

Constitution and By Laws of the  
Eagle (Chilson) Lake Property Owners' Association.  
Organized Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1907 at Eagle Lake, Essex Co. N.Y.

Constitution.

We, as property-owners on Eagle Lake, Essex County, N.Y. desire hereby to form ourselves, our associates and successors into an Association for purposes and objects set forth as follows, viz:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> For the protection of the <sup>mutual</sup> interests and property of the members.
- 2<sup>d</sup> For the re-stocking of Eagle Lake from the hatcheries
- 3<sup>d</sup> For the regulation & control of a uniform water-level in Eagle Lake
- 4<sup>th</sup> For the prevention of the pollution of the water in Eagle Lake
- 5<sup>th</sup> For the protection of the spawning beds in Eagle Lake
- 6<sup>th</sup> For the maintenance of a "fish way" dam at the outlet of Eagle Lake & the control of same so as to prevent the migration of fish in spring time.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and for such other objects as may from time to time be determined upon by the members of the Association for protecting the mutual interests and property of the members and we do hereby adopt the following By-Laws, and adopt as a name for this Association the Eagle (Chilson) Lake Property Owners' Association.

By-laws.

Article I. (Membership)

Section 1. Any person who may be the owner of either improved or unimproved land which borders ~~or~~ fronts on Eagle Lake or who owns land directly adjacent or contiguous to any land fronting or bordering on Eagle Lake and who ~~may~~ <sup>shall</sup> be elected in a manner prescribed in these By-Laws, and agree to these By-Laws and pay the requisite fees, dues and assessments as prescribed in the By-Laws, shall be known as a member of this Association.

Article II (Fiscal Year of the Association)

Section 1. The fiscal year of this Association shall commence on <sup>January 1<sup>st</sup></sup> ~~the 1<sup>st</sup> of~~ <sup>July</sup> ~~the~~ 31<sup>st</sup> of each year <sup>shall be held 15<sup>th</sup> day in August</sup>  
Annual Meeting of Article III

Article III (Election of Officers &c)

Section 1. The election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting of the <sup>association</sup> ~~property owners~~ to be convened at Eagle Lake in the month of August of each year.

Section 2. All elections shall be held by secret ballot.

Section 3. The following officers shall be annually elected viz: One President, <sup>one</sup> ~~two~~ Vice Presidents, One Secretary

and <sup>one</sup> ~~two~~ Treasurer (a <sup>combined office</sup> ~~combined office~~) an Advisory Committee to consist of <sup>three</sup> ~~five~~ members <sup>(3)</sup> ~~(5)~~ <sup>two</sup> ~~four~~ of whom are to be elected and the <sup>third</sup> ~~fourth~~ member shall be the President, ex-officio, a Committee on Fisheries to consist of <sup>three</sup> ~~four~~ members <sup>(3)</sup> ~~(4)~~ <sup>two</sup> ~~four~~ of whom are to be elected & the <sup>third</sup> ~~fourth~~ member shall be the President, ex-officio.

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**Sec. 1.** When present, the President shall preside at all meetings, he shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He may require any motion to be reduced to writing before taking a vote thereon and he shall state every motion, amendment, or substitute before submitting either to a vote of the members. He shall appoint annually from among the members, all committees, the members by which are not elected and shall have the appointive power of any & all committees that may be necessary. He shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs and business of the Association and preserve order during the meetings and shall have the power to call a member to order for disobedience and be authorized to impose a fine. At the annual meeting he shall make a brief report or deliver an address on the progress, results attained & future prospects of the Association. All warrants authorized to be drawn on the Depository shall be signed by him <sup>together with the Secy. & Treasurer</sup> & he shall call meetings as set forth in Article VIII Sect. 1 & 2.

**Sec. 2.** In the absence of the President the Vice Presidents ~~in their respective order~~ shall act as President & while so acting shall be vested with the authority conferred upon the President.

