual membership dues shall be established by the board of directors. Dues must be paid prior to any meeting to be considered a member in good standing.

ARTICLE IV
(Amended April 25, 2022)

I. MEETINGS

- A. There shall be a minimum of two (2) regular meetings per calendar year to be held generally in the spring and summer each year. One of the meetings shall be the annual meeting.
- B. Special meetings may be called by the President at any time with consent of the Board of Directors or by two-thirds vote of the membership at any meeting at which a quorum is present or by request of 25% of membership by petition.
- C. Members shall be notified at least one week in advance of the exact date of regular, special, or deferred meetings.

ARTICLE V
(Amended July 27, 2008)

I. QUORUM AND VOTING

- A. Each paid member shall be counted as one in computing a quorum.
- B. A quorum shall be ten percent (10%) of the members.
- C. In recording votes, each paid membership present shall be entitled to one vote even though two or more persons from the same household may be present.

ARTICLE VI
(Amended July 27, 2008)

I. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- A. The officers of this Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. The Directors-at-Large shall be a minimum of five and no more than nine in number.
- C. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, and directors-at-large.
- D. The regular term of office of all officers and Directors shall be two (2) years. The terms shall be staggered with approximately half of the officers and directors to be elected each year.

II. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

A. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

1. A nominating committee shall be selected from those members present at the spring meeting each year.
2. This committee shall identify one candidate for each open seat and present this slate at the Annual meeting with the written consent of any nominee that is not in attendance at the Annual meeting.
3. Nominations for candidacy for any open seat may be made from the floor by any member in good standing, if; 1) the nominee is also a member in good standing, and, 2) the nominee is present or has furnished a signed consent for such nomination.
4. Election of the officers and directors-at-large by membership shall be the last order of business of each Annual Meeting; the newly elected officers and directors-at-large shall take office immediately following the adjournment of the Annual meeting.
5. No officer shall be eligible for election to the same seat for more than 2 consecutive terms. No director shall remain on the board for more than 8 consecutive years. Exceptions may be granted with approval of a majority of the membership present at the Annual Meeting if the current officer or director consents to be re-elected.
6. In the event of a vacancy due to resignation, removal or death, the President shall make an appointment to fill the unexpired term.
7. Any officer of the Association may be removed from office by a 2/3 (two thirds) vote of the Board of Directors at a board meeting.

ARTICLE VII (Amended October 28, 2010)

I. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE, AND DIRECTORS

A. PRESIDENT

1. The president shall preside at all meetings held by the members, Officers and/or Board of Directors.
2. The president shall appoint all committees, except the nominating committee and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee.
3. The president, as chief administrative officer, shall have general supervision of all work of the Association.
4. The president shall appoint an auditing committee to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts and present a report to the membership at the Annual meeting.
5. The president shall approve all official documents and warrants drawn on the Association funds.
6. The president, upon succession, shall serve as ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and as chair of the nominating committee.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT

1. The vice-president shall preside at meetings in the absence of the president.
2. The vice president is entitled to be a member ex-officio of all committees appointed by the president.
3. The vice president, in the absence of the president, shall approve all official documents and warrants drawn on the Association funds.

C. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

1. The treasurer shall receive and disburse, with the approval of the Board of Directors, all Association funds.
2. The treasurer shall issue and sign all warrants, keep an accurate account of all monies, and shall report to the Association upon request.
3. The treasurer shall prepare an itemized calendar year budget for consideration by the Board of Directors to be presented to the membership at the Spring meeting each year.
4. The treasurer is entitled to be a member ex-officio of all committees.
5. The secretary shall keep accurate records of all Association, Officer, and Board of Directors meetings.
6. The secretary shall issue official notices as directed by the president.
7. The secretary shall conduct Association correspondence.

D. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association, under the direction of the president and shall have general supervision over the conduct of the officers.

ARTICLE VIII
(Amended April 27, 2006)

I. ACTIVE COMMITTEES – The President shall create and appoint committees annually to conduct the affairs of the Association. Each active committee must be chaired by a Director. Committee members are required to be Association members in good standing. Examples of these committees include, but are not limited to;

- A. WATER LEVEL COMMITTEE
- B. WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
- C. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
- D. PICNIC COMMITTEE
- E. SAFETY AND NAVIGATION COMMITTEE
- F. FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT / FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
- G. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
- H. MARKETING / PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
- I. BOG COMMITTEE
- J. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

ARTICLE IX

I. AUTHORITY OF ASSOCIATION PROCEDURE

Robert Rules of Order Revised shall be the authority on all points not covered in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE X
Amended 9/8/05

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

The Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by two-thirds vote of the eligible paid members present, provided there is a quorum. Notice of intention to introduce proposed amendments and a copy of the proposed changes must be mailed or delivered to the Membership no less than seven (7) days before the date of the meeting at which discussion and vote on the proposed amendment(s) will be held.

ARTICLE XI
(Amended April 27, 2006)

I. DEFINITIONS

A. EX-OFFICIO - (ěks¹ ə-fĩsh¹ ē-ō¹) *adv. & adj. Abbr. e.o.* By virtue of office or position.

B. RIPARIAN - (rĩ-pâr¹ ē-ən) *adj.* Of, on, or relating to the banks of a natural course of water.

C. STAKEHOLDER - (stāk¹ hōl¹ dər) *n.* One who has a vested interest as an owner of property with direct or deeded access to lake Sarah .

The undersigned members, in good standing, of the Lake Sarah Improvement Association, submit, herewith the By-Laws of the Association, embracing Articles I through XI for approval by its members.

Dated this 11th day of June, 1973 as amended on the 8th day of September, 2005, the 27th day of April, 2006, the 27th day of July, 2008, and the 28th day of October 2010.