

TURTLE LAKES CHAIN ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

APPROVED OCTOBER 1990 – AMENDED JULY 2022

Sec. 1

The name of the organization shall be the TURTLE LAKES CHAIN ASSOCIATION INC., a not for profit organization hereinafter known as the Association, and shall have its principle office in Winchester, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

Sec. 2

The purpose of the Association shall be limited to only those activities that are of benefit to the Association and the public as a whole, and as directed by the membership. The initial objectives are to preserve and replenish the fishery, preserve the quality of the water and watershed, and to improve the general ecology of the lakes.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1.

Membership will be divided into three groups:

- A. Landowners on or within one(1) mile of the shores of Rock, North Turtle and South Turtle Lakes.
- B. Individuals who live on the shore or within one(1) mile of Rock, North Turtle and South Turtle Lakes providing they live there at least one month each year.
- C. Sponsorship (sponsors or supporters) will allow past members of the TLCA who have moved to continue receiving the Rag and news of TLCA events for a \$10 yearly membership fee. This is a nonvoting membership. It is not available to those within the mile of lake properties as stated in the previous memberships.
- D. For membership eligibility, see Appendix A at the end of this document.

ARTICLE III DUES

Sec 1.

Annual dues shall be in the amount determined at the discretion of the board, per owner(s), payable by July 15, each year.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The elected officers shall consist of: President, Vice President, Vice-Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two board members from each of the lakes (one board member shall be the past President). The above officers shall be known as the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2.

Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting.

Sec. 3

Term of office for each member of the Board of Directors shall be two years. Lake directors for each lake will be elected in alternate years to insure continuity of the Board of Directors. The terms of president, secretary and treasurer shall be two years. Secretary and treasurer shall be elected in alternate years. The secretary shall be elected in even years: the treasurer elected in odd years.

The amendment approved by unanimous vote at General Membership Meeting July 1, 1995.

Sec. 4

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members which shall name at least one candidate for each Association office to be filled. Any member may be nominated as a candidate from the floor providing that person is eligible for the position, there is a second to the nomination, and the candidate is willing to serve.

Sec. 5

Any officer may resign at any time by filing his/her written resignation with the secretary.

Sec. 6

Any director who has not been excused and misses three consecutive board meetings shall be automatically dismissed.

Sec. 7

Any officer may be removed by a majority vote of the members convened at a meeting called for this purpose.

ARTICLE V VOTING

Sec. 1

Each member in good standing shall get one vote.

Sec. 2

Proxies will be accepted during a vote if signed by the absent member, dated, and designates a proxy voter.

Sec. 3

Voting shall be informal, show of hands, except at elections where more than one candidate is nominated, or upon request for a secret ballot vote by any member.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Sec. 1

The Association shall hold an annual meeting each year during the week of the July 4th holiday. The exact date will be determined by the Board of Directors. The date will be posted in conspicuous places.

Sec. 2

Special meetings can be called by the Board of Directors. Special Association meetings shall be posted in three conspicuous places, and the purpose of the meeting shall be stated. Notices shall be posted ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Sec. 3

A quorum of at least 20% of paid members must be present (including proxies) at any business meeting.

Sec. 4

Robert's Rules of Order shall be recognized as the authority governing all meetings if not in conflict with the by-laws.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1

The business of the Association shall be under the care and management of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2

The Board shall have the authority to approve bills and expend money for day to day operating expenses.

Sec. 3

Meetings of the Board of Directors will be called by the President as needed or at the request of two board members.

Sec. 4

A quorum at a Board of Directors meeting will consist of at least four (4) board members.

Sec. 5

The President will preside over the board meeting and will appoint any committee.

For a full description of each officer's specific duties, see Appendix B at the end of this document.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1

The by-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any Association meeting, provided a quorum is present.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

Sec. 1

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Association, the Board of Directors after providing for payment of all obligation shall distribute any remaining assets, by direction of the membership.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY / BENEFITS / LISTINGS

A1: WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BECOME A TLCA MEMBER

1. Any owner of a home within one mile of our three-lake chain (Rock/North Turtle/South Turtle), is eligible to become a member.
2. The 3-year membership fee also includes membership for ONE of the following: a co-owner, spouse/partner or one extended family member. Both members will be listed in the TLCA Membership Directory under one listing. See what is listed in membership directory below.*
3. Should an extended family member or friend, who also uses your Winchester home, wish to become a TLCA member, they may purchase a 3-year membership fee which includes one of the following: a spouse/partner/extended family member. They will have their own separate membership directory listing*.

A2: WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TLCA MEMBERSHIP FEE

All TLCA members have voting rights, will be listed in TLCA Membership Directory, will be emailed TLCA correspondence such as social events, the TLCA newsletter (Rag), the TLCA Membership Directory, and any pertinent information about the safety and cleanliness of our lakes.

A3: WHAT CAN BE LISTED IN THE TLCA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

1. Only 2 first and last names can be listed
2. Only 1 mailing address can be listed
3. Only 1 local Winchester address can be listed. If a mailing address is the same as the local Winchester address, they will be both listed.
4. Only 2 phone numbers may be listed. If both are cell numbers, appropriate name will be shown next to each number.
5. Only 2 email addresses may be listed, and each email address will be sent information from TLCA.

APPENDIX B: DIRECTOR / OFFICER POSITIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS