



BYLAWS

Article I

NAME: The name of the Association shall be LakeFrontPOA, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Association.

Article II

PURPOSE: This Association, a not for profit organization organized and incorporated in the State of South Carolina, has been formed to:

1. Organize and support the beauty and value of the common interests of Association members' properties.
2. Interface with Spartanburg Water and other appropriate agencies, groups, or organizations on lake issues.
3. To support property owners of Lake Bowen, Lake Blalock and Reservoir One by communicating and educating property owners of all matters pertaining to water quality, safety, policies, restrictions and laws of Spartanburg Water, DHEC and DNR.
4. Organize and support social activities for members of the Association.

Article III

PLACE OF BUSINESS: The principal place of business of the Association shall be Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

Article IV

PROHIBITIONS: No part of the net earnings of this Association may inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Article V

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND VOTING RIGHTS:

There shall be three (3) requirements for membership:

1. The Member shall be limited to owners of property adjoining the 827-foot contour line surrounding Lake William C. Bowen. Regular Member voting rights shall be limited to one vote per qualified household or entity owning such property, regardless of number of such properties owned.
2. The Member shall be limited to owners of property adjoining the 720-foot contour line surrounding Lake H. Taylor Blalock. Regular Member voting rights shall be limited to one vote per qualified household or entity owning such property, regardless of number of such properties owned.
3. The Member shall be limited to owners of property adjoining the 780-foot contour line surrounding Reservoir No.
 1. Regular Member voting rights shall be limited to one vote per qualified household or entity owning such property, regardless of number of such properties owned.

Article VI

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: The fiscal year of the Association shall end on December 31st of each year. The annual meeting of the members of this Association shall be held within thirty (30) days prior to December 31st or thirty (30) days after December 31st, at a time and place to be designated by the Executive Committee by written notice to all members distributed or mailed at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

There shall be such special meetings of the members as the President or a majority of the Executive Committee may call, upon seven (7) days notice to members of record.

At any meeting of the members, at least ten percent (10%) of the total number of members of the Association, either in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Proxy votes will be identified by member's address and will include choice of yes/no/abstain on each proposed issue.

At all meetings, absent members may vote by proxy on the authorized form provided by the Executive Committee. Proxy votes must be received by the Association Secretary before the time of the meeting.

All meetings are conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VII

OFFICERS: The Officers of this Association shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Duties:

The President shall be the executive head of this Association and shall preside at all meetings of the members and Executive Committee. The President is an *ex officio* member of all Association Committees.

The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the members and Executive Committee in the absence of the President. The Vice President maintains good order at all meetings, maintains an up-to-date copy of the Bylaws and determines the meaning of the Bylaws when questions and/or challenges arise. The Vice President is responsible for arranging the location and room setup for all meetings.

The Secretary shall have general charge of all records of the Association. This includes all reporting required to governmental authorities, maintenance of an accurate membership list, maintaining minutes at all meetings of the membership and Executive Committee, and mailing meeting notices as required in other parts of these by-laws.

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all funds and shall disburse such funds on behalf of the Association by checks bearing his signature and countersigned by the President. The Treasurer must submit to the Executive Committee annually an accurate accounting of the funds of the Association. A projected budget of estimated annual expenditures for the next fiscal year must be presented to the membership at the Association's annual meeting.

Elections:

The Officers shall each be elected for a term of one (1) year and shall hold office until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. An officer may serve a maximum of two years, if re-elected, in a given office. This does not prohibit that person for running for a different office.

Two months prior to the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a special committee known as the Nominating Committee consisting of six members – with 2 coming from each of the lakes. Current officers may not serve on the Nominating Committee. The Secretary shall determine the eligibility of current officers to be nominated again. If a current officer is eligible and chooses not to run again, or if the officer's two (2) terms have been served, the Nominating Committee has responsibility for contacting a replacement who agrees to serve and placing that member's name into nomination at the Annual meeting. Officers are elected by a majority of the voters present at the Annual or Special meeting or by proxy vote, if a proxy is requested by one or more members.

Article VIII

BOARD MEMBERS: There shall be twelve (12) Board Members of the Association, to be elected from the membership of the Association.

Elections:

At the Association's annual meeting Board Members shall be elected to serve for a two-year term. Board Members cannot serve more than two consecutive terms of office. There must be at least one year between terms as a Board Member. A Board Member may be elected as an officer or chairperson of a Standing Committee without violating the two-year terms of office rule.

