

# GULL LAKE ASSOCIATION

## Membership shares & operating dues, 2017

Your Name and Mailing 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) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2017 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 96th Annual Meeting of the Gull Lake Association will be held at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary on C Avenue on June 26, 2017 at 7:00PM. Your vote is needed. Your board of directors requests that you sign and return this proxy, along with your 2017 Assessment payment no later than June 19, 2017 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**



May 31, 2017

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 96 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 2016 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 within 2” below our maximum by mid-May. Site maintenance last year was primarily brush removal and replacement of the flood gate. 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.

As many of the Gull Lake property owners know, flood insurance is now required for many Gull Lake properties. This is primarily due to the flood plain maps issued by FEMA a few years ago. If property owners are concerned about the current designated flood plain on Gull Lake, they should contact their township office to ask about possible assistance in this matter.

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