

Antrim County Fair Association

BY-LAWS

Article I-Name

The name of this organization shall be Antrim County Fair, as amended on September 30, 1999 by Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, formerly known as Antrim County Farm and Family Fair, organized under ACT 13, P.A. of 1929, as amended.

Article II-Purpose, Objective and Mission

The purpose, objectives and mission of this Association shall be as follows:

The Antrim County Fair provides an important annual outlet for education, exhibition and demonstration of agriculture, home economics, science and art. It is a recreation based outlet for county residents and visitors to display and share their hobbies and interests with special emphasis on youth. Its goal is to provide a fun and educational experience for all.

To promote and advance the interest of agriculture, horticulture, household arts, mechanical arts and sciences, and all kindred sciences and arts of their varied branches.

To promote and conduct an annual agriculture, industrial, educational and recreational fair and exhibition.

To provide entertainment and amusement for the purpose of drawing the attention of the public to agriculture and all kindred sciences.

Article III-Membership

Section 1: Qualifications.

Membership in this Association shall be open to any person supporting the purposes and objectives of the Association as stated in Article II.

Section 2: Good Standing

A member shall be considered in good standing when he/she has requested to become a member by completing an application form and filing with the secretary.

Section 3: Suspension

Any member of the Association may be suspended or expelled for cause such as violation of any of the bylaws or rules of the Association or for conduct prejudicial to the Association. Suspension or expulsion shall be by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting. A statement of charges shall be mailed by certified mail to the member being charged, at his/her last recorded address, at least two weeks before final action is to be taken. This statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the action and the time, date, and place where the Board of Directors is to take action. The member shall be given an opportunity to present a defense at the meeting mentioned in such notice.

Article IV-Board of Directors

Section 1: Establishment.

The control and management of all the affairs of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of at least seven (7) Directors, elected by the members in good standing from the Association's membership at the annual meeting. The Directors shall serve for staggered terms of three years from time of election. The Board of Directors shall authorize all contracts and obligations of the Association and shall control all receipts and expenditures, and shall perform such other duties as prescribed by State laws.

Section 2: Ex-Officio Members *and Lifetime Honorary Members*

Ex-officio members and Lifetime Honorary members may be identified and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Ex-officio members and Lifetime Honorary members are considered to be Board members, shall count toward a quorum, and shall be voting members of the Board.

Section 3: Quorum and Voting

All business transacted at a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be by a majority vote of the directors present.

Section 4: Meetings of the Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever deemed necessary by the President and Secretary, or upon the request of three or more members of the Board. Whenever a meeting of the Board of Directors is called, the members shall be notified by the Secretary.

Section 5: Organization

The Directors shall hold a meeting to elect officers following the adjournment of the Annual meeting of the Association.

Section 6: Attendance

Any member of the Board of Directors who is absent from a meeting of the Board three consecutive times without notifying the President or Vice President in advance of an absence may be removed from Board by Board action. The Board of Directors may grant a leave of absence for any Board member upon request.

Section 7: Vacancies

If a vacancy is caused in the Board of Directors for any reason, it shall remain vacant until the next annual meeting, or at its discretion, the Board may appoint a member from the Association membership to complete the unexpired term of the director to be succeeded.

Article V-Officers

Section 1: Officers

The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: President and Vice President

The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors. In case of his/her absence it shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside. In the absence of both the President and Vice President, the meeting may select its chairman.

Section 3: Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to be present at the meetings of the Association and the Board of the Directors and to keep an accurate record of the proceedings and to perform such duties as are required. It shall be his/her special duty to preserve all books, papers, and records of the Association.

Section 4: Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds of the Association and disburse funds on orders approved by the various Superintendents and signed by the President or the Vice President. The Treasurer shall render a report of the receipts and expenditures at the Annual meeting and at other times when requested.

Article VI-Membership Meetings

Section 1: Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Association shall be held within ninety (90) days of the Antrim County Fair, at such date, time and place as shall be determined by the resident and Secretary. Notice shall be given by publication in the County's newspaper.

Section 2: Special Meeting

Special meetings of the Association may be ordered by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or upon the written request filed with the Secretary of at least twenty-five percent, of the Association members; provided that at least two weeks' notice shall be given by the Secretary prior to the holding of such meeting.

Section 3: Quorum

A quorum for the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Association shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors then in office who are present at a meeting.

Section 4: Transaction of Business

All business transacted at the Annual meeting or a Special meeting shall be by the qualified members as defined in Article III, Sections 1 and 2, provided a quorum as defined in Article VI, Section 3 is present.

Article VII-Committees

Section 1: Appointed Committees

The Board of Directors will appoint such committees as may be necessary to properly conduct the business in hand and provide the proper rules and regulations for the proper and safe conduct of the year's business-said rules not to conflict with the provisions of the By-Laws.

Section 2: Auditing

The Board of Directors shall each year appoint and Auditing Committee, which shall consist of the Secretary and two other Association members.

Article VIII-Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at an Annual Meeting of the Association.

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