

# **IHC Chapter 35 Bylaws**

## **ARTICLE 1 – Dedication and Purpose**

- Section 1 To create a local Chapter of the International Harvester Collectors Club Inc., for the purpose of expanding membership.
- Section 2 To promote I.H. collecting, restoration and show displays through communication among members.
- Section 3 To preserve, research and complete the history of the International Harvester Company.
- Section 4 To provide localized activities for the sharing of information, ideas and camaraderie for Chapter members.

## **ARTICLE 2 – Organization**

- Section 1 The official name of the organization shall be International Harvester Collectors, Chapter #35 of New York State.
- Section 2 The official identification shall be the approved International Harvester Collectors' Club, Inc. identifying it as the New York Chapter of the International Harvester Collectors' Club, Inc.
- Section 3 The identifying number 35 has been assigned to this Chapter by International Harvester Collectors' Club, Inc., identifying it as the New York State Chapter of the International Harvester Collectors' Club, Inc.
- Section 4 The Chapter is to be self-sufficient through collection of dues and other activities as approved by the Board of Directors.
- Section 5 Chapter officers will be empowered and required to enforce Club and Chapter Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 3 – Leadership**

- Section 1 International Harvester Collectors, Chapter #35 of New York State shall have a Board of Directors.
- Section 2 The Board of Directors of the International Harvester Collectors of New York State Chapter 35 shall be comprised of 7 Directors for 3 year terms beginning with the 2019 election.
- Section 3 The Directors shall conduct business of the Chapter, maintain membership rolls and files of members' collections. They shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of the Chapter.

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## **ARTICLE 3 – Leadership contd.**

Section 4 The Chapter Formation Committee shall develop the Original Bylaws.

Section 5 All Directors. Including the President shall have one vote on any motion. Five affirmative votes shall be required to pass any motion, regardless of the number of Directors in attendance.

Section 6 The Directors shall vote on the Original Bylaws or any Amendments to the Bylaws, which shall then require approval by the membership at the next regular meeting thereafter. A 2/3 majority of the members present are required for the approval and/or Amendments to the Bylaws.

Section 7 The Directors shall seek and appoint Advisors as needed, (people specializing in specific areas of the hobby), to act as consultants, contributors of ideas, and to adequately represent all areas of the Chapter.

## **ARTICLE 4 – Officers**

Section 1 Officers shall be elected from the existing Directors except for the Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary who shall be appointed from the existing Directors or from the general membership by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 Officers shall be President and Vice-President.

Section 3 Officers term of office shall be for 1 year.

Section 4 Duties of the Officers shall be as follows:

The President shall preside over all meetings and organized committees.

The Vice-President shall function as President in the President's absence and oversee all committees to ensure success.

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## ARTICLE 4 – Officers contd.

Section 5 Duties of the Appointees shall be as follows:

The **Secretary** shall keep minutes of all meetings, read the minutes of the previous meeting, read all important correspondence, take charge of all documents of the Chapter and preside in the absence of the President and Vice-President to ensure continuity in an emergency.

The **Treasurer** shall maintain an accurate and businesslike record of financial activities, shall be in charge of the Chapter's funds, shall make deposits and dispersals of same, and shall make annual detailed financial reports to the Directors.

The **Membership Secretary** shall maintain member's records and process new members and member renewals in a timely fashion.

## ARTICLE 5 – Membership and Voting

Section 1 Membership shall be open to anyone having interest in International Harvester products. All Members are expected to participate in their Chapter and attend meetings whenever possible.

Section 2 Chapter dues shall be \$15.00 as of January 1, 2023, per year and may be adjusted as needed. Chapter members must also be members of International Harvester Collectors Club, Inc., and annual dues must be paid to the Club in addition to the to the Chapter dues. Chapter dues run from November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, are due in October, Members not renewed by November 1<sup>st</sup> are in a delinquent status and are not afforded membership privileges, including voting power.

Section 3 Elections and Amendments to Bylaws shall be voted by ballot: all other motions by a show of hands or by rising.

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## ARTICLE 6 – Meeting

- Section 1 There shall be Quarterly Meetings of the Chapter to be held at a mutually agreed upon location by the Directors. Meetings will be held on a designated day each quarter. Specific dates will be designated by the Directors and a yearly calendar of Chapter activities will be provided for the membership.
- Section 2 The Directors shall meet as necessary, but at least four times during the year.
- Section 3 The Chapter will designate one of its Quarterly Meetings as an Annual Convention Meeting/State Show each year. The designated show for International Harvester Collectors Chapter 35 will be the WNYG&SEA Annual Rally. The Chapter may have other get-togethers as desired but must designate same as being Chapter activities.
- Section 4 The Chapter will conduct all meetings pursuant to parliamentary procedure as set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order*.

## ARTICLE 7 – Support

- Section 1 The Directors of the Chapter shall assist other Chapters with member lists for shows, organizing, etc. All members shall encourage and assist in the formation of other new Chapters in any area where members permit.
- Section 2 Chapter members under the Club logo will be required to hold membership in the International Harvester Collector' Club. Inc.
- Section 3 The Chapter will be required to finance its own activities with no subsidy to or from general membership of the International Harvester Collector' Club, Inc.
- Section 4 The Chapter and its Bylaws must be approved by the International Harvester Collector' Club, Inc., Directors in order to be a Sanctioned Chapter.

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## **ARTICLE 8—Host Show Rules**

Section 1 Host Shows will supply all advertising.

Section 2 Host Shows will be required to have a rider on their liability insurance to cover International Harvester Collectors' Chapter #35 of New York State for Liability.

Section 3 Host Shows will provide a place to have the Annual Meeting for the Chapter.

## **ARTICLE 9 – Dissolution**

Section 1 In the event that International Harvester Collectors', Chapter #35 of New York should for any reason dissolve or disband, the monies which remain shall be donated to the International Harvester Collectors' Club, Inc. general treasury.

Changes:

November 13, 2022: Article 6, Section 3 – Change for State Show location

November 13, 2022: Article 5, Section 2 – Change of dues amount