



# **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:  
Francis Farm  
27 Francis Farm Road  
Rehoboth, MA 02769**

## **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

### **Section 1:**

**The New England Antique Tractor & Truck Association is being formed to promote the appreciation of agricultural history, through the restoration and preservation of antique farm tractors, vintage and classic trucks, gasoline and oil engine, gas and steam tractors, farm machinery and other equipment of historical value, and making some of these available for public viewing.**

### **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 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 may be obtained on payment of dues by anyone who professes an interest in advancing the purpose stated in Article II.**

**Section 2:**

**Membership of the head of a family shall include all membership rights for the member and the member's spouse/domestic partner, including voting rights. All other family members under the age of 18 shall have all membership privileges, except voting rights. All family members must sign up for their own individual memberships upon reaching the age of 18.**

**ARTICLE IV: COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1:**

**Complimentary members shall be named by the Board of Directors. Complimentary members shall not be required to pay annual dues. Complimentary members shall be renewed on a yearly basis at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Complimentary membership included all membership rights, including voting rights.**

## **ARTICLE V: REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1:**

**Any member who is six months in arrears in payment of dues will be dropped from the membership. Reminders of dues payment will appear in the first newsletter of the fiscal year. Anyone with unpaid dues past three months will be notified, and will be dropped from membership three months after that.**

### **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.**

### **Section 3:**

**Any member may be removed from membership at his/her own request at any time.**

## **ARTICLE VI: DUES**

### **Section 1:**

**[Dues shall be \$10 per individual and \$15 per family per annum and shall be effective for one year beginning August 1]**

Revised February 2010 – “Dues shall be set each year by the recommendation of the Board of Directors and decided upon by the vote of a simple majority of the general membership at the regular [February] November general membership meeting and shall be effective for one calendar year beginning April 1.”

Ammended: “February” to “November” revised in 2015

## Section 2:

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

## ARTICLE VII: INSURANCE

### Section 1:

[Not drafted in 2006, left blank]

Revised March 19, 2010- “Every vehicle coming in to take part in a NEATTA event, operated by members and/or non-members, including trailers, must be covered by owners’ liability insurance, except non-operational vehicles brought in on and not removed from a truck or trailer.” ~~{All NEATTA members who participate\* in any NEATTA sanctioned event are required to have an up to date EDGE & TA Insurance membership card.}~~ Strike from record March 2014

\*Participation is defined as the display of trucks, equipment, or tractors or the operation of any motorized vehicle, truck, tractor or equipment at NEATTA sanctioned events such as shows, parades, fairs, tractor pulls or swap meets\*\*

~~[\*\*Swap meet vendors will require EDGE & TA Insurance membership cards. Business vendors at swap meets must provide proof of their own liability coverage. Volunteers who help staff a NEATTA event, except pulls, are not required to be club members or carry EDGE & TA insurance. NEATTA members or guests who ride on a people mover do not need EDGE & TA insurance. Per~~

~~EDGE & TA rules, volunteers at the pulls are required to be club members and to have EDGE & TA insurance.]~~ Strike from record March 2014

**Section 2:**

**A sanctioned event is defined as any event that has three or more NEATTA members participating and listed on our event calendar.**

**(Bev's note: the club now purchases extra insurance to cover swap meet nonmember vendors & non-member show participants) Extra insurance no longer needed as of April 2014**

**ARTICLE VIII: LEADERSHIP**

**Section 1:**

The leadership of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, "**Membership**" [Corresponding] Secretary, and Treasurer. **Amended March 2014: to include "Insurance Secretary" after Corresponding Secretary.**

**Section 2:**

[There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of "**nine**"[five]" elected members in addition to the regular elected officers. There shall be one elected each year for a term of five years. The President and Vice President will also serve as board members, making a total of seven board members.]

**Revised March 19, 2008; Amend Article VIII, Section 2, "to increase the elected Directors from 5 to 9."** (Bev's note: this increased the total number on the Board of Directors to 14)

**Adopted February 2014**

**Section 3: A member in good standing who has served as President or Vice-president 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 a 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. He/She shall appoint such committees and delegations as may be necessary to carry on the activities of the organization.

