

Michigan Farm Stock Pullers Association  
By-Laws

The By-Laws of the Michigan Farm Stock Pullers as drawn up December 29, 1987

**Article 1 Members**

Section 1. Classes of Members

Membership shall consist of competing and non-competing members.

Section 2. Voting Rights

Each member whether competing or associate shall be entitled to (1) one vote. All members must have their dues paid for the past year in order to vote for the election of officers and the board of directors.

Section 3. New Members

All persons interested in becoming new members during the year must do so before May 1 of the current year to have association benefits but the benefits will not be retroactive.

Section 4. Termination of Membership

The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the members of the Board, may suspend or expel a member for cause after a appropriate hearing, and, by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, may terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership, or suspend or expel any member who shall be in default in the payment of dues.

Section 5. Resignation

Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the member resigning the obligation to pay any dues, assessment or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

Section 6. Reinstatement

Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Board of Directors, by the affirmative vote for two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board, may reinstate such former member to membership upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

Section 7. Transfer of Membership

Membership in this corporation is not transferable or assignable.

Section 8. Personal Rights

There shall be no racial, political, or nationality discrimination in the Association.

**Article 2 Board of Directors**

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and three (3) Board Members.

Section 2.

The Board members shall serve two year terms.

### Section 3.

The Affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

### Section 4.

The purpose of the Board of Directors is to set the policy, make rules, schedule meetings, schedule events and other misc. business.

### Section 5.

A two thirds (2/3) majority of the Boars of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if less than two thirds (2/3) majority of the directors are present at said meeting, a 2/3 majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice.

### Section 6.

The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law, or these by-laws.

### Section 7.

Any vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a nomination and vote of the general membership.

## **Article 3 Offices**

### Section 1.

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this article.

### Section 2. Election of Officers

The election of officers shall be held during the business meeting in December. Each office shall be open for a one year term, with present officers able to run for re-election or another office.

### Section 3. Removal From Office

Any officer can be removed from office by a simple majority vote of the general membership.

### Section 4. Vacancies

Any vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualifications or other wise shall be filled by a simple majority vote by the general membership.

### Section 5. Explanation of Offices

**President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He may sign, with the Secretary or other proper officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution there of shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these by-laws, or by some other office or agent of the corporation; and in general he shall preform all duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. As presiding officer of the Board of Directors he shall vote only in the event of a tie.

Vice-President: In the absence of the President or the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the President. Any Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Secretary/Treasurer: If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. He shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for moneys due payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws and in general perform all the duties of the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or Board of Directors. He shall also keep the minutes of the meetings of the general membership and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws. He shall keep a register of the post office addresses of each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary/Treasurer by such member: and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

## **Article 4 Contracts, Checks, Deposits and Funds**

### Section 1. Contracts

The Board of Directors may authorize any office of officers, agents, or agent of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these by-laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Not inconsistent with the contract and authority of the Board of Directors as set forth.

### Section 2. Checks, Drafts, etc.

All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or Vice-President of the corporation.

### Section 3. Deposits

All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

### Section 4. Gifts

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution gift, bequest, or device for the general purposes or for any special purpose for the corporation.

## **Article 5 Certificates of Membership**

The Board of Directors may provide for the issuance of certificates evidencing any class membership in the corporation, which shall be in such form as may be determined by the Board. Such certificates shall be signed by the President or Vice-President and the Secretary and shall be sealed with the seal of the corporation. All certificates evidencing membership of any class shall be consecutively numbered. The name and address of each member and the date of issuance of the certificate shall be entered on the records of the corporation. If any certificate shall be lost, mutilated or destroyed, a new certificate may be issued therefore upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may determine.

#### **Article 6 Books and Records**

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of it's members, Board of Directors and Committee having any of the authority of the Board of Directors, and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney for any purpose at any reasonable time.

#### **Article 7 Dues**

The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of initiation fee, if any, and annual dues payable to the corporation by the general membership.

#### **Article 8 Amendments to By-Laws**

These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting, if at least fourteen (14) days written notice is given of intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new by-laws as such meeting.

Know all men by these present; That we the \_\_\_\_ present members of Michigan Farm Stock Tractor Pullers hereby assent to the for the foregoing by-laws and adopt them as the by-laws of said corporation. And by a majority vote on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned Secretary hereby certifies that the above and forgoing by-laws of said corporation were adopted as written.

Signed;

Secretary M.F.S.T.P.A