



# DALLAS LAKE ASSOCIATION

Spring 2023 NEWSLETTER

## ANNUAL MEETING – Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Backroads Tavern

A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served at 9:00 A.M. The annual meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. We hope to see you!

**Bylaws Amendment Vote:** Please review the attached by-laws prior to the meeting. The Board has updated them and they must be approved by a simple majority of the members in attendance. Absent members may vote by written notice to the Board of Directors and signed by the member. The notice must be received prior to the annual meeting. (See proxy vote option on the Dues Form.)

**Board of Directors Election:** Eight of the nine current board members have been nominated for re-election (Steve Aspy has one more year left in his two-year term) Jenny Gunkle and Kurt Przbyla have also been nominated. Directors will be elected by a majority of those members casting votes at the annual meeting.

## DALLAS LAKE BOARD MEMBERS

**Officers:** Pete Kelly, **President** (260) 438-9232  
Steve Aspy, **Vice President** (574) 202-4022  
Marilyn Wingstrom, **Treasurer** (574) 206-6806  
Christine Cook, **Secretary** (574) 299-1851

**At Large:** John Bennett (260) 705-8921  
Chris Bouwkamp (317) 709-2864  
Kent Martz (260) 433-6256  
Angie Miller (260) 336-5983  
Maggie Pechin (260) 463-1766

## ZEBRA MUSSELS

Some of our residents have expressed concerns about Zebra Mussels which come from ships going through the St. Lawrence Seaway and work their way into the Great Lakes eventually arriving in Northern Indiana lakes. The Fish Subcommittee met with a DNR representative and learned that stocking red ear fish would have minimal affect and the population will likely go down in a year or two then fluctuate after that. It was also strongly suggested that boats owners raise their outboard motors when docking/storing your boat.

## COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) initiative is currently underway in LaGrange County to update the Zoning Ordinance. Representatives from our board and other lake stakeholders continue to attend scheduled meetings to provide input on lake-related zoning issues. To learn more, visit *LaGrange County's website* ([Plan Commission / LaGrange County, Indiana](#)).

## YOUR DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Dallas Lake Association maintains five funds – the Fireworks Fund was established to help fund the annual fireworks display. The Legal Defense Fund is used to pay attorney(s) if needed to pursue lake issues or complete legal documents. While not used frequently, when needed it makes a difference. The Water Quality Fund is used for anything that pertains to keeping our lake water clean and safe for wildlife and humans such as goose round-up, water testing, drainage, erosion and other related issues. The newest fund, the Fish Fund, was added last year to stock the lake with Walleye. Finally, the General Fund is used for all other Dallas Lake Association expenses. This includes the annual meeting, newsletters, signage, and other items determined by the board of directors. Thank you for your support!

On page 3, there is a Dallas Lake Association form for you to use to provide any updated information and also pay annual membership dues (general fund) and make contributions to the other four funds. A financial update will be given at the Annual Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

There is a Dallas Lake Directory available on the website - [www.dallaslakeassociation.org](http://www.dallaslakeassociation.org)

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE DALLAS LAKE ASSOCIATION!**  
**Dallas Lake Association Form - Below are four items that need your action:**

**#1 - 2023 Dallas Lake Association Dues and Contributions**

- Enclosed are my \$25 **DUES** for the 2023 Season \$25.00
- Enclosed is my contribution to the **Fireworks Fund**  
\$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Enclosed is my contribution to the **Legal Defense Fund**  
\$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Enclosed is my contribution to the **Water Quality Fund**  
\$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Enclosed is my contribution to the **Fish Fund**  
\$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to Dallas Lake Association

**#2 - RSVP for the Dallas Lake Breakfast and Annual Meeting – Saturday, June 10, 2023**

- We will be attending the Breakfast and Annual Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>  
\_\_\_\_\_ Number of people attending

**#3 – Please vote for the Bylaw amendment changes if you won't be attending the annual mtg.**

Bylaw amendment changes proxy vote, select one - \_\_\_ Approve \_\_\_ Against

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / 2023

**#4 – Please provide your name and update your contact information for our records.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number/Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address *if different from mailing address:*  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT by JUNE 2, 2023 to:**  
**Dallas Lake Association / c/o Marilyn Wingstrom / 75 W 600 S / Wolcottville, IN 46795**

## DALLAS LAKE – BY-LAWS

As Amended **March 2023** ~~August 2001~~

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of the organization shall be the Dallas Lake Property Owners' Association **Inc.**

### **ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

To act as an advocate for the well-being of the lake and members of the association.

### **ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to all residents and property owners of Dallas Lake. This means all residents and property owners whose property is directly on the lakeshore, bay and channels are eligible and encouraged to join.

### **ARTICLE 4: FISCAL YEAR**

The association's fiscal year will be from January 1 to December 31.

### **ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

At least one general meeting shall be held each year and it shall be held on the **second** ~~last~~ Saturday of **June** ~~August~~. Additional meetings may be called for by the board. The time and place will be established by the directors. Notices of the meeting will be sent to all members of record. Each member whose dues are paid is entitled to vote.

### **ARTICLE 6: DUES**

Membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors each year.

### **ARTICLE 7: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Section 1: Number of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of a maximum of **eleven (11)** ~~twelve (12)~~ members. All board members must be members in good standing of the association. ~~Each board member shall serve an initial three-year term.~~

#### **Section 2 4: Elections**

The president of the association will select a nominating committee each year to nominate or re-nominate candidates to fill **vacancies and/or** expired terms of board members ~~sixty (60)~~ **at least ninety (90)** days prior to the **June** ~~fall~~ **general** meeting. All nominees must be members in good standing.

