

BYLAWS

Sawyer County Lakes Forum, Inc.

ARTICLE I GENERAL

SECTION 1: NAME

The name of the Association shall be the Sawyer County Lakes Forum, Inc., herein referred to as the Forum.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Forum is to facilitate education, research and sharing between organizations, individuals, governmental bodies, and the general public of Sawyer County; to maintain and improve Sawyer County's water bodies, environs, and watersheds for now and future generations, including, but not limited to aesthetics, water quality, wildlife habitat, fisheries, and recreation. These purposes will be accomplished while respecting the rights of property owners.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: ORGANIZATIONAL

Any Sawyer County Lakes Association, Lake District, in general a lake association, whose primary purpose is to maintain and improve the quality of Sawyer County lakes and waterways for the benefit of the public may become a member by paying the current membership dues.

SECTION 2: ASSOCIATE

Any person or organization who subscribes to the purposes of the Forum is eligible to be a participant in support of Forum proceedings.

ARTICLE III VOTING

SECTION 1: ORGANIZATIONAL

Any member organization as defined in ARTICLE II SEC. 1, shall be entitled to vote on any question or business before the Forum. To cast any vote, an organization must be a

member in good standing with dues paid up to date. The casting of a vote by any member organization is limited to the delegate or alternate as designated by the President or Board of Directors of such member organization.

There shall be only one eligible vote per lake. Where more than one lake organization exists for a lake, that lake's vote shall be assigned to the lake association that is a DNR qualified lake association.

SECTION 2: ASSOCIATE

The Associate member holds no voting rights.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: OFFICERS

The Members shall select seven to nine lake organization members to serve as the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors at their discretion can also appoint up to 2 Associate Members to the Board, granting voting rights. The Board of Directors shall select a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer (Officers) from within the Board of Directors. The president shall preside as chairperson of the Board of Directors. A simple majority of the current total number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for consideration by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: TERM OF OFFICE

Directors shall serve a term of two years and shall be nominated and elected at a Board meeting. Directors can be elected to three (3) consecutive terms.

SECTION 3: VACANCIES

In the event any Director or Officer cannot complete a term of office, such an office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. In the event the office of the President is vacated, the Vice-President shall assume that office for the remainder of the term.

SECTION 4: DUTIES

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all scheduled and special meetings of the Forum and represent the Forum at all official functions and assume the role of official

spokesperson for the Forum.

VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, fulfill the duties of the President. Further, the Vice-President shall fulfill other duties as designated by the President, the Board of Directors, or the general membership.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall record and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the Forum and manage all routine correspondence, records, and membership lists.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records pertaining to dues, other income, and all expenditures. The Treasurer shall present a summary report of income and expenditures at all regularly scheduled meetings. The records and accounts of the Forum shall be maintained on a fiscal year basis from January 1 through December 31. All Forum financial records shall be audited yearly by a Finance Committee appointed by the President.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors may, when necessary and expedient, provided a quorum is present, conduct the business of the Forum.

SECTION 5: COMPENSATION

No officer, Director or member shall be compensated for their time and effort. The Board of Directors may authorize Officers, Directors, and committee members to be paid actual and necessary expenses incurred while on Forum business.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

SECTION 1: TYPES OF MEETINGS

Meetings and voting may be held at a time or place designated by the Board of Directors including in-person or electronic methods. The number of attendees present will be the contribute to the necessary quorum.

The Forum shall have the following meetings to conduct the business of the Forum:

ANNUAL MEETING: The election of Board of Directors. and any business the BoD deems necessary.

BOARD MEETING: Such meetings will be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. The agenda of the meeting may include elections, adoption of a budget, committee reports, membership concerns, and educational matters. Board meetings are open to all members of the SCLF.

SPECIAL MEETING: A special meeting of the Forum may be called at any time by the President or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or by request of at least six (6) of the member organizations. The agenda of a special meeting may include any items properly brought before a Board meeting.

SECTION 2 QUORUM

No formal business may be conducted at special meetings unless representatives from a minimum of seven member associations are present. Without a quorum, meetings may be held at which admission of new members may be announced, a program may be presented, or members may engage in discussion of matters of interest to the Forum.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing committees of the Forum shall consist of the following committees. Each committee shall consist of at least two persons as assigned by the President and approved by the Board of Directors:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee shall audit the Forum financial records in conformance with Article IV, Sec. 4

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: The Nomination Committee shall present a slate of Directors. Such a slate shall not preclude nomination from the floor.

SECTION 2: AD HOC COMMITTEES

The President may appoint other committees as deemed necessary to support the efforts of the Forum.

SECTION 3: COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION BY PRESIDENT

The president shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE VII DUES

SECTION 1: DUES

Annual dues for any Organizational member as defined in Ar. II, Sec. 1 and for any Associated member as defined in Art. II, Sec. 2 shall be determined by the Board each year and shall be effective in the following fiscal year January 1 through December 31. Such dues shall be paid at or before the Board meeting in the new fiscal year. A 30-day grace period for payment of dues shall exist prior to removal from membership.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may only be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors provided that a two-thirds majority of the members at such meeting, a quorum being present, approve the action. This action, with the intent of the amendment, must be included in the agenda prior to the meeting,

ARTICLE IX PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the Forum's final authority on all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not covered by these Bylaws. Non Members and guests may be recognized to speak at Forum meetings at the discretion of the presiding officer who shall also serve as parliamentarian.

ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

SECTION 1: INDEMNIFICATION

As provided by Wisconsin law, the Forum shall indemnify any Director, employee or agent who was, is, or may be involved in a legal proceeding by virtue of his/her good faith action on behalf of the Forum.

ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1: DISSOLUTION

The Forum may be dissolved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. After payment of all liabilities, all assets of the Forum shall be distributed to appropriate 501(c)(3) organizations or charities approved by the Board of Directors.

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