### Section 2:

The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. He/She shall endeavor to keep himself/herself advised of the status of the organization's activities to the extent that he/she could assume the office of the President with a minimum of difficulty in the event of illness or disability of the President. He/ She 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. He/She shall have possession of its reports and records, conduct the office correspondence and report at meetings all such matters which may be of interest to the membership.

**Section 4: The “*Membership*” Secretary shall issue membership cards upon receipt of payment of dues. [*And keep an accurate list of members*] Amended March 2014**

**Section 5:**

The duties of the Secretary of Insurance Affairs shall include but not be limited to; the overseeing of all insurance matters for NEATTA. Maintain contact with insurance carriers as to policy changes, cancellations, rate changes, etc. They shall report to the Board of Directors monthly on insurance matters, assist members in contacting our insurance carriers in the event of a claim or any other duties as assigned by the Officers of the Board of Directors. This person shall not assume any responsibility or liability for the actions of any member or group in the event of any incident.

**[Section 6 was never added, amended or adopted, left blank]**

**Section 4:[*now becomes Section 6*] March 2014**

**Section 6:**

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 7:**

The Board of Directors shall hold meetings as necessary. The Board of Directors will oversee and review the well-being and the general business of NEATTA. Their duties shall include, but not be restricted to, the following; Review finances, sign contracts, mediate and settle disputes, make emergency decisions, make contacts with other organizations and reconcile the checkbook monthly. There will be one Director assigned to be general liaison to the Francis Farm to assure that no conflicts from our activities will hinder the day to day operations of Francis Farm, Inc. That Director can also serve in the office of President.

**ARTICLE X: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

**Section 1:**

**Any officer whose conduct in office is considered detrimental to the best interests of the organization may be removed from office by a 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.**

**Adopted February 2014**

**Section 2:**

**Any board member who has missed three 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.**

**ARTICLE XI: ELECTIONS**

**Section 1:**

**[Regular elections shall be held in [July]April for the purpose of electing officers for the calendar year. Nominations for elective office shall be submitted at the [May] March meeting and may also be made prior to elections at the [July] April meeting. An absentee ballot may be requested from the Secretary and returned to the Secretary in time to be opened at the [July] April election.]**

**Adopted March 19, 2008: ELECTION ON OFFICERS**

**Section 1: “To submit nominations for new officers in March and hold elections at the April meeting.” (Bev’s note, changed “July” to “April”, changed “December” to “March”)**

**Section 2:**

The Board of Directors shall 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 [twelve] members in good standing. **Changed "twelve" to "twenty" – date of change not noted**

### **Section 2:**

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

## **ARTICLE XIII: MEETINGS**

### **Section 1:**

Whenever possible, regular meetings shall be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 pm at Francis Farm.

## **ARTICLE XIV: COMMITTEES AND DELEGATIONS**

### **Section 1:**

Committees or delegations 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 who will report to the President when

needed and to the organization at meetings. (Bev's note: should report to the BOD too?)

#### **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 a 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.**

#### **ARTICLE XVII: AMMENDMENTS**

- 1. Amend article VIII, Sec. 2 to increase elected Directors from 5 to 9, on March 19, 2008**
- 2. Amend article XI, Sec. 1 to submit nominations for new officers in March and hold elections at the April meeting, on March 19, 2008.**
- 3. Amend article VII, Sec. 1 to as is currently, on March 19, 2008**
- 4. Amend article XII, Sec. 1, changed "twelve" to "twenty", date not noted.**

5. **Amend article VI, Sec. 1, dues shall be set each year by the recommendation of the Board of Directors and decided upon by the vote of a simple majority of the general membership at the regular February general membership meeting and shall be effective for one calendar year beginning April 1.” Revised February 2010.**
6. **Further revised article VI, changed February to November. Revised 2015**

#### **2014 Amendments**

**Article VIII, Section 1, add “Membership” secretary, add “Insurance Secretary”.**

**New Section 3 adds advisory position.**

**Amend Section 4 to define duties of Membership Secretary.**

**Amend Section 5 to define duties of Insurance Secretary**

**Change Sec. 4 to Section 6, defines duties of the Treasurer.**

**Article X : New Section 2, provides for removal of a Board member for lack of attendance.**