



NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUE TRACTOR & TRUCK ASSOC., INC.

BY-LAWS DRAFTED AUGUST 10, 2006 AND AS AMENDED

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be New England Antique Tractor & Truck Association (NEATTA)

Section 2: The principle meeting office of this organization shall be: Acushnet Grange Hall, 1121 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1:

The New England Antique Tractor & Truck Association is specifically established to promote the appreciation of agricultural history, through the restoration and preservation of antique farm tractors, vintage and classic trucks, gasoline and oil engines, gas and steam tractors, farm machinery and other equipment of historical value and to make some of these available for public viewing. This is not a tractor or truck pulling club. Tractor and/or truck pulling is not part of our purpose.

Section 2: While the primary emphasis shall be initially on farm tractors and trucks, related equipment at least thirty years old, in the interest of the club shall also include, but not be limited to: associated toys, pictures, articles, garden tractors, walk behinds and the like.

Section 3: No part of the income or principal of this organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any member, officer of this organization, except for the reimbursement for club related expenses.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Membership in this organization is obtained by payment of annual dues. Membership allows you to vote during meetings, run for an elected office and participate at club sanctioned events. Membership includes a NEATTA club card and an Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, Branch 256 membership card, which are given at the time of registration when available, upon payment of dues. Nonpayment of dues means you are not a current member in good standing and your membership has lapsed.

Section 2: All members age 16 and over are eligible to vote at any duly called membership meeting and shall have all membership privileges.

ARTICLE IV: COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Complimentary members shall be named by the Board of Directors annually during registration time and such members will not be required to pay dues. Complimentary membership includes voting rights and a NEATTA Card.

If a complimentary member participates in an event, the club will pay their EDGE & TA dues.

ARTICLE V: REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Dues not paid by April 1st of each year will void your membership and all rights reserved. Said member may be renewed by contacting the membership secretary.

Section 2: Any member whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interest of the organization will be dropped from the membership by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing at any meeting; provided a quorum is present and proper notice to said member has been given.

Removal of any member will stay in effect for one calendar year, beginning from the day of removal and to renew their membership after this time, they must submit a letter of intention to the Board of Directors for a 2/3 vote of the body at a duly called meeting.

Section 3: Any member may be removed from membership at his/her own request at any time. No refunds will be issued.

ARTICLE VI: DUES

Section 1:

Membership dues will be set annually at the last meeting of the membership year by the Board of Directors and approved by a simple majority of the membership at a [said]duly called [membership] meeting provided that a quorum is present. No refunds will be given.

Section 2:

Dues for sponsors shall be [not specified] per annum and shall be effective for one calendar year beginning April 1. (Bev's note: revised to read April, not August)

ARTICLE VII: INSURANCE

Section 1: As described in our policy and reviewed by the Board of Directors Annually.

Section 2:

All members in good standing will be issued an EDGE & TA card, when available, at the time of registration and allowed to participate in any NEATTA event. Display of card may be necessary during events.

Section 3:

A NEATTA sanctioned event is defined as a member or members in good standing attending at an event voted on by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII: LEADERSHIP

Section 1: Elected officers

President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Safety Officer

Section 2: There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of seven elected members in addition to the regular elected officers. There shall be one or more elected each year for a term of three years. All elected officers will also serve as board members, making a total of thirteen board members.

Section 3: A member in good standing who has served as either President or Vice-president, but not combined, for three (3) consecutive years and is no longer in office, may continue serving on the Executive Board as an official advisory member with all the voting privileges.

Said advisory position and privileges may be revoked if:

1. Said member is no longer in Good Standing.
2. By two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership in accordance with Article X, Section 1.
3. At the request of said former President or Vice-President.

ARTICLE IX: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The President: shall preside at all meetings and shall perform such other duties as are usual to the office. The President shall appoint such committee(s) and delegation(s) and point person as may be necessary to carry on the activities of the organization.

The president shall retain all data pertinent to the management of the Association including but not limited to; regular communication from all board members, any and all user names, log-on codes etc. and passwords necessary to access all facets of this organization and be the second signature on all financial resources. During the transfer of presidency or specific offices, it will be necessary to change all passwords after elections.

