

# **By-Laws of New England Garden Tractor Puller, Inc.**

## **Article I: Name**

The name of this organization is the New England Garden Tractor Pullers, Inc.

## **Article II: Purpose**

The purpose of the organization is to promote garden tractor pulling as a family event with good sportsmanlike conduct.

## **Article III: Articles of the Organization**

The organization exists as a non-profit organization of its members. These by-laws will govern.

## **Article IV: Membership and Dues**

Membership is open to any family (a family membership is defined as all members live at the same address) and shall be eligible upon completion of waiver and application form and payment of dues. Members shall be entitled to attend member meetings and participate in all activities of the organization. They shall be entitled to vote in any election and upon any question or matter. Each family will be entitled to one (1) vote.

## **Article V: Officers**

Officers of the organization shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Co. Secretary, Safety Comm. Terms of office are for one (1) year.

Officers shall assume their duties at the close of the Annual Meeting. Vacancies in any office other than the President shall be filled by a special election.

## **Article VI: Duties of Officers**

*President:* Shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee. Shall represent the organization in person when contacting fair boards to obtain fair dates for pulls. Has the authority to allocate money for the organization. Shall appoint chairmen of such

committees as deemed necessary to conform to the objectives of the organization.

*First VP:* Shall assume the duties of President in his or her absence. Shall be in charge of publicity.

*Second VP:* Shall assume the duties of President in his or her absence. Shall be in charge of publicity.

*Secretary:* Shall keep an accurate record of all monthly meetings and Executive Committee meetings. Maintain an accurate list of membership. Report the minutes of the previous meeting. Transfer to his or her successor all organization property in his or her possession at the end of his or her term.

*Treasurer:* Collect all money due the organization. Pay all bills of the organization. Keep records and report at the annual meeting. Annual audit by two (2) people will be required.

*Safety Com.:* Shall consist of three (3) nominated members and shall be responsible in checking tractors to assure they conform to rules of said class.

*Co Secretary:* Assist Secretary in his or her duties.

*Committee Chair Person:* Keep track of what committee is working on and report to President.

All officers of the Board shall be members in good standing (paid dues up to date).

Incorporate all rules in By-Laws and to be amended after each general meeting or as needed.

## **Article VII: Dues**

To be adjusted on an as need basis.

## **Article VIII: Annual Meeting**

Shall be held on the second Sunday in November. Time and location shall be determined. Only members in good standing are allowed at the meeting.

Notice of meetings shall be announced at a club function or mailed to the members address as on the latest membership form with minimum of seven (7) days notice.

*Regarding items of emergency nature:* The President and majority (51%) of Board members present or phone poled shall make decisions.

## **Article IX: Committees**

*Standing committees comprised of members shall form:*

Banquet and awards, social functions, sled committee, points, technical, daily work sheet, membership, web site, points

## **Article X: Elections**

Names shall be submitted in advance for position sought.

## **Article XI: Classes**

Class weight and name may be changed to suit the description of class. Each tractor class is to have five (5) registered tractors and drivers must attend fifty percent (50%) of scheduled pulls in order to receive year end recognition and to be fair to the organizations supplying trophies and or ribbons. Two or more drivers may not use the same tractor to pull in one class.

## **Article XII: Grievances**

To be filed with the President in writing to be discussed with the Board and decision rendered.