BYLAWS OF THE 10th - 11th CROW WING LAKES ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: NAME

<u>Section 1:</u> The name of this organization shall be the 10th - 11th Crow Wing Lakes Association. For this document they will be referred to as "The Lakes".

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

- <u>Section 1:</u> The Association shall promote and maintain the environmental, economic, and recreational protection of The Lakes and vicinity.
- <u>Section 2:</u> The Association shall work in conjunction with federal, state, and local agencies, public and private, to maintain the quality of The Lakes.
- Section 3: The Association shall develop a program to promote stocking of The Lakes.
- <u>Section 4:</u> The Association shall provide educational resources relating to the protection and quality of The Lakes and its wildlife.
- Section 5: The Association shall inform the general membership of civil concerns relation to the purposes of the Association.
- Section 6: The Association Shall be a nonprofit, nonstock organization.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

<u>Section 1:</u> Membership shall be open to all interested parties who share a concern for the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

- Section 1: Initial membership fee shall be \$20.
- Section 2: Annual Dues shall be \$10.
- <u>Section 3:</u> Annual dues shall be payable no later than the September meeting of current fiscal year to remain a voting member in good standing with the Association.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

<u>Section 1:</u> The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and three at large Directors. These officers shall constitute the "Executive Committee".

Section 2: Duties

- A. The President shall preside at all annual, board, and special meetings of the Association and shall represent the Association at all official functions.
- B. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, fulfill the duties of the President. Further, the Vice President shall fulfill other duties as designated by the President, the board, or the general membership.
- C. The Secretary shall record and maintain minutes of all annual, board and special meetings of the Association and shall manage all routine correspondence of the Association.
- D. The Treasurer shall maintain all revenues of the Association and shall disperse expenditures as designated by the Board of the general membership.
 - (1) The Treasurer shall present a yearly report of income and expenditures at the annual meetings of the Association.
 - (2) The Treasurer shall not require bonding, but all disbursements over \$50.00 shall require two officer's signature.

Section 3: Term of Office

A. Officers shall serve two year terms. Board Members shall serve three year staggered terms. Election shall be at annual fall meeting by a simple majority.

B. All officers are subject to recall by a two-thirds majority of paid memberships.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

<u>Section 1:</u> The Association shall meet semi-annually the 1st Saturday in May and the third Saturday in September. Members will be notified of the date and place a minimum of 21 days beforehand. The notice will include an agenda.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall meet prior to the two meetings to set the agenda.

<u>Section 3:</u> Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors or at the request of the general membership.

ARTICLE VII: ADDRESS

<u>Section 1:</u> The Association shall maintain a post office box in Akeley, Minnesota 56433. The President and the secretary shall have keys.

ARTICLE VIII: VOTING AND QUORUM

- Section 1: Each paid membership is entitled to one vote. Each household will be considered one membership.
- Section 2: Proxy votes, in writing or preauthorized shall be allowed.
- <u>Section 3:</u> A quorum shall consist of ten members in attendance. Motions may be approved by a simple majority of votes including proxy votes.
- Section 4: Motions my be approved by a simple majority of membership in attendance, including proxy votes.

ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

<u>Section 1:</u> All meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with <u>Roberts Rules of Order</u>, unless otherwise specified by these bylaws.

ARTICLE X: SUSPENSION OF THE BYLAWS

<u>Section 1:</u> These bylaws may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the majority, present and voting, for emergency situations only.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

<u>Section 1:</u> These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Association, provided that written notice is given to the general membership at least twenty one (21) days in advance of the meeting at which action is to be taken. Amendments must be approved by two-thirds of the attending members.

ADOPTED: 09/08/2001