**Sec. 3.** The Secretary & Treasurer shall conduct & have charge of the correspondence of the Association and shall preserve all original letters received & all bills which are received or paid shall be

written by himself. He shall keep a true and faithful copy or record in a book, provided for that purpose of all the proceedings of the meetings of the Association, including the reports of Committees & officers, and shall file & preserve these reports in suitable order. He shall, as far as possible, state in the minutes of the meetings, the names of the members present. He shall receive & receipt for fees, dues, assessments & other moneys accruing to the Association & deposit same as directed in the Bylaws. He shall issue the calls of all meetings of the Association & notify the officers, members & committees of their election & appointment. He shall notify the President when no funds are in the Treasury or Depository to the credit of the Association and no warrant shall be drawn on either the Treasury or Depository unless there is money on deposit sufficient to pay out. He shall be the custodian of the Association's books, records, documents, papers, funds, seals, etc, etc. He shall solicit the members to pay their dues, fees or assessments & report to the meeting of the Association the names of the delinquent members. The Secretary & Treasurer shall be allowed such reasonable compensation for his services as may be fixed by a majority vote of the members and it shall be paid quarterly.

on a warrant, countersigned by the President, he shall before entering upon the duties of his office, execute unto the Association a bond in the penal sum of (\$250<sup>00</sup>) Two hundred & fifty Dollars with one or more solvent sureties, conditioned for the true & faithful performance of all his duties as Secretary & Treasurer, which bond shall be subject to the approval of the Advisory Committee. All sums in his hands as Treasurer, in excess of (\$700<sup>00</sup>) Two hundred Dollars, he shall deposit in the Association's Depository as hereinafter named & such deposit shall operate as a release pro tanto from liability on his bond. He shall report at the annual meeting the state of his account, a classified statement of all receipts & a detailed list of all expenditures & disbursements, incurred during the year. He shall keep all receipts & vouchers on file & draw no checks on the Depository unless the warrants are authorized to be drawn by the <sup>Association or</sup> President. He shall perform such other duties as the Association may from time to time require by resolution. At the expiration of his term of office or at any time upon the request of the President, all money, funds, accounts, books, records, documents, papers, vouchers etc., that may be in his possession, he shall deliver to his successors or upon demand, to the Association.

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Sect. 4.  
Depository

Ticonderoga  
The ~~First~~ National Bank of Ticonderoga, N.Y. is hereby designated and named as the Depository of this Association. Said Depository shall receive from the Secretary & Treasurer any money offered by him & furnish deposit books and statements thereon of each deposit. The Depository shall pay out of said deposits only warrants or checks drawn on it when signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary & Treasurer.

Sect. 5.  
Term of office.

All officers shall hold over in office until their successors have been chosen and qualified.

Article V. (Committees & their Duties)

Sect. 1.  
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Advisory  
Committee

The Advisory Committee shall consist of ~~four~~ <sup>three (3)</sup> ~~five~~ members to be elected as set forth in Article III, Sect. 3. Their duties shall be the examination of all books & securities &c. at such times as the President may direct, upon which examination they shall submit their reports. Upon the direction by the Pres. they shall make such other investigation and report as may be prescribed. by the President.

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Sect. 2.  
Committee  
on  
Fisheries

~~Two~~ <sup>two (2)</sup> ~~three~~ <sup>three (3)</sup> members, present at a meeting of this Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Committee on Fisheries shall consist of ~~four~~ <sup>three (3)</sup> ~~five~~ members to be elected as set forth in Article III Sect. 3. The members of this Committee shall elect their own

Chairman & such officers as they deem necessary from among their number. Their duties shall be confined to matters pertaining to the Forest Fish & Game Laws of the State of NY and of the United States & under the direction of the President they shall take full charge of matters of the Association appertaining to the protection of the forest fish & game, the restocking of Eagle Lake from the hatcheries, the protection of the spawning beds, the maintenance & care of the fish way & dam at the outlet of Eagle Lake, the prevention of the pollution of the water in Eagle Lake and such other analogous matters as may from time to time be determined upon by the members of this Association.

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Section 3. Committees' Direction Term of office & authority for expense

Two (2) Three members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum. No committee shall incur any expense unless authorized by the President. The work of all committees & such committees as may be appointed hereafter shall be under <sup>direction</sup> of the President. All committees shall hold over in office until their successors have been chosen & qualified.

Article VI. (Order of Business)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Enrolling names of officers & members present.
- 2<sup>d</sup> Reading minutes of previous meeting.
- 3<sup>d</sup> Communications
- 4<sup>th</sup> Reports of Officers
- 5<sup>th</sup> Resolutions

- 6<sup>th</sup> Reports of Committees
- 7<sup>th</sup> Proposals & Balloting for new members.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Payment of Dues
- 9<sup>th</sup> Unfinished Business & Election of Officers
- 10<sup>th</sup> New Business
- 11<sup>th</sup> Good & welfare of the Association

Article VII (Rules of Order)

- Section 1. All reports of Committees & officers shall be submitted in writing & spread upon the minutes
- Section 2. The meetings of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the rules in Cushing's Manual as far as applicable and all construction of terms shall be <sup>construed</sup> recognized as defined in Webster's Unabridged Dictionary

Rules governing meetings

Article VIII (Meetings)

- Section 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at Eagle Lake in the month of August, each year, on that day when most of the property owners are liable to be present. At this meeting the annual Election of officers <sup>& Committees</sup> shall be held
- Section 2. Special meetings shall be called by the Secretary & Treas. whenever requested by the President or at the request of any five members of the Association and whenever a special meeting is called, notice of said meeting shall be sent by mail to all the members & said meeting shall be held at the place & time specified in the notice.

