

**ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION INC. BYLAWS**  
**Approved by the Association membership on June 25, 2005**

**Article I**

The name of this corporation shall be and is the "Round Lake Improvement Association" of Nisswa, Minnesota.

**Article II**

The purpose of the Round Lake Improvement Association is to encourage people using the natural resources of Round Lake and surrounding areas, through education and communication, to maintain a high level of interest and commitment to water quality. The purpose will also be to preserve the lake's fishing, shoreline, and natural surroundings, and to promote water safety.

**Article III**

Membership in the Round Lake Improvement Association is open to any person owning lakeshore property or other real estate in the proximity of Round Lake. Membership entitles each person to voting privileges and participation at the annual meeting, receipt of an annual financial statement, minutes of the annual meeting, and any additional mailings to the membership.

**Article IV**

Annual dues shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and be subsequently approved by the membership at the annual meeting. Monies obtained from dues shall be used for certain expenses including but not limited to: supplies, association membership fees, expenses of the membership meetings, and for projects approved by the Board of Directors and/or the membership at large. Annual dues will be payable by January 1 of each year. Dues not paid by the time of the annual meeting will disqualify those persons from voting on matters of business pertaining to the Round Lake Improvement Association.

**Article V**

The annual meeting shall be held in conjunction with the summer picnic on the 3rd, 4th, or 5th Saturday of June, the date to be set each year by the Board of Directors.

**Article VI**

The Board of Directors shall normally be composed of nine members, who, having been nominated by the Nominating Committee are elected by the membership at each annual meeting on a three-year rotational basis, three members being elected each year to a three-year term. Board members may serve successive terms if so nominated by the Nominating Committee and re-elected by the membership. The immediate past president is automatically included for one year as a Board member. As such, the past president may constitute a 10th Board member.

**Article VII**

The Directors shall be members of the Association in good standing who, without compensation, are willing to give of their time and effort to further the purpose of the Round Lake Improvement Association. Whenever possible, members of the Board should be chosen so that all geographic segments of the lake are represented.

### **Article VIII**

The Board of Directors will annually elect from its members a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The term of each office shall be for a period of one year. Officers may be re-elected to successive terms, up to a maximum of three years. A simple majority of the Directors voting shall constitute the election of the officers. In the event of the death or resignation of a Director, the Board may appoint a replacement from the general membership to serve out the remainder of the term.

In the event the Board membership does not include a person with necessary secretarial skills, the president may appoint a person from the general membership of the Round Lake Improvement Association to serve in this capacity. This appointee will not have voting privileges on official Board decisions.

### **Article IX**

Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board of Directors shall:

- Develop community understanding of the purpose of the Round Lake Improvement Association.
- Provide adequate funding from all possible sources.
- Manage the business, properties, and equipment of the Round Lake Improvement Association.
- Meet at least twice a year to review committee reports and to take any action deemed necessary thereto.
- Inform the membership at each annual meeting of water quality status and concerns.
- Notify the association members by mail of annual meetings and any other special general membership meetings.

### **Article X**

The president may appoint Directors to standing or *ad hoc* committees for a one-year term, as needed.

### **Article XI**

Amendments to the by-laws may be proposed at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and shall be voted on at the next duly called general membership meeting. All motions brought to a vote at board meetings and general membership meetings shall be decided by a simple majority of those votes cast.