

## **Notice of Upcoming Board Member Elections**

### **Dear Association Members:**

It has recently been brought to the attention of the Board that we are out of compliance with our ByLaws by not holding annual elections for Board Member seats. In order to return to compliance with our ByLaws, we will begin holding annual Board member elections beginning this coming May, and continuing each May thereafter. These elections will coincide with the Annual Association Meeting.

Article III, Section 1 of the Bylaws states that the Association is to hold elections on an annual basis for Board Member seats, and that each seat is to be for a 3 year term. Because the Board has been approving members at the board level without the proper election process, the Board has unanimously agreed to have all current Board members step down so that a new Board can be installed as per the bylaws.

With the election process, the Board is striving to return to the proper three-year cycle as stipulated in the Bylaws. For this year's election, one third of seats will be for a one-year term, one third for a two-year term, and the remaining seats for a three-year term. After the third year of elections, the Board membership will have returned to the proper three-year cycle.

### **Inviting all Board Member candidates:**

If you are interested in contributing to the health and wellness of Christmas Lake in the form of a Board seat, please consider running for election.

Qualifications: Article IV, Section 3 of the ByLaws states that "Directors shall be selected to bring a variety of interests and expertise to the Corporation and to reflect the community served." For several years, the Board has worked to achieve a membership that represents this variety of interests and expertise, including a Board with gender equality and one that represents a variety of strengths (legal, marketing, hydrology, computer, previous Board experience, etc) and interests (skiing, fishing, nature preservation, etc) The Election Committee (see below) will continue to aim to achieve this same diversity.

### **This year's election:**

Candidate applications will be submitted to an election committee. The committee will review all submissions and make recommendations to the Association.

All candidates will be on the ballot. The election committee will not eliminate any valid candidates, but it will make recommendations based on the Board's current composition and considerations.

Deadline for submissions will be on April 6<sup>th</sup> and the Association will be presented with a full ballot for voting by the end of April. Our goal is to have voting completed by the Annual Meeting so that new Board members can be announced at that time.

Details for candidacy submissions will be included in a separate email next week.

### **Voting for Board members:**

The bylaws stipulate that voting can only be done by an “association member.” The definition of a member is a household residing on the lake whose dues are paid in full.

What this means—voting will be limited to one vote per household per the Bylaws, Article III Section 5. If that household’s dues are not paid in full for the current year, the household cannot be considered a member for purposes of voting.

Voting will be done via electronic or email ballot. The ballot information will be sent to all households when all candidate submissions have been processed and assembled.

**Fourth of July parade judges:**

The Fourth of July parade is CLHA’s biggest social event of the year. It is our desire to have all Association members have an opportunity to participate in this event, however possible, and we always invite any input into how to maximize this enjoyment for all Association Members. We recognize that not everybody can work on a float or dock every year, but other opportunities are available, such as hosting the after-party, judging the competition, etc. Each year with the voting ballot, there will be a section that includes participation options for the Fourth of July event. If you are interested in hosting the after party or participating as a judge for the current year, please fill in this box.

Please stay tuned for further details on the upcoming election process.