Annual meeting

Special meetings

five (5) days from the date of notification. At any meeting, a majority vote of the members present or represented by proxy shall decide a question, but a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present shall be required to decide the removal from office of any officer or committee-man.

Article IX. (Fees, Dues, Assessments)

Fees Sect. 1. The membership fee shall be (\$1.00) One Dollar for each new membership.

Dues Sect. 2. The dues of members shall be (\$1.00) One Dollar per annum payable annually on the 1st day of August.

assessments Sect. 3. When the lack of funds in the hands of the Treasurer require it, in order to carry out the purposes & objects for which this Association is formed assessments not to exceed (\$10.00) Ten Dollars at any one levy, may be levied on each member by the Secretary & Treasurer by consent of the majority of the Advisory Board. All assessments levied shall be pro-rated equally among the enrolled members of the Association, at the time the levy or assessment is called.

Article X (Privileges, Rights & Eligibility of Members)

Eligibility Sect. 1. Any member who is in good standing in the Association may be eligible to office or as a committee man.

Sect. 2. Whenever a member ceases to be a property owner and

member and <sup>is</sup> no longer entitled to the privileges & rights of this Association. Article XI. (Election of Applicants for Membership)

Requirements Sect. 1. No application for membership shall be considered or accepted by the Association unless the applicant can qualify under Art. I Sect. 1 of these By Laws & unless the application shall be offered in writing indorsed by a member in good standing and be accompanied by the prescribed membership fee.

New Members Sect. 2. All applicants shall be subject to ~~the~~ being elected as a member by a secret ballot to be held by the members and two negative votes shall be equivalent to rejection, in which case the deposit or membership fee accompanying the application shall be returned to the applicant.

Election Sect. 3. Each applicant <sup>for</sup> membership shall be required to fill out and sign the blank form of application hereunto prescribed viz:-

Form of application for membership To the President & members of the Eagle (Cherry) Lake Property Owners' Association.

The undersigned being an owner of land, bordering or land lying adjacent to land bordering on Eagle Lake, and if elected as a member of your Association agreeing to the By Laws and willing to pay the requisite fees, dues & assessments hereby makes application for membership to your Association. Signed

Article XII (Payment of dues &c).

Sect. 1. Any member who shall be delinquent for any indebtedness ~~or who shall fail~~ who shall fail to pay such indebtedness within one month of notification by the Secretary & Treas. shall be ipso facto suspended from all the privileges of members of the Association until such indebtedness shall be paid, but this shall not be construed to limit the power of the Association to Expel. No member's account for indebtedness shall exceed (\$5.00) Five Dollars.

Suspension for delinquency in account

Article XIII (Suspension & Expulsion of Members & Resignations)

Sect. 1. The penalty of suspension & expulsion shall not be inflicted except upon a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present <sup>representative</sup> at a meeting.

Suspension & expulsion of members

Sect. 2. Any member in good standing and not indebted to the Association may withdraw his membership by resignation, if offered in writing over ~~the~~ his ~~own~~ signature, but all memberships shall cease with non-ownership of property, in accordance with Sect. 1.

Resignations

Sect. 3. A member who has been suspended from the privileges of members or who has resigned his membership may be re-instated by a majority vote at a meeting, upon having made payment of all arrearages.

Reinstatement

Sect. 4. No member who shall have been expelled for misdemeanor, mis-conduct or for having brought <sup>REPROACH</sup> upon the Association, shall be eligible for re-instatement.

Eligibility for reinstatement

Sect. 5. All voting relative to the suspension or expulsion of a member must be cast

Voting on suspension

Article XIV (Complaints & Suggestions)

Sect. 1. Any member desiring to make complaints or offer suggestions to the Association, shall do so by rendering same to writing over his signature, addressed to the Secretary & Treasurer of the Association, who shall then refer such communication for investigation.

Complaints & Suggestions in writing

Article XV (Registry & Notices)

Sect. 1. All members of the Association shall have their post office address enrolled by the Secretary & Treasurer and shall notify him of any change of address.

