



Toledo Bend Lake Association NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3, 2019

**Annual Membership Social
7:00 pm
SCOA Toledo Town**

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October Membership Social – Our Membership Social will be held on Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sabine Council on Aging (SCOA) facility, Highway 191 North of Toledo Town. Our guest speaker will be Warren Founds, Executive Director of the Sabine River Authority of Louisiana. Mr. Founds will provide a brief update on the spillway repair project. The meal will be fried fish with all the trimmings of French fries, hushpuppies, and coleslaw provided by TBLA and prepared by Gerald Mitchell of The Brisket House in Jena, LA. These are the same folks that catered our meal at the most recent Bass Unlimited Back A Great Fighter Banquet, so we expect good things this time as well. You may bring a dessert if you want but there should be enough food for even the heartiest appetites! Come join us for a fine meal and fun fellowship.

As we near our Annual Membership Meeting, it seems appropriate to review TBLA's By-Laws relative to the topic of Association Membership as well as the topic of Board Members. To help Members understand these topics, we offer the By-Law Sections dealing with each topic here.

ARTICLE 5: MEMBERS

Section 1: Membership

- A) A member must be 18 years of age and have an interest in Toledo Bend Lake.
- B) A completed application and membership dues (initial payment) is required to join TBLA.
 - For individuals.....\$10.00
 - For husband/wife.....\$15.00
 - For business membership.....\$25.00
- For 10-year business membership.....\$200.00
- C) Annual dues are subject to change at the discretion of the Board.
- D) Annual renewal membership fees are due in full on or before January 31st of each year. New memberships received after October 1st will include the remainder of the current year and the following year.

Section 2: Membership Privileges

- A) Any member of TBLA may attend the monthly Board meetings (with the exception of Special Sessions), the monthly General meetings or Socials, and the Annual Membership meetings.
- B) Members are encouraged to attend and/or speak at the Board meetings as long as they have prior approval from the President.
- C) Members are encouraged to participate in nominations for Board positions as well as the annual election.
- D) Members shall receive a monthly Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter that will provide updates on TBLA activities and plans.

Section 3: Membership Removal

- A) A violation of the bylaws of TBLA shall constitute grounds for removal by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- B) A formal letter to member shall serve as notice of removal from the organization.
- C) Failure to pay dues constitutes termination of membership.

ARTICLE 3: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Role and Responsibilities

- A) The Board of Directors (Board) shall be responsible for the overall policy and direction of TBLA as specified in section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code.
- B) The Board may exercise all powers of the Corporation, except as otherwise provided by law or in the Articles of Incorporation.
- C) No member of TBLA or its Board shall receive any monetary or in-kind compensation that would violate TBLA's Conflict of Interest Policy. (Policy attached)
- D) All Board members shall sign the Conflict of Interest Policy at the October Board meeting following the Annual Membership meeting where Board member election takes place.

Section 2: Eligibility

- A) To serve on the Board of TBLA one must be a member in good standing for one year prior to the date of their election.
- B) No individuals related by blood or marriage can concurrently serve as Board members or officers.
- C) Each Board member must be at least 21 years of age.

Section 3: Board Size and Term

- A) There shall be twelve (12) Board members. Board members may succeed themselves if duly elected.
- B) Board members will serve a term of three (3) years. To avoid replacing all of the Board at the same time, these terms shall be staggered each year of a three (3) year period with one third (1/3) of the member's terms expiring each year.

Section 4: Election of Board Members

- A) The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee by February 1st of each year, which will be headed by the 1st Vice President. Nominations for members to the Board will be accepted from June 1 until September 1 of each year.
- B) Vote shall be by electronic ballot or by U.S. Postal Service, and the ballot must be received by October 1st or can be brought to the Annual Membership meeting (Social) in October. Each voting member must manually or electronically sign their individual or family ballot. If using postal service, please indicate "Ballot" on the outside of the envelope.
- C) The Nominating Committee shall also serve as the ballot counters and announce the results at the October meeting.

Section 5: Board Vacancies

- A) In the event that a Board position becomes vacant prior to the expiration of his/her term, the Nominating Committee will present a list of candidates at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. A vacant Board position shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board at a meeting at which a quorum is present. A Board member elected to fill a vacancy shall serve until October of that year and can be nominated for re-election to fill the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.

Section 6: Board Resignation/ Removal

- A) Any director may resign from the Board at any time by giving written notice thereof to any officer of the corporation.
- B) Any director may be removed for the following reasons by two thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of Board members present at any meeting:
 - 1) Fails to attend three (3) or more regularly scheduled Board meetings in any one (1) year period without good cause.
 - 2) Is convicted of a felony.
 - 3) As determined by the Board, ceases to be a member in good standing while serving as a member of the Board.
 - 4) All Board members are expected to notify the President if they will not be attending the next Board meeting. If a Board member does not make such notification, this will be considered an unexcused absence. Two unexcused absences in any calendar year will constitute grounds for probation or possible removal. Board members who do not plan to make a meeting are expected to fill out a proxy and send to the President or the Secretary.

- 5) Failure to comply with the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Section 7: Board Meetings

- A) Regular meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month at a designated time and place as determined by the President.
- B) A quorum shall constitute one half (1/2) of the duly elected Board members, plus one.
- C) Board meetings are open to the members and the public.
- D) Special meetings may be held at any time when called by the President or a majority of Board members. These meetings shall be closed to the public.
- E) Initial agenda shall be provided by email one week prior to a Board meeting.
- F) Individuals wishing to speak at a Board meeting should contact the President prior to that meeting.

If you struggled through all the formal language above, hopefully you came away with an understanding of a couple of points that are sometimes unclear to our Members. Firstly, dues are payable by January 31 of each year. **NEW** Memberships received after October 1st will include the remainder of the current year and the following year.

Secondly, Nominations for members to the Board will be accepted from June 1 until September 1 of each year. The Board wants the Membership to be aware that anyone can nominate a candidate for a board position at any time prior to September 1. At the October 3, 2019 Annual Membership Social, we will be electing two new Board Members along with reelecting three other Board Members. Ginger Rice will serve the remaining year of the position formerly held by Bobby Ward and Linda Ward will fill the seat vacated by Eddie Pastureau. Additionally, Bill Galligan, Bruce Rogers and Ricky Yeldell will return to serve another term. All these candidates will be elected by acclamation. Our nominating Committee contacted several Members and came up with two wonderful first time candidates that we believe will serve the Association well. However, the Board wants the Membership to be aware of and involved in the selection of Board Members as well as all other Board related matters. Hopefully, the information provided above will encourage such involvement. Barring unexpected vacancies, four Board Members are elected each year. If anyone wishes to serve on the Board or has a candidate nomination for the next year, they should submit that information to the Nominating Committee by September 1, 2020.

The 2020 BU Planning Committee –The Committee met on September 11, 2019 and began the process of planning the upcoming banquet. Special attention is being given to the fact that 2020 will be the 50th Anniversary of TBLA. Promotional items for this year's banquet will honor that anniversary. The next BU Committee meeting will be held on November 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the SCOA Toledo Bend facility. Anyone interested in serving on one of the 2019 Bass Unlimited Committees should contact myself, Gaynell Goodeaux, or Deb Pennington. I can be reached any time by email at rickyy115@gmail.com or by phone at 318-315-1382. Gaynell's contact information is nedgoodeaux@gmail.com and 318-256-0501 or 337-842-7814. Deb can be reached at 2debpennington@gmail.com and 318-315-2448.

Lake Level – The Lake level is important to those with an interest in Toledo Bend. Real-time information on the matter can be found online at <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/08025350/> This information is updated every fifteen minutes.

The Sabine River Authority's guidelines for opening and closing the spillway gates appear in their Operating Guide Rule Curve document. This document can be found at
<http://www.srala-toledo.com/page.aspx?menuId=28>

Sabine Parish Trash Bash – The Parish-wide beautification event was held on September 21, 2019. TBLA Members cleaned our adopted section of Hwy 6 from Toledo Town to the Lanam Bridge. Additionally, many of our Members cleaned other areas of Sabine Parish. Thanks to all for helping Keep Sabine Clean!



Signage Project- Progress continues on our project to provide new signs for major access points along the lakeshore. The signs will provide recreational fishing regulations along with information about our Lunker Bass Program. TBLA is coordinating this project with both state's natural resource agencies as well as park systems and private boat ramp owners. We currently have plans to expand this project to include a total of 21 access points between the two states. Thanks to Deb Pennington for developing the design of the signs. Bruce Rogers serves as our Project Leader and deserves much credit for making this project successful. Bruce also gets photo credit for the picture shown here of the signs recently placed at North Toledo Bend State Park.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program



Matt Stewart of Hemphill, TX caught a 10.21-pound fish on September 3, 2019 and weighed it in at Keith's Toledo Bend Tackle. This is Lunker number 9 for the current season. Congratulations, Matt!

2019 – 2020 52-Gun Raffle News – If you have any questions regarding the 52-gun raffle drawings, please contact Bruce Rogers by phone: 281-543-0184 or email: bruce.rogers@hughes.net.

2019 – 2020 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
08/23/19	Remington 870 12-guage shotgun	003	Delores Mixon
08/30/19	Savage Axis II 270 rifle with scope package	405	Robert Trahan
09/06/19	Henry Golden Boy 22 rifle	527	Thomas Lightfoot
09/20/19	Henry 22 rifle	317	William Travis

Community Center Upcoming Events -

Movies in Many (free admissions, cokes and popcorn \$1.00 each)

October 12 – A Dog's Way Home

October 26- The Avengers

Other Local Entertainment & Events -

October 10-12 – Zwolle Tamale Fiesta, Zwolle Festival Grounds, Zwolle, LA. Call 318-581-3149 for more information.

Music on the Square at Historic Fisher Opera House – October 26, Starts at 5 p.m.

You can help TBLA by asking a neighbor or friend to join us at TBLA. Please use this form to sign them up or to renew your membership for 2020.

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION.

Name (including spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone (home): _____

Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2020 Dues Please check one: _____

Individual (\$10.00)

Couple (\$15.00)

Business 1 yr. (\$25.00)

Business 10 yrs. (\$200.00)

Please indicate method of payment: Cash: _____

Check number: _____

PayPal: _____

Date: _____

*Make check payable to TBLA or Toledo Bend Lake Association and be sure to mark it as 2020 dues. Bring to our Social or mail to: Toledo Bend Lake Association, P.O. Box 1031, Many, LA 71449. You can also pay your membership dues through PayPal on the JOIN US page of the TBLA website at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.