

GULL LAKE ASSOCIATION

Membership shares & operating dues, 2011

Your Name and Address Here:

Return payment & form to:
Gull Lake Association
P.O. Box 104
Richland, MI 49083

Lake Address (if other than address on left):

You may purchase up to one share for every 50 feet or fraction thereof, example 160 feet = 4 shares, you are encouraged to purchase all allocated shares.

Number of Shares currently owned _____

I wish to purchase _____ shares @ \$20.00 each (new or additional) \$ _____

2011 operating assessment Due @ \$10.00 per share owned \$ _____ .00

I would like to make a further donation to the dam maintenance fund. \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please mail your membership, proxy and payment today.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & PROXY

The 90th Annual Meeting of the Gull Lake Association will be held at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary on C Avenue on June 27, 2011 at 7:00PM. Your vote is needed. Your board of directors requests that you sign and return this proxy, along with your 2011 Assessment payment no later than June 21, 2010 so that we may insure a quorum.

BE IT KNOWN BY ALL PRESENT, THAT

On this date _____, I _____, do appoint Roger Turner, Rick Shields, Bill English, or MarriAnn Marshall of the Gull Lake Association, and/or _____, my agent and proxy to vote my shares in all matters which may come before this meeting of the Gull Lake Association and any adjournments thereof. I understand that if I elect to attend the meeting I may vote my shares in person.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Caring for Gull Lake since 1921

May 23, 2011

Dear Gull Lake Resident,

Without question, the most valuable asset of any Gull Lake property owner is the water which laps at your shore. Since its founding 90 years ago, in 1921, the Gull Lake Association has owned, operated, and cared for the Gull Lake Dam, without which Gull Lake would recede significantly, as would the value of your property. **It is very important to the lake and to your property values that all Gull Lake property owners join and support the Gull Lake Association.**

This year, Marriann Marshall, our great Association Secretary is retiring. We are looking for a new Secretary at this time. If you would like to volunteer or know of someone that would be interested, please contact us at the Association address.

Last year we were able to maintain levels within norms and normal operation. We ended the summer 2010 at the normal summer level "target" level. The winter was unusual in that we had the dam "wide open" all winter and actually gained water in the lake, but we were able to stay within our normal levels. Site maintenance last year was primarily tree and brush removal based on our 2008 engineering report. We will be doing some additional site maintenance this year based on our engineering report.

The Gull Lake Association (*no relation to the Gull Lake Quality Organization*) is comprised of owners of Gull Lake property with frontage directly on the lake. Each owner is entitled to purchase one share for each 50 feet of frontage owned (or fraction thereof). Each share is assessed a small fee every year in order to defray the costs of maintenance, insurance, inspection, and licensing of the Dam.

In recent years, as property has changed hands, and new homes have been built, our membership list has become outdated. We hope that you will be sure to join us (if you have not already) and **please be sure that your neighbors join and support the dam as well.**

When compared to other lakes in this area, the control of Gull Lake's level has been outstanding for many years. It is however important to understand that this is an inexact science which is greatly influenced by rainfall, runoff, and the DNR requirement that we keep water flowing downstream of the lake, even in the driest of times. Since 1935 it has been Association policy to maintain "normal" summer level from the first week of May until October 1, when the lake is gradually lowered approximately 8 to 10 inches for the winter season. The speed with which water levels can be adjusted is almost completely dependent on the weather.

Our website is up and running and we are posting information there. The website address is www.GullLakeDam.org. The Gull Lake Association is a non-profit organization and is operated strictly by member volunteers. Thank you for your support.

Our simple mission is to control and maintain the Gull Lake Dam, which is owned by the association and its members. Please accept our sincere thanks for your support and contributions past, present and future.

Cordially,
Bill English
President
Gull Lake Association