P.O. Address Registry

Sect. 2. Notice mailed to the address of any member as noted in the members list of addresses shall be considered as properly sent and shall be held to have been received within five (5) days after having been mailed.

Mailing of Notices

Article XVI (Quorum)

Sect. 1. Not less than ~~seven (7)~~ <sup>(5)</sup> enrolled members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Association.

Quorum

Sect. 2. A quorum of committees shall be as set forth in Article V. Sect. 1 and 2.

Committee meeting Quorum

Article XVII (Proxy Votes)

Sect. 1. Any member in good standing may delegate any other member in good standing, who shall present written credentials of the member he is to represent, but such credentials shall be assumed to be correct by Article X

Proxy

and shall only be honored and recognized for the designated meeting and for that meeting only, after having been validated by the President. Such vote shall then be binding on the member delegating said credential whether as an individual, as a firm, or as a Corporation.

Article XVIII (Amendments to By-Laws)

Amendments  
+C  
Sect. 1. Any amendments, additions or alterations to these By-Laws, will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total number of members enrolled who are in good standing.

This Constitution and By-Laws were adopted unanimously at a meeting of the members of the Eagle (Chadron) Lake Property Owners' Association held at Eagle Lake on Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1908.

Amendments to By-Laws.

Date amended Article, Section and Amendment.

Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1915. (8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting) Art XVI. Sect. 1.  
"Not less than five (5) enrolled members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Association"

Aug 30/1916  
Ninth Annual Meeting.

Art. III Sect. 3.  
"The following officers shall be annually elected viz- one President, one Vice President, one Secy. Treas. (a combined office), an Advisory Committee to consist of three (3) members, two (2) of whom are to be elected and the third member shall be the President, ex-officio; a Committee on Fisheries to consist of three (3) members, two (2) of whom are to be elected and the third member shall be the President, ex-officio."

Art. IV Sect. 4.

so so. "The Ticonderoga National Park, of Ticonderoga, N.Y. is hereby designated & named as the Depository of this Association."

Art. V. Sect. 1.

so so "The advisory Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) members to be elected as set forth in Art III Sect 3. x x x x x x x x x x  
Two (2) members present at a meeting of this Committee shall constitute a quorum."

Amendments to By-Laws.

<sup>Amended</sup>  
Date

Aug 30/1916

NINTH ANN'L  
MEETING.

Article V. Sect. 2.

"The Committee on Fisheries shall consist of  
three (3) members to be elected as set forth in  
Art. III Sect. 3. x x x x x x x x x x x x

Two (2) members present at a meeting of this  
Committee shall constitute a quorum."



Resolutions Etc adopted at meetings.

Adopted at  
6th Annual  
Meeting  
Aug 30/1913.

In order to inspire the respect of our Association and to protect the cottages and Camps of our members, from invasion, pillage, theft, vandalism etc., the Secy. Treas shall hereby be authorized, at any time upon the request of any member who may present such request in writing accompanied by the amount of the reward which such member determines to offer and provided said member agrees to pay the cost of advertising said reward, to publish or have posted or both as may be requested, a reward for the apprehension & conviction of any person or persons that may have broken into, entered or invaded or committed theft or burglary in the cottage or camp of any member, the purpose of this Resolution being to serve such notice of reward, under the name of the Association rather than in the name of the individual member suffering the invasion, theft or pillage.

Posting  
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advertising  
Reward  
for  
Apprehension  
&  
Conviction  
of  
persons  
entering  
cottages  
or  
camps  
of  
members

Adopted  
Aug 7th  
1926.  
DISTRESS  
CALL

Conservation Commission. The Secy. Treas is herewith authorized to enforce this Resolution by reporting any offender without further action of the Association and is also authorized to post the lake with <sup>the above</sup> notices if found necessary.

Resolution on "Distress Signal"

Resolved that this Association adopt a Distress Signal, to be used in case of necessity by its members, to be given by firing three shots in rapid succession which may be repeated at intervals of a few minutes. These shots to be authenticated by displaying at the place of distress a lighted lamp placed near the shore line or where easiest visible at night, or by a flag hoisted at halfmast or with stars down in the day time and any member hearing a distress call should then come to the relief of the distressed.

Adopted at  
8th Annual  
Meeting  
Aug 30/1915.

In Re. Pollution of Waters of Eagle Lake.  
Resolved that:-  
The property owners & members of individually and collectively strive to prevent the pollution of the waters of Eagle Lake by informing any camper or any person who throws garbage or any other offensive matter in the lake, that this Association

Polluting  
Water  
of  
Eagle  
Lake