

Proposed

2017 Bylaws - Crystal Lake Association of Gilmanton Iron Works, NH

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Crystal Lake Association of Gilmanton Iron Works, New Hampshire, hereinafter referred to as CLA.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the CLA is to provide a common forum for all persons interested in the ecology, use, and environmental health of Crystal Lake and its watershed. In this pursuit, CLA shall organize and co-ordinate such activities as deemed appropriate by its membership, including, but not limited to:

1. The collection and analysis of data through scientific testing of lake waters, flora and fauna to monitor the current environmental conditions of the lake.
2. Propose and promote corrective action as may be appropriate.
3. Provide educational opportunities directly related to lake and local ecology.
4. Promote communication and discussion of timely issues regarding the preservation of Crystal Lake and the surrounding area.
5. Establish and encourage co-operation and collaboration among CLA members, permanent and seasonal Crystal Lake and Gilmanton residents, and area guests to promote the welfare of Crystal Lake and all those who enjoy its waters.
6. Benefit the community as a whole through fellowship and promotion of CLA goals and objectives

Article III. Membership

Eligibility:

Anyone, 18 years or older, who supports and advocates the aims and purposes of the CLA is eligible to be a member.

Participation:

A member who has paid their dues for the current fiscal year will be considered to be in "good-standing". Members in "good-standing" have the right to vote on CLA matters, and are encouraged to participate in the meetings, discussions and works of the CLA and its committees. A member who has not paid dues will lose his good- standing & voting rights but may be held on communication rolls for 3 years.

Article IV. Organization

To carry out its objectives the CLA is organized according to the following format:

Section 1. Officers and Responsibilities:

To provide competent and effective direction to the affairs of CLA, its officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President will preside at all meetings of the CLA, report on the status of its activities, report on the work of the Committees, and make appropriate recommendations to the membership for its consideration. The Vice-President will assume the duties of the President in her/his absence and perform other functions at the request of the President. The Secretary will handle all correspondence of CLA and shall prepare and maintain its records. The Treasurer will maintain membership information, receive and account for all income, make expenditures authorized by CLA. The treasurer, with the approval of the CLA Board, may also settle any expenditures under \$500.00

Section 2. Officers Elections and Term of Office

The President and Vice-President are elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting to serve for two (2) years and may succeed themselves once. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting to serve for two (2) years and may succeed themselves indefinitely.

Section 3. Committees:

-Executive Committee is made up of the four duly elected officers, the Ecology Committee, plus all other elected or appointed committee heads. To provide adequate representation and considered treatment of the full concerns of the membership, this committee, headed by the President, will determine the time and place of its meetings, invite whatever resource persons it requires for its deliberations, and will report to the members whenever called upon to do so by the President.

- Standing and Ad Hoc Committees: To provide broad analytical discussion of its objectives and concerns, the CLA establishes working groups in the form of standing committees and ad hoc committees. The head of each committee is appointed by the President; its members are selected by the committee head. Each committee will determine its own methods of preparation and be privileged to seek out whatever resources it requires and report directly to the President or her/his representatives, on its progress and recommendations. The purpose and need for each committee will be approved annually.

Article V. Activities

The chair of the Activities Committee shall be the Vice-President, or any other person the President may appoint. The sponsored CLA activities include, but are not limited to: Boat Parade, Sailing Regatta, Tennis Tournament, and Illumination Night. The chair will oversee the events.

Article VI. Annual Meeting

To appraise and evaluate its progress in attaining its objectives, the CLA will hold a minimum of one (1) meeting per year and such other meetings as it deems necessary.

The date of the Annual Meeting of the CLA will be set at the discretion of the President each year. Any additional or special meetings that may be required or requested may be called on seven (7) days notice to the membership of the CLA.

All meetings of the CLA membership are presided over by the President. She/he sets the agenda for the meetings. On questions at issue, all members the age of 18 or over have one vote and a simple majority rules.

The election of the officers will take place at the Annual Meeting every year ending in an even number. Members interested in a position are encouraged to submit their name in writing to the CLA Board or Executive Committee by July 1. Names may also be submitted at the Annual Meeting. The CLA Board shall present the names of the prospective officers to the membership for their consideration at the Annual Meeting. The Officers will be selected by the members-in-good-standing.

Quorum at any and all meetings of the Crystal Lake Association will be constituted by the presence of fifteen (15) paid CLA members age 18 or over.

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the CLA in all cases where applicable and consistent with these bylaws.

Article VII. Finances and Fiscal Year

The CLA's Fiscal Year shall run concurrently with the Annual Meeting dates.

To provide funds for its activities, the CLA raises finances through the following:

Dues: Annual dues will be charged at the rate of \$5.00 per year/per individual 18 years and older. Changes to the amount of the annual dues may be made at any scheduled meeting of the CLA with a quorum present and voting.

Contributions: It is the policy of the Crystal Lake Association to retain its collected dues and contributions within the Association for the purpose of maintaining the quality of the Lake water and other such purposes as stated in Article II of the Bylaws.

Article VIII. Amendments

To provide for changing needs and methods of operations, amendments to these bylaws may be made at any scheduled meeting of the CLA by a quorum present and voting, providing written notice of such proposed changes is given to all members-in-good-standing at least four (4) weeks prior to the day of the meeting.

If approved, each amendment to these Bylaws becomes effective immediately.