

BYLAWS OF RUSH LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I — NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be RUSH LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED, hereafter designated as RLIA.

Section 2: The RLIA is a member-supported 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity.

Section 3: This association of members is formed with the purposes of improving and preserving the quality of the lake, and of preventing the spread of harmful aquatic plants, fish, and chemicals, in an effort to provide a healthy lake environment for the community and all its users.

ARTICLE II — MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

Section 1: The membership of the RLIA shall consist of and be open to all individuals, institutions, and organizations whose interests are consistent with the purposes and objectives of the association. Membership is granted upon receipt of a Membership Registration Form and dues. Continued membership is contingent upon being up-to-date on membership dues.

Section 2: Members shall pay dues annually in the amount of \$20.00 unless changed by a majority vote of the members at the annual meeting.

Section 3: Each membership is entitled to one (1) vote. Each membership shall be eligible to appoint one voting representative from their membership to cast the vote. Legal voting age shall be eighteen (18) years old.

Section 4: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors and Membership shall be held monthly. Printed notice of the date, time, and location shall be mailed to the members prior to the meetings.

Section 5: An annual meeting of the members shall take place in the month of June. Printed notice of the date, time, and location shall be mailed to the members prior to the meeting. At the annual meeting the members shall elect directors and officers, receive reports of the activities of the association, and participate in determining the direction of the Association for the coming year.

Section 6: The members present at any properly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7: All issues to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority of members present at the meeting in which the vote takes place.

Section 8: Rules adopted and set forth by the Board of Directors will govern the conduct of Association meetings.

ARTICLE III — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: A Board of Directors, hereafter designated as the Board, is responsible for the management of the Association and for the fulfillment of its purposes.

Section 2: The Board shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President and eight (8) Directors at large.

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Section 5: Vacancies on the Board, however arising, may be filled for the unexpired portion of a term by majority vote of the Board.

Section 6: Election of Board positions will be held in June of each year at the Annual meeting. The Board shall be responsible for nominating a slate of candidates. In addition, any member can nominate a candidate. The nominees will be elected or re-elected by a simple majority vote of members present at the annual meeting. Newly elected or re-elected Directors shall assume their duties on August 1.

ARTICLE IV — OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1: The Officers of the RLIA shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President.

Section 2: The President shall preside at all meetings. In the President's absence, the Vice President shall preside. In the event that both the President and the Vice President are absent, a Board designee shall preside. The President shall appoint all committee chairs and perform other duties as associated with the office.

Section 3: The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President, and may serve as the ex officio member of any and all committees of the RLIA.

- Section 4:* The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of RLIA actions, including but not limited to overseeing the taking of minutes at all meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes, assuring that Association records are maintained, and performing other duties designated by the Board.
- Section 5:* The Treasurer shall take charge of all money belonging to the RLIA (excluding Charitable Gambling funds), deposit cash and checks in the name of and to the credit of the Association in the bank designated by the Board, make a financial report at each meeting, chair the Finance committee, disperse RLIA funds and checks for budgeted and other approved expenses upon receipt of an invoice or proper billing, maintain an accurate roster of members, and perform other duties designated by the Board.
- Section 6:* The Past President shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board and participate as needed.

ARTICLE V — COMMITTEES

- Section 1:* The Board may form committees as needed, to work on special issues such as fundraising, sponsored events, membership drives, etc.
- Section 2:* A Finance Committee shall be responsible for developing the annual budget to present to the Board for approval. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee which will include up to three other Board members.

ARTICLE VI — RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Section 1:* This association will comply with all rules and regulations pertaining to operations of a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation set forth by state and federal law.
- Section 2:* This association will comply with all Gambling Control Board rules.
- Section 3:* No part of the net earnings of the association shall be used to benefit any member, director, or officer of the association (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services and/or expenses rendered to or for the association affecting one or more of its purposes).
- Section 4:* Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year beginning August 1, an annual budget shall be developed by the Finance Committee and presented to the Board for approval. The Board approved budget shall be mailed to the membership with a ballot. The budget will be adopted if approved by a majority of the membership who return their vote. Members may

submit written requests for items to be budgeted; requests must be submitted to the Board by April 30th of each year.

Section 5: All non-budgeted RLIA General Fund expenditures must be approved by the Board.

Section 6: All RLIA Board approved Gambling Fund expenditures must be approved by the membership present at a monthly general meeting and be recorded in the minutes.

ARTICLE VII — AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These bylaws shall be amended as often as necessary, in accordance with the organization's growth and change, by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary who will present them to the Board for review.

CERTIFICATION

These bylaws were approved by a majority vote of the membership who returned the ballot that was mailed to all members on July 26, 2012.

Sue Griffin
Secretary

August 16, 2012
Date