Section 2: The Vice-President: shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall endeavor to keep advised of the status of the organization's activities to the extent where assuming the office of the President could be done with a minimum of difficulty in the event of the inability of the President. The Vice-President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3: The Recording Secretary: shall keep a complete and accurate record of all proceedings of the organization, and shall have possession of its records, and report at meetings all such matters which may be of interest to the membership, receive email and postal mail correspondence, send approved email and postal mail approved by the Board of Directors, make contact with other like/kind organizations in accordance with the purpose of the association as describe in Article 2.

Section 4: The Membership Secretary: shall issue membership cards for the calendar year dated appropriately, upon receipt of payment of dues and keep an accurate list of members.

Section 5: The Treasurer: shall be responsible for recording the receipt of dues payable, keep complete financial records of the organization, disbursements, authorized funds, and shall report the financial condition of the organization at each meeting.

Section 6: The Safety Officer: will advise all club members on requirements, policies and procedures for all aspects of safety.

Main Task

1. Conduct meaningful safety training lectures at all meetings.
2. Ensure all incidents are correctly reported and investigated in a timely manner.
3. Continually review and update safety policies and procedures.
4. Ensure confidentiality is maintained and information is shared on the need to know basis only.

Section 7: Duties of the Board of Directors

Their duties shall include, but not be restricted to, the following;

1. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings as necessary.
2. The Board of Directors will oversee and approve general business of NEATTA.
3. Review finances and statements
4. Sign contracts
5. Mediate and settle disputes
6. Make emergency decisions
7. Provide notice of meetings to the membership
8. Oversee and approve NEATTA Communication including correspondence mail and email, records, website, all media outlets.
9. The Board of Directors may call for an executive session.

ARTICLE X: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 1: Any Officer or Board member whose conduct in office is considered detrimental to the best interests of the organization may be removed from office by two thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any regular meeting provided a quorum is present and said officer has been duly notified.

Any officer who has been removed by vote, cannot seek any elected office for one calendar year. They must follow the same guidelines as a removed member in order to return as stated in Article V, Section 2.

Section 2: Any Board member who has missed two consecutive board meetings without notifying any other board member will receive a written warning of “notice of removal”. Further absences by said member will be considered to be detrimental to the best interests of the organization and that member may be removed from their position on the Board in accordance with Article X, Section 1.

Section 3: All NEATTA records, statements and pertinent data or a copy thereof is to be brought to the Annual meeting if another person is elected to that position and data shall be transferred immediately and completely. Failure to transfer all data will suspend your membership and/or place you on removal from membership at the next duly called meeting.

ARTICLE XI: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Regular elections shall be held in March for the purpose of electing officers and Board members for the Membership year. Nominations for elected office shall be submitted at the February meeting and may also be made prior to elections at the March meeting. An absentee ballot may be requested from the Recording Secretary and returned to the Recording Secretary in time to be opened at the March election.

Section 2: The Board of Directors may appoint a member to fill a vacancy in office until the next regular election.

ARTICLE XII: QUORUM

Section 1: A quorum shall be defined as two elected officers plus fifteen members in good standing.

Section 2: In the absence of a quorum, the Board of Directors may conduct any and all essential business.

ARTICLE XIII: MEETINGS

Section 1: There will be a minimum of two Membership meetings per year. Any written or email correspondence by an absent officer can be read into the record by any officer or board member. The Board of Directors will schedule additional meetings as necessary.

ARTICLE XIV: COMMITTEE, DELEGATIONS AND POINT PERSON

Section 1: Committee, or delegations, and point person may be appointed by the President or as a result of action voted by the organization. Each committee and/or delegation of more than one member shall elect a chairman. The Chairman or point person shall report to the President when needed and to the Board of Directors and at duly called meeting upon completion or at milestones.

ARTICLE XV: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: Meeting principles and procedures set forth in Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

ARTICLE XVI: BY-LAW CHANGES

Section 1: By-laws cannot be changed without previous notice to members and by two thirds vote of those present in good standing at the next scheduled meeting following the meeting in which the amendment was presented provided a quorum is present.

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