

Glen Lake Protective Association, Inc. Constitution

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Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives

The mission of the Glen Lake Protective Association (GLPA) is to work together to protect, enhance, and restore the ecological health of the natural and human communities of Glen Lake and its Watershed. The threats to, and the degradation of, the Glen Lake ecosystem are for all of us to solve together. Consequently, the will to address the problems and to work toward their solutions is a foremost human responsibility. To realize this mission, we have identified the following goals:

- To insure the long-term health of Glen Lake, its shoreline properties, and watershed through proper water and soil conservation techniques;
- To work to eliminate or mitigate environmental threats such as
 - (1) the destruction of critical habitats and wetlands;
 - (2) non-native and/or nuisance plant and animal species, including but not limited to Eurasian water milfoil, overabundant algae, Zebra Mussels;
 - (3) point and non-point sources of pollution;
 - (4) poor or non-existent land use planning;
- To promote friendly relationships and foster sportsmanship among the members of the Association and all residents within our shared watershed and larger community;
- To encourage good sanitary habits and the general cleanliness of the Lake and surrounding area;
- To require compliance with New York State, Warren County, and Town of Queensbury Navigational, Fishing and Land Use Laws.

To accomplish these goals, the Association should

- (1) become a conduit of information by establishing networks of communication;
- (2) present a strong and unified voice to governments and the larger community, a voice which will sound the needs of our Lake and its localities;
- (3) support, inspire and develop leadership among concerned individuals and groups that share our goals and needs;
- (4) be a driving force in the advocacy of Glen Lake protection issues, now and for future generations.

Article 1. Name

The name of this organization is the Glen Lake Protective Association, Inc.

Article 2. Conditions and Qualifications of Membership

Section 1.

Membership shall be obtained by paying a yearly membership fee to be determined by the membership. The term will run from June 1 through May 31.

Section 2.

A Full Membership of the Association shall consist of anyone 18 years of age or older who owns or rents under a twelve-month lease. Ownership is defined as anyone who owns lake front property, has deeded legal right of way to the lake, or owns property within 500 feet of the high water mark. Renters would be defined as anyone who is renting, under a twelve month lease, either lake front property or property within the 500 feet of the high water mark. Full Membership is extended unless a member leaves the Association, sells property within the previously mentioned guidelines, or becomes disqualified by conduct detrimental to the Association as determined by two-thirds majority vote at a regular meeting.

Section 3.

Associate Membership is open to anyone interested in becoming a non-voting member of the GLPA. Associate Members cannot vote nor hold elected or appointed positions as Officers or Directors of the Association.

Section 4.

Only individuals who have obtained Full Memberships will have the ability to vote. Members may be asked to identify themselves by showing their membership cards anytime during the voting process. The Corresponding Secretary will also have a complete record of members in good standing.

Article 3. Meetings

Section 1.

The Association shall meet regularly from April through October.

Section 2.

The President may call special Board or Association meetings for any purpose.

Section 3.

Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the petition in writing of (10) ten members of the Association. The petition shall set forth the purpose for which such meeting is called. No other business shall be transacted thereat. At least five (5) days written notice of such meeting shall be given to each member.

Section 4.

The annual business meeting of the Association shall be held during the month of August at which time the election of Officers and Directors will take place.

Section 5.

The Board of Directors will meet each month provided that there is an agenda of sufficient items.

Section 6.

If any officer or member of the Board of Directors attends a meeting in an official GLPA capacity, he/she will be accompanied by at least one other member of the Board of Directors, whenever possible.

Article 4. Board of Directors

Section 1.

The eleven member Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the following:

1. Five Officers:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Recording Secretary
 - Corresponding Secretary
 - Treasurer

2. Six Directors

Section 2.

An attempt shall be made when selecting Officers and Directors to make sure all sections of the lake, according to 1970 map drawn by John Iwaniec, Sr. for the Glen Lake Association, are represented.

Section 3.

The five Officers shall be elected at the annual August meeting of the Association by a majority of the votes cast and shall hold office for one year or until a successor is elected or appointed. Their terms shall be noted in the Secretary's report.

