

Bylaws

Article I – Name of Organization

The name of this organization shall be the Foothills Antique Tractor and Engine Club

Article II – Objectives

The objectives and purposes of this Club shall be (1) to hold regular meetings and discuss old tractors and engines; (2) To promote fellowship among members; (3) to hold shows of various old tractors, equipment, and engines; (4) to help each other obtain parts and engines, to solve problems; (5) to work toward preservation of engines, tractors, and farm machinery; (6) to provide historical education for members and the public; and (7) to provide charitable contributions to the community.

Article III – Membership

Requirements for membership shall be as follows: Anyone that is interested in our Club may become a member, regardless of race, color, creed, or sex. Two classes of membership are available – full and associate. A full membership includes a dues-paying member and their spouse and children under age 18. Persons under 18 years of age will be associate members. Associate members do not have voting rights. Associate members can be raised to full membership by written parental consent or guardian approval and payment of dues. Some Club activities may require written parental or guardian approval of members under 18 years of age to participate. Only members can participate in Club activities.

Article IV – Officers

The officers of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers must be full members of the Club and shall be elected by a majority vote of membership present at the time of voting. The term of officers shall be for one year. The election shall be held at the January meeting. Any vacancies during the year shall be filled at the second meeting following the vacancy. This shall be with a vote from the majority of the members present at the time of vote.

Article V - Board of Directors

There shall be nine members of the Board of Directors. Board members are elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the time of the election. The term of office for each director shall be three years. Election of the directors will be held each year at the January meeting. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be elected from the board members present at their first called meeting after the election. Meetings of the Board of Directors will be called monthly meetings. After three consecutive absences from the regular monthly board meeting, a board member will

automatically lose their office. A new board member will be elected at the next Club meeting to fill out the term. Duties of the Board of Directors will include providing for an annual audit of the books of the Club. All proposed expenditures over \$200 must be approved in advance by a majority of the Board of Directors. Any donations to the Club and/or by the Club must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

Article VI - Duties of Officers

The President shall sign the records of the Club as such and shall sign contracts and other papers executed on behalf of the Club. He/she shall perform other such duties as may be required of him by the Board of Directors. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Club and shall generally supervise all of the business and affairs of the Club.

The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in the event of absence or disability of the President, and other such duties as prescribed from time to time by the President or Board of Directors.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of meetings and make a proper record of same. He/she shall keep such books as may be requested by the Board of Directors and, in general, perform such duties as may be requested by the Club.

The Treasurer shall receive and be in charge of all money, bills, notes, bonds, and similar property and shall do with same as may be requested by the Board of Directors. He/she shall render a state of financial condition of the Club at the annual meeting and at other such times as may be required. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of duties in such sum and with such surety as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Article VII – Committees

Standing committees shall be appointed by the President or Board Chairman. Committees shall be comprised of a small number of members chosen for their knowledge of the work to be done. Each committee shall have a chairman who will be responsible for calling meetings and reporting back to the Club. The President and/or Board Chairman may be a member of any or all committees.

Article VIII – Meetings

Meetings of the Club shall be held in the Maryville/Alcoa, Tennessee vicinity. The date of the meeting shall be on a monthly basis as agreed to by the membership.

The meeting procedures shall be conducted according to the rules of parliamentary procedures (See Essentials of Parliamentary Procedure by Roberts). The order of business shall be:

1. The meeting shall be called to order by the President. Visitors and new members recognized.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.
3. The Treasurer's report presented and expenditures approved.
4. The committee reports received and acted upon.
5. Old business discussed and acted upon.
6. New business discussed and acted upon.
7. Member announcements of activities, get-togethers, work opportunities,, and other shows in the area.
8. Program.
9. Time limits of 20 minutes for Items 1 through 6, 10 minutes for Item 7, and 30 minutes for Item 8 are recommended.

Article IX – Dues

Membership dues become due on January 1 of each year and must be paid within 60 days. Dues are to be paid in full by a new member when they join the Club. Before dues are accepted, a membership card must be filled out by the applicant. Non-payment of dues will result in automatically being dropped from the Club. The amount of dues shall be set by the membership and may be changed from time to time if need arises by a majority vote of the membership present at the time of voting.

Article X – Expulsion of Members

Any undesirable member may be expelled from the Club by a two-thirds majority vote at a regular meeting of the Club. Any officer that fails in their duties or is deemed undesirable in their office may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote at a regular meeting of the Club.

Article XI – Amendment to Bylaws

The procedure to alter or repeal articles of the Bylaws is as follows: a written proposal describing the change must be presented to the membership at a regular monthly Club meeting and be discussed by the membership. Following discussion of the proposal, the Secretary shall prepare a summary of the discussion and mail it, along with the proposal, to the Club membership. A vote on the proposal shall be taken at the following monthly Club meeting. If the proposal passes by a two-thirds majority vote at the meeting, it shall be registered with the Secretary of State of Tennessee and will become effective upon approval by the State.