# BY-LAWS OF THE LONG ISLAND ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATION INC. A 501-(cA)-(3) Organization

# ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as the "Long Island Antique Power Association Inc.".

# **ARTICLE II**

# **SECTION 1**

The object of this Association is to bring together people interested in antique gas engines, steam engines, gas and steam tractors the allied equipment and the arts and crafts used in rural America in years past: for the exchange of information and mutual assistance in the restoration, operation preservation and display of historically valuable machinery. To provide an environment to educate the youth of the community in the use and operation the abovementioned equipment. To additionally provide activities that will promote fellowship and growth of self-esteem among the youth of the Association.

# **SECTION 2**

The goals of the Association shall be to display equipment and crafts of the individual members. The Association shall also try to obtain equipment for the purpose of permanent display. Non-members who would like to display some of their power equipment at our yearly shows would not have to pay an entrance fee.

## ARTICLE III

#### **SECTION 1**

There will be no limit to the number of regular members. Membership is open to persons who subscribe to the purpose of the Association. Application for membership shall be made to the membership committee accompanied by one year's dues. The Board of Directors or a majority vote of the members can terminate a membership for activities considered not being in the best interest of the Association.

#### **SECTION 2**

Membership can be entered either as individual or family. Family membership is considered spouse, children, legal guardian and or grandchildren under the age of 18 years. Each membership whether individual or family will constitute one vote at any meeting.

#### **SECTION 3**

The annual dues shall be determined by a resolution of the members. Dues are to cover membership from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Anyone seeking and paying for a new first-time membership after July 1 will be awarded membership for the balance of the current year and

the entire next year at the annual dues rate. Dues are: \$35.00 to be paid no later than Jan. 31. If paid after Jan. 31, a \$5 late fee will be applied. A Lifetime membership will be offered at the cost of \$250.00. This Lifetime membership is available only to current members in good standing.

#### SECTION 4

Regular members who fail to pay their dues within 30 days of the due date shall be reported to the Board of Directors and carried in an inactive file for one year. Unless reinstated by payment with the year, they will be removed from the inactive file.

# **SECTION 5**

Members in good standing that have paid their dues will be admitted to the grounds for all Association activities at no additional charge.

# **SECTION 6**

You must be a paid member of the Association by or on the date of our July show to vote for officers and directors in the November election.

# **ARTICLE IV**

#### SECTION 1

The officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There will be nine members of the Board of Directors comprised of the following:

The current President
The current Vice President
The current Secretary
The immediate Past President
Four general members elected to two-year terms

The position of recording secretary may be appointed by the President to serve an indeterminate term. This position is not considered a board member. The position of past president shall be for two years, that position shall be filled as the fifth board member on the next election. Two members of a family in the same household can be on the board but must be paid individual members.

#### **SECTION 2**

The officers shall be elected at the November meeting with nominations being formally proposed during the September and October meetings. The nominations will close at the end of the October meeting and voting will take place during the November meeting.

All directors and officers must be individual members in order to maintain one vote per membership.

The term for officers shall be two years, the term for elected board members will be two years such that two board positions will be open each year, or until their successors are elected. The new terms shall begin at the close of the December meeting. In the event of an open position, the Board of Directors with a majority vote can appoint a member to fill the open position until the next election.

## **SECTION 3**

These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these By-Laws and the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

# **SECTION 4**

The Board of Directors will be allowed to authorize any single expenditure up to \$2,500.00 by majority vote of the board members. Any expenditure over \$2,500.00 will require a majority vote of the members present during the meeting that the expense is proposed.

# **ARTICLE V**

#### SECTION 1

Regular meetings will be held monthly unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

#### **SECTION 2**

The November meeting shall be considered the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and board members. Annual financial reports will be presented at the February meeting by the finance committee.

## **SECTION 3**

The President of the Board of Directors or a written request of ten or more members of the Association may call special meetings. Except in an emergency, at least three days notice shall be given.

## **SECTION 4**

Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum required to call a meeting to order.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

# **SECTION 1**

The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times a year to consider the progress of the Association and make recommendations. Once per year during the February meeting, the Treasurer will provide a review of the past years' financial dealings.

# **SECTION 2**

The President at the February meeting following the general election shall appoint the chairman of each of the committees. Volunteers will be accepted; any vacancies will be appointed from the general membership. The chairmen will seek additional members to fill out the committees and report back to the president.

The following standing committees shall be appointed by the president at the beginning of each term:

A: Safety committee consisting of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall safety of all the events in which we participate. As the group elected to ensure the continued health of the organization, we need to allow the board to exercise their discretion as the final word regarding safety issues. Any safety issues that can not be resolved by the committee chairman are to be referred to the board for final and immediate resolution.

#### B: Finance committee

This committee is to be chaired by the treasurer. The committee is to be comprised of three people; an officer, a director and an Association member. The committee will once per year review the past years expenditures for accuracy. The purpose of this committee is to prepare an annual budget and perform any long-range financial planning. This committee should collect and maintain accurate records of receipts and costs associated with all of our shows. Be prepared to issue a financial statement at the meeting immediately following the show.

#### ARTICLE VII

# **SECTION 1**

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be parliamentary authority over all meetings.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **SECTION 1**

These by-laws can be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present provided that the amendment was proposed and seconded in writing at the previous meeting and circulated to the membership prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted on.

## ARTICLE IX

#### **SECTION 1**

In the event that the Association is disbanded, the Board of Directors shall request that the Attorney General of New York State start the processes to change the "Non For Profit" status of the Club so the assets of the Club can be divided among the current paid members.

SUBMITTED, REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED AT THE 4-23-95 MEETING OF THE LONG ISLAND ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATION.

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