

# **GARFIELD LAKE ASSOCIATION BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

Section I. The name of this association shall be the Garfield Lake Association, by which name or the name of GLA, it shall exist and do business.

## **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

Section 1. Garfield Lake Association (hereafter referred to as the Association) shall be a nonprofit corporation. It shall have no capital stock.

Section 2. The mission of the Lake Garfield association shall be to protect and enhance the quality of the lake. This mission would includes: water quality; aquatic productivity; and protection of the interests of lakeshore property owners and future generations. This mission is accomplished by keeping the lake association members informed about environmental, legislative activities, issues and actions occurring on Lake Garfield.

Section 3. The association shall communicate to its members, and potentially other interested parties, information pertinent to issues noted in Section 2 which result from policies of federal, state and local governmental agencies and other lake and environmental associations.

Section 4. The association shall serve as a forum and a voice for its members on issues concerning its purposes.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership is open to owners of shore land property, including out-lots, and their immediate families. A member is defined as person or related persons who pay membership dues, whereas a couple may become individual members or elect to act as one member.

Section 2. Associate Membership is open to those who appreciate Garfield Lake and support the purposes and activities of the Association. Associate members will not have rights to vote for, nor hold Board of Director positions.

Section 3. Membership shall be established and maintained by the payment of annual dues as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The fiscal year for the Association is January 1 through December 31. Annual dues shall be payable no later than the beginning of the annual meeting in order to remain a voting member in good standing with the Association.

#### **ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors which shall have the power and responsibility to manage the affairs of the Association for the accomplishment of its purposes.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of five and maximum of nine members elected at the annual meeting for a term of three years. Three members shall be elected each year. Board members may serve two consecutive terms. A partial term is considered as a full term for consecutive service.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately following the annual meeting to elect from their own number the officers for the next year.

Section 4. The Board of Directors may explore the merits of affiliation with national, state, or regional associations and shall have the authority to establish such affiliations.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to solicit contributions from the membership for special projects directly related to the purposes of the Association.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee to present a slate of candidates to the Board at each annual meeting and may appoint other committees.

#### **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers shall consist of a President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may designate for the next year.

Section 2. The President shall preside at meetings of the Board and the members. The past President will be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board for one year after his or her term expires.

Section 3. The President-elect shall assume the duties of the President when the President is unable to fulfill them. The President-elect shall succeed the President when his/her term of office ends.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of all meetings.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive membership dues and other funds and disburse Association funds as directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. All officers shall be responsible for annual reports to the Board of Directors and to the membership.

#### **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS AND QUORUMS**

Section 1. The date of the annual membership meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The date will be announced to the membership at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. A quorum for membership meetings shall be 10 active members who are present and voting.

Section 3. A quorum for Board meetings shall be four directors.

#### **ARTICLE VII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Section 1. All meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order.

Section 2. The parliamentarian shall be the President-elect.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. The Article of Incorporation may be amended by a majority of the members present and voting at any meeting of the Association.

Section 2. The Bylaws may be adopted or amended by a majority of the members present, voting at any meeting of the Association.