Directors will be elected by a majority of those members casting votes **at the June general meeting** ~~in an election called for by the board~~. Directors will serve without compensation. ~~Directors who miss three (3) consecutive board meetings will no longer be considered active directors.~~

#### **Section 3 8: Terms**

Each **new** member of the Board of Directors shall serve for **an initial three (3) year** ~~term of three (3) years~~. Board members will be eligible to serve additional terms **of two (2) years if elected by the membership** ~~if nominated by the Nominating Committee~~. Directors who miss three (3) consecutive board meetings will no longer be considered active directors.

**ARTICLE 7 (continued)**

**Section 4 3: Vacancies**

Whenever vacancies occur ~~within a member's term~~ the three (3) year period, the vacancy ~~may~~ shall be filled by the vote of a majority of the remaining members of the board.

~~Section 5: Resolutions may be passed by a simple majority of the Board of Directors in attendance at a scheduled board meeting.~~

**Section 5 6: Powers of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to manage the business of the association and in that regard hire such agents as may be required.

Resolutions may be passed by a simple majority of the Board of Directors in attendance at a scheduled board meeting. ~~Attendance can be met by participating through remote means.~~

The ~~President and Treasurer jointly~~ officers by majority vote have the authority to obligate the association on any one expenditure up to ~~\$1,000~~ \$250.00 or any expenditure for which the total would be up to ~~\$1,000~~ \$500.00 from the general fund. The Board of Directors by majority vote shall have the authority to approve any single expenditure over ~~\$1,000~~ \$250.00 or any expenditure for which the total will exceed ~~\$1,000~~ \$250.00 whether recommended by the officers or a majority of members in attendance at a general meeting. ~~In addition, the Board of Directors will appoint a subcommittee of the board to approve any and all expenditures from the voluntary water quality fund.~~

Whereas membership dues go directly to the General Fund, other funds have been established to pay for specific purposes through voluntary contributions. Any transfer of money out of one fund to another, with the exception of the General Fund, shall require a simple majority of the members in attendance at a general meeting. Notice must be mailed thirty (30) days prior to the meeting to all members explaining the proposed transfer of funds. Absent members may vote by written notice to the Board of Directors signed by the member. This notice must be received prior to the general meeting to be considered in the voting process.

~~Section 7: Officers~~

~~The Board of Directors shall elect officers of the association from the elected Board of Directors.~~

**ARTICLE 8: OFFICERS**

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall elect officers of the association from the elected Board of Directors.

~~Section 2 1: The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Treasurer. if required, a Corresponding Secretary.~~

~~Section 3 2: The officers shall be elected from the members of the Board of Directors immediately following the fall June annual meeting preceding the year in which they take office. and newly elected~~

officers shall take office immediately following the vote. ~~The officers must be elected from the members of the Board of Directors.~~

**Section 4 3:** If an office shall be vacant within the year, the directors shall elect a successor to complete the unexpired term.

**Section 5 4:** The officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

**ARTICLE 9: DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

The president shall preside at all meetings of the directors and the members, appoint all committees, and sign as president of the association all papers bearing directly or indirectly upon the association.

**ARTICLE 10: DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

It shall be the duty of the vice-president in the absence of the president to preside and to perform all the duties pertaining to the office of the president and to render such assistance as may be required of him. In the event of a vacancy in the president's office, he shall preside until the Board of Directors elects a president to fill the vacancy.

**ARTICLE 11: DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER**

It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to keep a written record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and all meetings, annual or otherwise of the association, ~~and to be responsible for all correspondence of the association in lieu of a corresponding secretary and to maintain a list of all members entitled to vote. The secretary should see to it that the clubhouse is responsible for reserving a location site as necessary for meetings (board and general). Also, the duties shall include the custody and care of the funds of the association and the duty to maintain proper accounting records and shall sign checks of the association.~~

**ARTICLE 12: DUTIES OF THE TREASURER**

The ~~secretary-treasurer~~ shall pay all bills and shall make a report of the financial condition of the association on a regular basis and make a report of the financial condition at each general meeting of the association members. ~~Also, the duties shall include the custody and care of the funds of the association and the duty to maintain proper accounting records, and shall sign checks of the association and make available to the secretary a list of all due paying members. The secretary-treasurer should see to it that the clubhouse is reserved for meetings (board and general).~~

**ARTICLE ~~12~~ 13: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1:** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held ~~on the last second Saturday of in March and May, June and July~~ **August of each year.** Special meetings will be called by the president. ~~All meetings of the Board of Directors will be open to the members of the association. A quorum must be met at regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors in order to conduct official business.~~

**Section 2:** A quorum shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE ~~13~~ 14: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors or association shall be conducted as follows: reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, report of the treasurer, committee reports, unfinished business, new business and adjournment.

**ARTICLE 14 15: CERTIFIED LIST OF MEMBERSHIP**

Ten (10) days prior to each meeting of the association members, a list of all the members entitled to vote shall be prepared by the secretary.

**ARTICLE 15 16: AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended by a simple majority of the members in attendance at a general meeting. Notice must be mailed thirty (30) days prior to the meeting to all members explaining the proposed change. Absent members may vote by written notice to the Board of Directors signed by the member. This notice must be received prior to the general meeting to be considered in the voting process.

Amended March, 2023

Filename: ~~BylawsDallas801~~

Previous amendment ~~Amended August 2001~~