

# **BYLAWS OF LAKE RILEY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this Association shall be:

**LAKE RILEY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

## **ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES, PURPOSES AND GOALS**

### Objectives

The objectives of this Association shall be to promote the care and betterment of Lake Riley; assist in the conservation and preservation of the natural resources of Lake Riley; and to promote the general welfare of the members of this association as it pertains to their personal and property interests related to Lake Riley.

### Purposes

The purposes of this Association shall be to provide a means for all members, and other interested persons, to join together for their common good in public meetings; to present and discuss topics and problems of general interest and concern; and to work out reasonable and equitable solutions that will fulfill the above-named objectives and below named goals of this Association.

### Goals

The goals of this Association shall be to have a clean lake by minimizing pollution, refuse, excessive weeds, the green scum of algae and impact of Aquatic Invasive Species; to have better fishing by means of proper stocking, removal of rough fish and providing suitable spawning areas wherever possible; to have a safe lake where boating, fishing, swimming, other water sports, and winter activities can be enjoyed by all, free from the fear and danger of boating law violators; including over powered and over loaded boats, unlicensed boats, and improper lights or reflectors on boats, docks, etc.; under the supervision of the proper authorities; and to build community by creating opportunities for neighbors around the lake to interact and get to know each other and supporting uses of the lake which are beneficial to the broader community.

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Section 1

There are two types of memberships in the Association, Regular and Associate. Regular members shall include owners of property adjoining the waters of Lake Riley, persons leasing property adjoining the waters of Lake Riley; communities /associations having easement rights + or access to Lake Riley; and one membership each for the two municipalities in which Lake Riley is situated. Regular members have voting privileges (one vote each per family, community/association, and municipality).

Associate membership is open to individual homeowners in communities/associations having easement rights for access to Lake Riley, and all others interested in supporting the objectives, purposes and goals of the association.

Membership in the Association entitles the member to: be listed in the Association directory, receive a copy of the directory, and to be informed of all meetings and other official business of the Association.

Section 2

The yearly dues of this Association shall be \$20.00 (Twenty) for all members (regular and associate), due and payable within 30 days of the annual meeting. Dues shall be used for projects to improve Lake Riley and any/all Association costs.

Section 3

It is understood that this Association is non-discriminatory, non-political and operated not for profit.

Section 4

An amendment or amendments to all or any part of these by-laws may be made at the annual meeting of any year by a two-thirds vote of the members voting at such meeting.

**ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

Section 1

The elected officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Officers shall be elected in three-year cycles. The Secretary and Treasurer positions shall be elected in the

first year of the cycle. The President and the Vice President shall be elected in the second year of the cycle. The third year will be a skip-year with no elections unless required for unique circumstances. Together these four individuals shall constitute the Governing Board of this Association. The officers may run and be elected to serve for multiple terms

#### Section 2

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, enforce order and the observance of the by-laws, appoint committees and perform other duties as the Association may order in meeting. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Governing Board.

#### Section 3

The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in case of his/her absence or inability to attend the duties of his/her office. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall automatically become President, and a new Vice-President shall be elected at the next regular meeting.

#### Section 4

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association. At each meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting may be read, and shall be offered for correction and/or approval by the association. The Secretary shall make sure that records are kept available to the membership, issue notices of meetings, and conduct the general correspondence of and to the membership. The Secretary shall maintain the website [lakeriley.org](http://lakeriley.org) and any social media designed for the LRIA for as long as they remain viable, and may enlist a Technology chair to help.

#### Section 5

The Treasurer shall collect all dues and assessments and receive all contributions to the Association, and pay all bills of the Association from the LRIA account. The Treasurer must keep accurate accounts and shall report all financial transactions for the preceding period at each meeting of the association. No Officer, Representative or member of this Association shall incur indebtedness or cause an indebtedness to be incurred in the name of the Association without prior approval. The Treasurer will maintain a current roster of membership.

#### Section 6

The Governing Board shall meet when deemed necessary, and shall make such recommendations to the Association meetings as they see fit. In the interim between Association meetings the Board shall conduct the business of the Association, subject to the review of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

##### Section 1

A regular annual meeting of this Association shall be held the fourth Monday in April. Special meetings may also be held. A special meeting will be held when requested by at least five members or any other time the Governing Board deems necessary.

##### Section 2

Newly elected Officers and Representatives shall assume the duties of their office after the close of the annual meeting each April.