

By-Laws of New England Garden Tractor Pullers, 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, at the events. 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 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 memberships. 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 and manage all moneys to do with the organization. Pay all the bills of the organization. Keep records and report at the annual meeting. Annual audit by two (2) people will be required.

Safety Committee: 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.

Comm. 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 a Saturday or Sunday, after the last pull of the season and before January 1st of the following year. Time and location shall be posted not less than 14 days prior on the facebook page and/or the website, or announced at a club function.

All suggestions for rule changes and office positions shall be submitted by the end of the last pull. In the event that the last pull is canceled, they shall be submitted seven (7) days after that date.

Only club members in good standing and have attended 50% of the pulling events shall be allowed to vote at the annual meeting.

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

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 three (3) 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.