

**BY-LAWS OF THE THUNDER LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**ADOPTED OCTOBER 8, 2005**  
**LAST AMENDED AUGUST 2, 2014**

**ARTICLE 1: NAME**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Thunder Lake Association, also referred to as TLA, and is referred to as "The Association" throughout these By-Laws.

**ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE**

Section 1. The Association shall promote and maintain the environmental, economic, and recreational quality of Thunder Lake and the surrounding area.

Section 2. The Association shall work in conjunction with federal, state, county, and local agencies, public and private, to maintain the quality of the lake.

Section 3. The Association shall work towards enhancing a better game fish population in Thunder Lake.

Section 4. The Association shall provide educational resources relating to the protection of the environmental resources and quality of Thunder Lake and its wildlife.

Section 5. The Association shall inform the general membership of concerns relating to the purposes of The Association.

Section 6. The Association shall be a nonprofit, non-stock organization.

**ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all persons (age 18 and older) interested in the purpose and objectives of The Association and may become a voting member by paying one year's membership dues to the Membership Committee.

Section 2. Membership year shall be from April 1 through March 31.

**ARTICLE 4: DUES**

Section 1. The Membership Committee shall bill members for the membership dues annually and the payment for dues should be sent to the Membership Committee. The dues are due upon receipt of the annual billing notice.

Section 2. Annual dues paid after the annual billing notice provide membership privileges from the date of payment until the next annual billing notice and shall not be prorated.

Section 3. The amount of the dues shall be set by The Board. Changes in the annual dues must be approved by a simple majority of votes at a general membership meeting.

Section 4. Members who have paid their dues are considered "members in good standing".

**ARTICLE 5: MANAGEMENT**

Section 1. The management of The Association shall be vested in a nine (9) member Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be referred to as "The Board" throughout these By-Laws.

Section 2. Board members shall be elected at the annual meeting by a simple majority, assume their position on The Board immediately following the annual meeting, and serve a term of three (3) years.

Section 3. Terms shall be staggered so that a minimum of three director's terms shall expire each year.

Section 4. All Officer or Board of Director vacancies which occur shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining Officers/Directors with appointees serving the remainder of the vacated term.

Section 5: The Board members shall be members who are in good standing.

## **ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of The Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers of The Association shall be elected by and from The Board for a one year term. The officers of the Board and the officers of The Association shall be the same.

Section 3. Duties:

- A. The President shall preside at all annual, board and special meetings of The Association and shall represent The Association at all official functions. The President shall also communicate to The Board all business brought to his/her attention.
- B. 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, or the general membership.
- C. The Secretary shall record and maintain minutes of all annual, board, and special meetings of The Association and shall manage all routine correspondence of The Association.
- D. The Treasurer shall maintain all revenues of The Association and shall disperse expenditures as designated by The Board or the general membership.
  - (1) The Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of The Association.
  - (2) The Treasurer shall present a yearly report of income and expenditures at the annual meeting of The Association.
  - (3) The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1 through December 31.
  - (4) The fiscal reporting year will be from August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- E. Board members shall fulfill all duties as directed by the President, The Board, or the general membership.

## **ARTICLE 7: COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The Board shall appoint such committees as shall be necessary to carry out the purpose and objectives of the Association.

## **ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS**

Section 1. The Association shall meet annually during the month of August.

Section 2. The Board shall notify the general membership of the exact date, time and place of the annual meeting. Notification shall be given at least fifteen (15) days but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting..

Section 3. The Board shall meet a minimum of two times during the year. A Board meeting shall be held immediately following The Association's annual meeting to elect the officers. A second Board meeting shall be held prior to the next annual meeting of the Association to set the Agenda for the annual meeting. .

Section 4. Special general membership meetings may be called at the discretion of a majority of The Board, the President, or upon written request of a majority of the general membership.

Section 5. The Board shall notify the general membership of the date, time, place and purpose of all special general membership meetings.

## **ARTICLE 9: VOTING AND QUORUM**

Section 1: Each paid membership is entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 2: Attendance at a meeting is required to vote.

Section 3: A quorum at general membership meetings shall consist of the general voting membership in attendance.

Section 4: A quorum at board meetings shall consist of 5 board members in attendance.

## **ARTICLE 10: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

Section 1: All meetings of The Association and The Board shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, unless otherwise specified by these By-Laws..

## **ARTICLE 11: ELECTIONS**

Section 1: Election of The Board shall be held at the annual meeting. Any member in good standing shall be eligible for The Board

## **ARTICLE 12: SUSPENSION OF THE BY-LAWS**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership, present and voting, for emergency situations only.

## **ARTICLE 13: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

Section 1: These By-Laws may be amended in any meeting of The Association, provided that written notice is given to the general membership at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting at which action is to be taken.

## **ARTICLE 14: DISSOLUTIONMENT**

Section 1: Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes (conservation related) within the meaning of Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purposes. Such distribution shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the laws of this state.

**ADOPTED: OCTOBER 8, 2005**

**AMENDED: AUGUST 19, 2006 – CHANGED FISCAL AND MEMBERSHIP YEAR TO CALENDAR YEAR - JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31**

**AMENDED: MAY 19, 2007 – ARTICLE 5: MANAGEMENT – SECTION 1: INCREASED BOARD FROM 7 TO 9 MEMBERS**

**AMENDED: JUNE 19, 2010 – ARTICLE 5: MANAGEMENT - SECTION 3: CHANGED NUMBER OF FULL THREE YEAR TERMS FROM TWO TO THREE**

**AMENDED: AUGUST 28, 2010 – ADDED ARTICLE 14: DISSOLUTIONMENT**

**AMENDED: AUGUST 3, 2013 – CHANGED ARTICLE 4 DUES – SECTION 1 TO DUES DUE UPON RECEIPT – SECTION 2 – PROVIDES MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES FROM DATE OF PAYMENT TO NEXT BILLING NOTICE – ARTICLE 5 MANAGEMENT – SECTION 3 – TERM LIMIT ELIMINATED – REMAINING SECTIONS RENUMBERED 4, 5, 6, TO 3, 4, 5 ARTICLE 6 OFFICERS – SECTION 3 DUTIES – add line (4) THE FISCAL REPORTING YEAR WILL BE FROM AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> TO JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>.**

**AMENDED: AUGUST 2, 2014 – CHANGED ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP – SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP YEAR SHALL BE APRIL 1 THROUGH MARCH 31.**