

Bylaws of the Bear Lake Promoters

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be BEAR LAKE PROMOTERS.

Section 2: The BEAR LAKE PROMOTERS is organized exclusively for the betterment of the Bear Lake, Michigan area through its efforts to promote and encourage beautification, business development, and community enrichment.

Section 3: The BEAR LAKE PROMOTERS will always be a non-profit organization in the State of Michigan. If the BEAR LAKE PROMOTERS should dissolve, all assets and real and personal property will revert to another 501 organization in the Bear Lake area in existence at that time.

Article II Membership

Section 1: Membership shall consist of all dues paying citizens, businesses, or other organizations with the desire to help promote the Bear Lake area.

Section 2: Dues will be determined by the Board.

Section 3: Any request for money (for non-budgeted emergencies or expenses from outside the organization) of \$500 or more must be tabled until the following meeting, and then must be approved by a majority of the members in attendance at that meeting. A special meeting may be called for this purpose if all members are notified no less than 10 days prior to the meeting either by mail or email.

Article III Meetings

Section 1: Annual Meeting—The date of the regular annual meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors, who shall also set the time and place and publish such information via social media or email.

Section 2: Special Meeting—Special meetings may be called by the President or any member of the Board of Directors, with all the Board notified of meetings and with at least three (3) Board members attending to make a quorum.

Section 3: Membership Meetings—The membership meetings will be held once a month, at an agreed upon time and place. Notice of each monthly meeting shall be given to the membership via social media or email.

Article IV Board of Directors

Section 1: Role/Size/Compensation—The Board shall oversee the overall policy of the BEAR LAKE PROMOTERS. The Board serves in a volunteer capacity, and as such receive no compensation other than reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred.

Section 2: Board meetings—The Board shall meet at least once a month, at an agreed upon time and place.

Section 3: Board Elections—The Board will consist of the elected officers of the BEAR LAKE PROMOTERS, who will be elected by the membership at or before the December meeting each year. The election results shall be determined by a majority of the members voting at that meeting, either in person or by absentee ballot. Dues will begin January 1st of the following year.

Section 4: Terms—All Board members shall serve two-year terms beginning January 1st, and are eligible for reelection. No Board member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 5: Officers and Duties—There shall be five (5) officers of the Board from the membership consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary. Their duties are, but are not limited to:

The **President** shall convene regularly scheduled meetings, and shall preside at, or arrange for other members of the Board to preside at, each meeting in the following order: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary.

The **Vice President** shall chair committees on special subjects as designated by the Board.

The **Secretary** shall be responsible for keeping written records of the organization and assuring that records are maintained. The most recent meeting minutes shall be available at all Board and membership meetings.

The **Treasurer** shall be responsible for keeping records of all financial matters and submitting monthly and annual reports. The financial records shall be reviewed by a member of the organization other than the Treasurer.

The **Corresponding Secretary** shall provide acknowledgements to those persons who have contributed to the BEAR LAKE PROMOTERS, and disseminate PROMOTER activity information as requested or needed.

Article V Committees

Section 1: The President may create committees as needed.

Section 2: The President or Vice President shall appoint all committee chairpersons.

Article VI Amendments

Section 1: These bylaws may be amended as deemed necessary by the Board.

Section 2: Any proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board for a majority approval before presentation to the membership.

Section 3: The amendments must be approved by a majority of the membership at that meeting.

These amended bylaws were approved by the membership on March 3, 2026, and supersede all previous bylaws for this organization.