Duties:

Board Members participate in the management of the Association between regular member meetings. Board Members exercise this management by voting on issues proposed at meetings of the Executive Committee. Board Members advise the Officers on all aspects of the operation of the Association. Board members may serve on the Nominating Committee

Article IX

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee consists of the four officers, the 12 Board Members, the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees (Advocacy Committee, Membership Committee, Social Committee, and the Immediate Past President of the Association. General operation, direction and supervision of the affairs, business, and policies of Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee, subject to approval by the membership.

The Executive Committee, by a majority vote, shall have the right to overrule any decision of the Association's standing committees.

Any member of the Executive Committee who accumulates three consecutive unexcused absences from properly announced Association meetings will be declared removed from that office at the next Executive Committee meeting by the Secretary. A replacement shall be elected at the next membership meeting.

Article X

DIVIDENDS AND FINANCE: This is a not for profit association and no dividends shall ever be declared.

All approved expenditures on behalf of the Association will be reimbursed upon presentation of proper receipts.

A special committee of three current members appointed by the president shall conduct an audit examining the records of the outgoing Treasurer. This audit shall be completed no less than 45 days following the election of a new Treasurer. This committee provides a written report from the audit to the Executive Committee and at the next meeting of the members.

Article XI

AMENDMENTS: These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the members or at a special meeting of the members called for that purpose by a majority of the membership present. Notice of the time and place of the meeting must be given to members at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting is to be held.

Article XII

COST OF MEMBERSHIP: An annual membership fee, to be determined by the membership based on budget of estimated annual expenditures, shall be payable at the beginning of each fiscal year and shall be past due thirty (30) days after the annual membership meeting. No refunds shall be paid should a membership be terminated prior to the end of the fiscal year. A new member (who is not now nor has ever been a member) who pays the membership fee during the final quarter of the fiscal year shall have that dues credited to the immediately following fiscal year.

Article XIII

COMMITTEES: The Association shall have 4 standing committees: the Executive Committee, the Advocacy Committee, the Social Committee, and the Membership Committee. The Chairpersons of the Advocacy Committee, the Social Committee, and the Membership Committee are required to attend meetings of the Executive Committee with full voting rights.

Duties

Advocacy Committee:

The Advocacy Committee receives comments, suggestions, and complaints from the members relating to Spartanburg Water System (SWS) regulatory activities. The Committee is charged with meeting with representatives of the SWS administration at least once a year and at any other time the Committee has comments, suggestions, and complaints it has received from the members. Members, when they have comments, suggestions, and complaints, must submit these to the Chairperson of the Committee in writing. The Chairperson must report any activity to the membership in a timely manner, i.e., any comments, suggestions, and complaints received and any meeting minutes must be reported at the immediately following Regular Member Meeting.

Social Committee:

The Social Committee shall be responsible for planning: a) an annual membership picnic; b) the 4th July boat parade; c) a social for the December member meeting; d) the Association sponsored lunch during the spring lake cleanup event; and e) other social events deemed appropriate by this committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The Social Committee has authority to set up subcommittees of Association volunteers to plan and manage any of these events.

Membership Committee:

The Membership Committee is responsible for all activity related to recruiting new members. This includes maintaining an up-to-date membership brochure. The Chairperson can receive an up-to-date membership list for the purpose of recruiting new members. The Membership Committee can request funding from the Treasurer for the purposes of recruiting new members. Receipts and a written financial report listing the expenditure of these funds must be provided to the Executive Committee at the immediate next Membership or Executive Committee meeting. The Chairperson must report any activity to the membership in a timely manner, i.e., any meeting minutes must be reported at the immediately following Regular Member Meeting.

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee consists of the four officers, the twelve Board members, the four chairpersons of the Standing Committees (Advocacy Committee, Membership Committee, Social Committee, and Lake Clean-up Committee), and the Immediate Past President of the Association. General operation, direction and supervision of the affairs, business, and policies of Lake Front Property Owner's Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee, subject to approval by the membership.

Article XIV

RECORDS AND REPORTS: All records of the Association shall be open to members at reasonable hours. The Advocacy, Lake Clean-up and Membership Committees shall make full and complete written reports of their activities for the past fiscal year to the Executive Committee and to the Members, at the annual meeting.

Adopted and ratified as the Bylaws of the Lake Front Property Owners Association

by the Membership on

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer