May 1, 2018

Dear Calusa Waterkeeper Members:

Please join us for our annual membership meeting on Saturday, May 19, 2018, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, at the Franklin Lock south bank picnic area (1660 S Franklin Lock Rd, Alva). This will be a potluck meal, so bring a dish to share and a chair. Also, feel free to bring friends and neighbors who share your concern for clean water.

John Cassani, our Waterkeeper, and others will discuss the condition of our waters and what you can do to help protect and restore them. John has become a regular feature in print and broadcast media over the last several weeks discussing the fecal storm that has hit several locations in Lee County.

The meeting will have a focus on bacteria contamination in Billy’s Creek and other local waters. Hot spots in Billy’s Creek have fecal bacteria counts 68 times the threshold level. Environmental justice demands a remedy for this situation. We are also reaching out to residents who live on or near the Creek to attend this meeting.

If it had not been for Calusa Waterkeeper's monitoring of Billy's Creek and bringing the fecal contamination to the public's attention, this problem would have continued unaddressed. Local governments have known of the problem for the past 17 years and failed to take action. Moreover this contamination will only grow worse in the Caloosahatchee River Basin when the summer rains start and stormwater runoff increases. Your support proves critical. If you have not renewed your membership please do so. www.calusawaterkeeper.org/?do=join or you can make a donation to our water quality monitoring program so we can continue to play a watch-dog role.

We look forward to seeing you at the Franklin Lock picnic area. Most appreciative if you would let us know if you will be able to attend, please contact Secretary@CalusaWaterkeeper.org.

Sincerely,

Gene Gibson, President
Calusa Waterkeeper, Inc.
A. Call to Order

B. Attendees

C. Officer Reports

D. Election of Board of Directors

E. Adjourn

F. Speakers

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
Section A. Annual Meeting.
(1) Time and Place. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held within the State of Florida on the third Saturday of March, at a time and place within the Caloosahatchee River watershed to be determined by the Board of Directors. Members may participate in person or via electronic conferencing system in such cases as practical and implemented by the Association’s Recording Secretary.
(2) Notice of Meeting. Notice of the Annual Meeting, together with an agenda generally describing the matters to be taken up at the meeting, shall be mailed via USPS or via email to the last known address of each voting member of the Association in good standing (e.g., membership dues current) not less than 14 days before the meeting.

Section B. Special Meetings.

Section C. Quorum.
There shall be no quorum requirement for the Annual Meeting of the members. One-third of the voting members of the Association in good standing shall constitute a quorum for a special meeting of the members. The Membership Committee shall submit a list of members in good standing to the President at the meeting and shall be responsible for issuing voting credentials at member meetings.

Section D. Proceedings.
The proceedings at all meetings of the members shall be governed by the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, except in cases where such Rules are inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or these By-Laws. Nominations to the Board of Directors shall be presented to the annual members meeting by the Nominating Committee. Floor nominations may be added by majority vote of the members in good standing attending the meeting. Voting procedures shall be established and administered by President with the assistance of the Membership Committee.

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP
Section D. Membership Application and Approval Procedures.
The Membership Committee shall manage the receipt and processing of membership application forms. At each Board meeting the Membership Committee shall present a list of all membership applications received prior to the meeting. The Board will vote to approve or deny membership applications once the Membership Committee submits to the Board its recommendations for approval or denial of each application. The granting of membership requires approval of a 2/3 majority of directors present at a Board meeting. No member applicant shall be considered approved until the board has voted to approve that application. If a membership application is denied by the Board then the Membership Committee shall return any dues payment check received and in the possession of the Committee. In cases of electronic payment or funds already deposited to an Association account, the Committee Chair or Treasurer shall implement a refund to the applicant.

Section E. Membership Terms.
Membership is granted on a calendar basis. No existing, active Association membership shall be considered expired if a renewal application and dues payment for the current calendar year is received by March 1 and the Board has yet to act upon Membership Committee recommendation for approval or denial of the application. Renewal applications received after March 1 shall be considered as expired for purposes of determining voting rights at the annual members meeting.