

BY-LAWS OF THE VAN ETTEN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Approved July 5, 2025

ARTICLE I: NAME

This corporation shall be known as the Van Etten Lake Association, a non-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located in Oscoda Township.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

This corporation has been formed to educate, inform and actively work toward the improvement and protection of Van Etten Lake and its surrounding environment.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING PRIVILEGES

There shall be two types of membership: Family membership and Associate membership.

Section 1: Family Membership

- A. Must be a property owner in the Van Etten Lake Dam Special Assessment District in Oscoda Township, Iosco County.
- B. Family Members are voting members.
- C. Family Members have one vote no matter how many properties they own.

Section 2: Associate Membership

- A. Any government agency, organization or non-property owner who wishes to support the Association.
- B. Associate Members do not have voting privileges.

Section 3: Procedure for Becoming a Member

Each individual, organization, or governmental agency must complete a membership form and pay the appropriate annual dues.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

Any proposed changes in dues shall be presented by the Board of Directors for approval by the membership at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall be a president, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary

Section 2: After the Annual Meeting in July, the Board of Directors shall elect from its members a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 3: Officers as designated in this Article shall serve a one-year term with a maximum of six (6) years, if they wish.

Section 4: The President shall preside over all meetings. The President shall appoint all committee Chairs with the approval of the Board. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 5: Vacancies – Any vacancy that occurs between Annual Meetings shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors. The appointment shall be until the next Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors shall have the responsibility of establishing policy and operational procedures for the Association.

Section 1: Board Membership

- A. The Board shall have a total membership of nine (9).

Section 2: Elections

- A. All elections shall be held at the Annual Meeting.
- B. Only Family Members may hold office.
- C. Only Family Members may vote.

Section 3: Term of Office

The term of office for elected board members shall be two (2) years with a maximum of three two-year terms totaling six (6) years. Each Board Member shall/may hold their office until a successor is appointed/elected. A Board member may run for re-election to the Board after completing a one-year absence from the Board.

Section 4: Committees

Committee's may be created/dissolved as needed at the discretion of the President and the board to support the efforts of the Association.

- A. Membership Committee – The membership committee is responsible to recruit new members, maintain the member database, invoice and collect payments of dues, bank deposits.
- B. Activities Committee – The activities committee is responsible for securing the location, food, etc. for events.
- C. Weed Committee – The weed committee is responsible for reviewing the contract between the township, the lake manager and the applicator. The committee then makes a recommendation to the township. The contract is negotiated and signed by the township. The committee approves all weed applications and works in cooperation with the lake manager on a program that will result in a lake that is healthy for both recreational use and fishing. The Committee Chair maintains communication with all

interested parties and guides them to adhere to the current year plan. The Committee Chair reports to the Board.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual Meeting

- A. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the second Saturday in July.
- B. The agenda for the Annual Meeting must include elections, review of the previous year's activities, and proposed association programs and budget for the ensuing year.
- C. Fifteen (15) regular members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- D. All motions will be passed by majority vote.
- E. Members shall be notified in writing within three (3) weeks of the Annual Meeting date, time and place.

Section 2: General Meetings

- A. General meetings shall be held on the Saturdays of the weekends following Memorial Day and Labor Day.
- B. Members shall be notified within three (3) weeks of the meetings' time and place.
- C. Nine (9) regular members shall constitute a quorum.
- D. All motions will be passed by majority vote.

Section 3: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President. All rules of general meetings shall pertain to special meetings.

Section 4: Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order, as amended, shall be the parliamentary authority.

ARTICLE VIII: BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Procedures

- A. A by-law amendment must be introduced in writing at one of the three (3) meetings.
- B. A proposed by-law amendment must be voted on at the following meeting.
- C. It takes a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to pass a by-law amendment.
- D. Bylaws will be reviewed every three (3) years.