

# **BY-LAWS MASON-BENSON CENTER ASSOCIATION**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. The membership of the Mason-Benson Center Association shall consist of the property owners of Mason and Benson Lakes of Mason County, Washington, as defined in Section 1A and Section 1B.

SECTION 1A. Membership eligibility shall be those persons who have access to mail service within the boundaries formed by Mason Lake Drive West to Mason Lake Road to Trails End Road to Mason Lake Drive East, and on to and around Benson Road.

SECTION 1B. Members shall be defined as: The person or persons listed on the Mason County Assessors Property Tax Rolls as the “property owner”. Property owners shall have only one vote regardless of the number of parcels owned. “Family”, as used in Mason-Benson Association documents means: the property owner, spouse, and minor son/s and/or daughter/s.

SECTION 2. The meetings of the membership of the Association shall be held on the second Saturday of February, April, June, August, October, and December of each year. Special meetings of the membership of the Association may be called from time to time at the discretion of the President, Board of Directors of the Association, or by a majority vote of the membership at a regular scheduled meeting.

SECTION 3. At any meeting of the membership of the Association, ten (10) members present in person shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4. Membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and approved at a regular meeting. Dues are renewable annually in January. Those joining prior to September 1, 1970 shall be recognized as charter members. New members joining after October 1 would be paid up members for the next 15 months.

SECTION 5. Former property owners and other interested parties by paying \$10.00 annually will receive the newsletter and may attend club functions but will have no membership rights such as voting or member rental privileges.

## **ARTICLE II**

SECTION 1. A Board of Directors consisting of four Officers and five Trustees shall manage the business and property of the Mason-Benson Center Association. Every attempt will be made to fill at least one of these nine positions with a Benson Lake member.

SECTION 2. The Trustees and Officers of the Association shall be nominated for office at the April and June meetings and elected by a majority vote of the membership at the June regular meeting. Installation of new Officers and Trustees shall be at the August meeting.

SECTION 3. The term of office of the Officers and Trustees of the Association shall be as follows: Officers shall be elected for one year. Trustees shall be elected for one, two or three year terms; thereafter one. Trustee shall be elected each year for a three-year term.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors of the Association shall hold regular meetings as set forth herein and at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors at their organizational meeting, and special meetings as the President shall deem necessary for the competent management of the affairs of the Association.

SECTION 5. Each member of the Board of Directors shall possess one vote in matters coming before the Board. All voting at meetings of the Board of Directors shall be by each member in person, proxy voting shall not be allowed. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Any capital expenditure or Special Assessment not related to the normal function of the Association shall be approved by the Board of Directors and voted on by the members at a regular membership meeting.

SECTION 6. Any Trustee or Officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the membership at any regular or special meeting of the Association. Written notice of the proposed removal of a Trustee or Officer must be given to such Trustee or Officer prior to the date of the meeting in which such removal is to be voted upon. Such notice to the Trustee or Officer must state the cause for the proposed removal.

SECTION 7. Any vacancy of a Trustee or Officer by reason of death, resignation, or removal of a Trustee or Officer shall be appointed by the President. Such appointee shall serve during the unexpired term of the Trustee or Officer whose position has become vacant.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. **PRESIDENT.** The President shall supervise all activities of the Association; execute all instruments in its behalf; preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the membership of the Association; call such meetings of the membership as be deemed necessary, other than the annual meeting of the membership; and perform such other duties usually inherent to such office.

SECTION 2. **VICE-PRESIDENT.** The Vice-President shall act as the President in his absence and perform such other acts as the President may direct. The Vice-President shall become President if that position becomes vacant.

SECTION 3. **SECRETARY.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep all records of the Board of Directors and the Association, and to perform such other acts as the President if that position becomes vacant.

SECTION 4. **TREASURER.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and be accountable for all funds belonging to the Association; pay all obligations incurred by the Association when payment is authorized by the Board of Directors; maintain bank accounts in depositories designated by the Board of Directors and render periodic reports.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or a By-Laws Committee of the Association. Such amendments will be presented to the general membership at two consecutive meetings and posted at the Mason Benson Center facility.

SECTION 2. These By-Laws must be read once a year at a regular meeting. By-Laws may be changed by reading the changes at two consecutive meetings the April, June, and August meetings and by a majority vote at the August regular meeting.

SECTION 3. The Mason-Benson Center facility shall be available for rental to members and outside groups consistent with the rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors. The facility is available for memorial services for members and past members free of charge.

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Rick Means, President

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REVISIONS

August 1978  
November 1979  
January 1988  
August 1990

August 1991  
August 2004  
August 2005  
April 2009

February 2010