

# GULL LAKE ASSOCIATION

## Membership shares & operating dues, 2018

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

Lake Address:

Our records show that you do not own shares in The Gull Lake Association.

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 eligible shares. Our records indicate you have \_\_\_\_\_ feet of frontage. Please let us know if this is not correct. You should be eligible to purchase up to \_\_\_\_\_ shares.

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ shares @ \$20.00 each (new) \$\_\_\_\_\_

2018 operating assessment Due @ \$10.00 per share owned \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Total Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_**

Please mail your membership, proxy and payment today.

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & PROXY

The 97th Annual Meeting of the Gull Lake Association will be held at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary on C Avenue on June 25, 2018 at 7:00PM. Your vote is needed. Your board of directors requests that you sign and return this proxy, along with your 2018 Assessment payment no later than June 18, 2018 so that we may insure a quorum.

**BE IT KNOWN BY ALL PRESENT, THAT**

On this date \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ do appoint Roger Turner, Rick Shields or Bill English 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**



June 29, 2018

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 97 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.**

Last year we were able to maintain levels within norms and normal operation. We ended the summer 2017 at the normal summer “target” level. This winter the dam was wide open all winter and we were able to get to 1-1/2” above our minimum level in time for March “ice-out”. The Spring rains brought us to our maximum by mid-May. Site maintenance last year was primarily brush removal. Thanks goes to The Landscape Company, Inc. who goes “above and beyond” managing our grounds work when required.

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.

This year, as a part of our state required engineering report, we contracted for an appraisal of the remaining useful life of our 100 plus year old dam. As a part of that report, we are getting estimates of replacement costs and possible funding options available to us.

We welcome any corrections to the data on your property if there are any errors. 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.

We are currently looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer with Gull Lake Association please contact any of our board members.

Our website is up and running and we are posting information there. The website address is [www.GullLakeDam.org](http://www.GullLakeDam.org) . The Gull Lake Association is a non-profit organization and is operated entirely 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