Section 4.

The six Directors shall be elected and hold offices on a staggered schedule with one-third being elected each year for a three-year term or until successors are elected or appointed. Their terms shall be noted in the Secretary's report.

Section 5.

Officers and Directors, at the time of election and throughout their respective terms, must be members in good standing and are expected to maintain regular attendance. Officers and Directors who have missed four consecutive meetings shall be considered to have vacated or resigned their office. The aforementioned shall be considered to be general membership meetings, board meetings and/or a combination of the two.

Section 6.

Vacancies in any of the foregoing offices shall be filled by appointment of the President and approved by the majority of the Board of Directors for the un-expired term thereof.

Section 7.

The Board of Directors shall organize immediately after election.

Section 8.

The Board of Directors shall head the Association's permanent committees as defined in the GLPA Bylaws.

Article 5. Duties of the President

Section 1.

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.

Section 2.

The President may, at all times, call on the Officers or Directors to assist in the performance of the duties of the President.

Section 3.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and its Directors and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Association.

Section 4.

The President shall appoint heads of all committees, subject to a majority vote of the Board.

Section 5.

The President shall be, exofficio, a member of all committees.

Section 6.

The President shall cast the deciding vote when a tie exists.

Section 7.

The President shall be entitled to vote in the election of Officers.

Article 6. Duties of the Vice President

Section 1.

It shall be the duty of the Vice President, in the absence of the President, to assure the duties and to be invested with all the powers of the President heretofore enumerated.

Article 7. Duties of the Treasurer

Section 1.

The Treasurer shall keep the financial accounts of the Association, receive all moneys, disburse the funds on the order of the Directors, and render at each annual meeting a report of the transactions during the year.

Section 2.

The Treasurer shall supply to the tax preparer all documents to file timely tax returns.

Section 3.

The Treasurer shall report at every regular business meeting of the Association all receipts and disbursements since the last regular meeting.

Section 4.

The Treasurer shall sign all checks for the disbursement of the funds of the Association along with the President or the Vice President.

Section 5.

The Treasurer shall make available at all times all books, vouchers, and records to the Directors and auditing committee and produce all for inspection upon demand.

Section 6.

The Treasurer shall define various funds such as regular checking, regular savings, Lake maintenance, checking, and Lake maintenance savings (either regular savings account or CD).

Section 7.

The Treasurer shall present at the August annual meeting proof by bank statement of any balance reported.

Article 8. Recording Secretary

Section 1.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and its Directors.

Section 2.

The Recording Secretary shall make accessible at all times all books, minutes, and reports of the Association to the Directors and any member so requesting and shall produce all for their inspection upon demand.

Section 3.

The Recording Secretary shall receive an annual salary, which is determined by the membership.

Article 9. Corresponding Secretary

Section 1.

The Corresponding Secretary shall keep a record of the current active membership of the Association.

Section 2.

The Corresponding Secretary shall handle all correspondence and work with the Recording Secretary when needed or fulfill the duties of the Recording Secretary in his/her absence.

Section 3.

The Corresponding Secretary shall make available upon demand a current list of active members to the Directors or to any member who requests one.

Section 4.

The Corresponding Secretary shall make available a current list of all active members at all regular or annual Association meetings.

Section 5.

The Corresponding Secretary shall receive an annual salary, which is determined by the membership.

Article 10. Constitution and the Bylaws

Section 1.

A motion to make a change to the Constitution and the Bylaws must be made at a regular general membership meeting.

Section 2.

Discussion will follow the motion.

Section 3.

Written notification of the amendment will be sent to all members 15 days prior to the next general membership meeting.

Section 4.

At the general membership meeting following the notification, the motion will be discussed.

Section 5.

At the next general membership meeting the amendment will be voted on. No discussion will be permitted.

Section 6.

A majority vote of the members present is necessary to pass a change or add to the GLPA Bylaws.

Section 7.

A 2/3 vote of the members present is necessary to pass a change or addition to the Constitution.

Article 11. Robert's Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order Revised will generally be accepted to govern the proceedings of the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the Constitution or Bylaws.