

# **By Laws of Antique Tractors, Inc.**

PO Box 483 Ellington, CT 06029

## Article 1.

This Club shall be known as Antique Tractors, Inc. and was established as a non-profit organization founded on March 19, 1982.

## Article 2.

The purpose of Antique Tractors, Inc. is to provide an organizational structure for the enjoyment of its members in the pursuit of antique tractor pulling contests. This will be accomplished through scheduled events at agricultural fair or similar activities for the members and for the benefit of the fairs and entertainment of the public.

## Article 3.

The principle location of the Club is in Tolland County in the State of Connecticut. This location may be changed upon the completion of the annual election of officers.

## Article 4.

Active members are defined as those individuals who have participated in two or more tractor pulling events in the previous twelve month time span either as a tractor driver or as a volunteer worker supporting such events. Any active member is eligible for nomination to office.

## Article 5.

There shall be three Directors who shall also be the elected officers for the position of President, Vice President And Secretary-Treasurer. Other officers elected are Assistant Secretary, Assistant Vice President, Statistician, Judges and Alternate Judges.

## Article 6.

The duties of the President are to schedule, set the agenda for and preside at meetings to conduct the club's business. The President shall also provide general supervision of Club activities and represent the Club in making any contractual arrangements such as with Fair Association Committees. The President may delegate tasks to other officers or members who volunteer to distribute the workload. The President shall execute all instruments for the Club including checks except those expressly delegated to the Treasurer.

## Article 7.

The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President in addition to tasks delegated to him by the President.

## Article 8.

The Treasurer is responsible to maintain all financial accounts and to receive, deposit and pay out Club funds as directed. The Treasurer shall make financial reports at scheduled Club meetings. The Treasurer shall maintain the Club's status as a non-profit corporation with the State of Connecticut, filing annual reports as may be required by State and Federal Laws. The Treasurer is responsible to set aside funds and maintain insurance coverage as required. The Treasurer shall maintain records of property owned by the Club.

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## Article 9.

The Secretary shall prepare and maintain minutes of scheduled meetings and maintain membership records and mailing lists. The Secretary shall prepare and distribute Club correspondence, rules and notices.

## Article 10.

The Statistician shall record and maintain results of tractor pulling events and make these results available to members.

## Article 11.

The Assistant Vice President shall provide general supervision of on scene tractor pulling events, arranging availability of Club equipment, support from the Fair officials and restoring facilities after events.

## Article 12.

Judges are responsible to inspect and weigh tractors, observe and direct tractor pulls and ensure compliance with Club rules.

## Article 13.

Meetings are to be scheduled at a time and place designated by the club President as follows: 1. To elect directors and officers after the completion of the pulling season and before the end of the calendar year each year. 2. To review and update pulling rules to be complete by the end of March each year. 3. To conduct other Club business as may be required. Driver's meetings held at pulling events are not formal meetings but issues requiring a vote of active members may be resolved at such times if necessary.

## Article 14.

No club officer shall receive compensation for duties performed. This does not preclude receipt of monies paid to pulling event participants in accordance with Club rules.

## Article 15.

These Bylaws can be amended by majority vote of active members at a scheduled meeting provided such amendment is announced in advance as an agenda item. Standing Rule changes can be made by motion and majority vote at any regular meeting.

## Article 16.

The Directors and Officers or any member shall not be held liable for the debts, liabilities or other obligations of the Corporation. The Directors and Officers of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation to the fullest extent permissible by the laws of this State.

## Article 17.

Upon dissolution of the Club, all property shall be sold or donated to a charitable organization. All residual money shall be distributed equally to the Club's active members.

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## STANDING RULES FOR ANTIQUE TRACTORS, INC.

1. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Club meetings unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws. The order of business shall be: Listing attendees, Reading of minutes of previous meeting, Reports of officers, Unfinished old business, New business.
2. Club Dues are \$0.00 per year. A fee of \$10 may be paid to cover the expense and to receive Club mailings on a voluntary basis. The fee paid is paid on a calendar year basis.
3. club funding generally is provided by fees charged to Fair Associations for conducting a pulling event. These fees are negotiated with each fair each year and agreed to in a letter contract before the season start. The fees are to be collected by a Club officer, returned to the Treasurer and deposited in a Club Checking account.
4. Necessary Club expenses are paid from the Club checking account from fees collected. Non routine expenses shall be subject to approval of a majority of active members at a scheduled meeting or in an emergency at a driver's meeting at a pulling event.
5. Funds available after projected and actual expenses may be returned to Club members on the following basis. One share is paid for each qualified tractor pulling at events paying a fee. One share is paid to the persons hauling the sled or scales to an event.
6. Club members shall abide by the rules in effect on the property at all pulling events regarding the use of alcoholic beverages.
7. All members shall be aware of safety precautions in effect at pulling events and/or in pulling rules. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from participation in the event based on the ruling of three or more Judges.
8. No club member may use the Club name in any official manner without the express approval of the Club President.
9. These Standing Rules may be changed or amended by majority vote of members at a scheduled meeting provided such change does not contradict or supersede the Bylaws.