

# Big Sauk Lake Association

## Bylaws

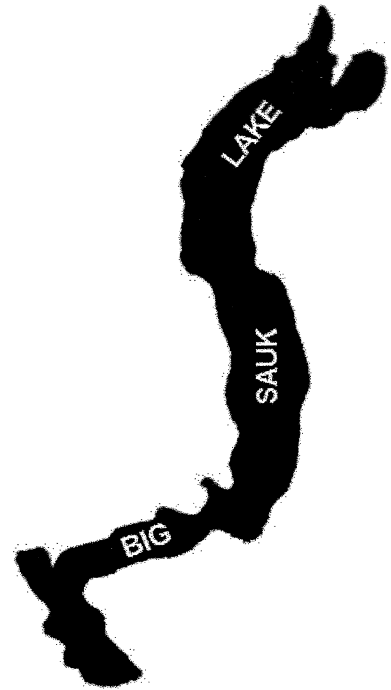
The bylaws of Big Sauk Lake Association are organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota as follows:

### Article I – Name and Purpose

The name of this association shall be Big Sauk Lake Association.

The purposes of this organization shall be to:

1. Exercise, promote, and protect the privileges and interests of the residents on or near Big Sauk Lake, located in Todd and Stearns counties, State of Minnesota.
2. Foster a healthy interest in the civic affairs of the residents on and near the said Big Sauk Lake.
3. Develop good citizenship.
4. Inquire into civic abuses and to seek reformation thereof: particularly those abuses which lead to degradation of the environment surrounding Big Sauk Lake and the degradation of the water quality in Big Sauk Lake.
5. The association is organized exclusively for educational purposes under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.



### Article II – Membership and Dues

Membership: Any person, and only persons, owning or renting real property fronting on Big Sauk Lake, including Tier II, in the counties of Todd and Stearns, in the State of Minnesota, shall be eligible to become a member of the association. They shall pay a membership due to be determined at an annual meeting. Each paid membership is entitled to one vote. All membership dues shall become due the beginning of each fiscal year. The membership dues shall be a minimum amount of \$20.00 per family per year commencing January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, inclusive.

Associate Membership: Any person, firm, association or corporation interested in the future condition of Big Sauk Lake in the counties of Todd and Stearns, in the State of Minnesota shall be eligible to become an associate member of the association. An associate member will pay the same membership fee and can make a contribution of any amount to the association. Associate members are not entitled to a vote, or to hold any office.

Student Membership: Any student 21 years or under who is interested in the future conditions of Big Sauk Lake in the counties of Todd and Stearns, in the State of Minnesota shall be eligible to become an associate member of the association. The student member fee will be \$4.00. The student member can make a contribution of any amount to the association. Student members are not entitled to a vote or hold any office.

### Article III – Meetings

Place: To be designated by the Board of Directors.

Time: Annual meeting to be held on a date as determined by the Board of Directors.

Board: Meets monthly or at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Special Meetings: May be called at any time upon request of the President, Vice President or majority of the Board of Directors.

Notice of Annual Meeting: Written notice stating the place, day, hour and tentative schedule at least 14 days prior to the meeting. A statement of the annual financial records is to be available at the Annual Meeting.

Conduct of Meetings: All meetings of the association whether of the Board of Directors or Committees shall be conducted in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order."

## **Article IV – Board of Directors**

Membership: The property and the business of this association shall be managed by a Board of Directors of not less than 6 nor more than 13. They shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by the majority vote. Each Director shall serve two years, or until a successor shall have been elected and qualified.

Vacancy: Any vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled by affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors or by election at a meeting of the membership. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected to fill the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Authority: The Board of Directors shall have the power to do all lawful acts necessary and expedient to the conduct of the business of the association.

Quorum: At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a quorum shall be defined as equal to or greater than one-half of the elected and active members of the Board. Actions of the majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall constitute a valid action of the Board.

Active Directors: Directors absent three (3) consecutive meetings and/or six (6) or more meetings in a calendar year defined as monthly Board meetings shall be considered inactive and will not be considered voting members for the Board meeting immediately following the absentee period. All other privileges of the Director(s) shall be fully retained. Said Board members(s) may petition the Secretary to be reinstated at any succeeding Board meeting or at the Annual Meeting. Reinstatement shall be by majority vote of the active Directors or at the Annual Meeting by nomination and election.

Compensation: No Director, member of the Board, or member shall receive compensation for any service they render the Association; however, they may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

## **Article V – Officers**

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and Board of Directors, and shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out.

Vice President: The Vice-President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of his or her absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such duties as may be required of the Vice President of the Board.

Treasurer: The Treasurer keeps records of all members of the association, receives and deposits in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the association, disburses and purchases with such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors, shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association, keeps all financial records for the association, keeps proper books of the accounts, and prepares the annual statement of income and expenditures at the completion of each fiscal year.

Secretary: The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and keep records of all acts performed by the Board of Directors.

Directors: Membership, conservation problems, fund raising, social, and at large.

Officers: Any person, and only person, owning or renting property fronting on Big Sauk Lake, including Tier II and a member in good standing are eligible to become a Director, member of the Board, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any office of the Big Sauk Lake Association.

## **Article VI – Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the association shall be January 1 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, inclusive.

## Article VII – Amendment to Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended or altered by the vote of a majority of the whole Board of Directors at any meeting. Such authority in the Board of Directors is subject to the powers of the members present and represented at any meeting.

Bylaws finalized and dated June 1, 1991. Amendments are to be included in the association's Board minutes and in revised bylaws after June 1, 1991.

1. Amendment 1: New – Article VIII, Liability – June 1, 1991.
2. Amendment 2: New – Added to Article II: Student Membership category – August 2, 2004.
3. Amendment 3: New – Added to Article III, Conduct of Meetings; Revised – Article IV, Quorum; New – Added to Article IV, Active Directors – April 10, 2006
4. Amendment 4: Revisions to Article III, Meetings – April 24, 2010
5. Amendment 5: New – Added to Article I, Number 5 to Purposes; New – Article IX – Dissolution Clause – July 9, 2011.

## Article VIII – Liability

Participation in Big Sauk Lake Association activities and events is voluntary. Big Sauk Lake Association members, guests, and non-members assume all risk for injury or loss resulting from such participation. Big Sauk Lake Association accepts no liability, express or implied due to or as a result of any activities or events of the Big Sauk Lake Association.

## Article IX – Dissolution Clause

Upon dissolution of this association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Robert Bjork                      ROBERT BJOEK                      July 9, 2011  
President's Signature                      Printed Name                      Date

Richard Jennissen                      Richard Jennissen                      July 9, 2011  
Treasurer's Signature                      Printed Name                      Date