

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society, In.

Amendments to the By-Laws

Articles VI, VII, XIV, and XV, amended March 19, 1992

Article I – Organization Name:

- The name of the organization shall be South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society, In. It shall be not-for-profit and non-partisan and non-sectarian.

Article II – Purpose of Organization:

- Will be to preserve and display at least once a year to the public, artifacts, antiques, farm equipment, old cars, trucks, and household items, or other items which are of interest or educational value to the general public. The annual exhibit will be held at the Lake County Fairgrounds or as designated by the Advisory Board.

Article III – Membership:

- Membership in the organization shall consist of Charter, Lifetime, and Regular members, with unlimited Lifetime and Regular membership to include spouses.

Article IV- Meetings:

- Special meetings maybe called by the Advisory Board and special notification must be made to members not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting. Annual meeting of entire membership to be set by the Advisory Board, for the purpose of conducting an election and making annual reports. All members are entitled to one vote, with no proxy votes to be cast. Robert’s Rules of Order to prevail at all meetings.

Article V – Compensation:

- No member shall be eligible for compensation for his/her talents or his/her labor, unless contracted with the organization and approved and approved by the general membership.

Article VI – Officers:

- The officers of the organization shall consist of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Registrar, and Historian, all of which must come from the Charter Membership for the first three (3) years, and then any member in good standing is eligible to hold elected office. To be eligible for election, a member must have attended two thirds (2/3) of the regular membership meetings held in the year preceding his/her election.
 - o **Amendment I** – No member may hold an elected office and Advisory Board seat at the same time.
 - o **Amendment II** – The officers shall be considered part of the Advisory Board and vote at the Advisory Board meeting.

Article VII- Duties of the President:

- The President shall be the principal Executive Office of the organization. He shall chair all meetings of the membership and should be present at all Advisory Board meetings, and appoint all Committee Chairpersons. Chairpersons will appoint their own committees.
 - o **Amendment I** – He will sign with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the organization authorized by the Advisory Board any and all legal documents or other instruments which the Advisory Board has authorized to be executed.
 - o **Amendment II** – He will sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer.

Article VIII – Duties of the Vice Presidents:

- To assume the role of the President in the Vice President’s absence. To help the President in any way possible.
 - o **Amendment I** – The 3rd Vice President shall be in charge of membership.

Article IX – Duties of the Secretary:

- The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Regular Meetings and all Special meeting. The Secretary shall read the minutes of all meetings and handle all correspondence and be custodian of all Organization’s records. The Assistant Secretary shall assume the duties of the Secretary in his/her absence.

Article X – Duties of the Treasurer:

- The Treasurer will handle all monies and be responsible for paying all bills. The Treasurer must give a receipt for all monies taken in.
 - o **Amendment I** – Assistant Treasurer – In the absence of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer may sig checks.

Article XI – Duties of the Registrar:

- Record all memberships. Keep a record of all members’ mailing addresses. Take roll call at meetings. Notify all members of meetings

Article XII – Duties of Historian:

- Keep an accurate record of all events, collect all publicity and photos concerning the Organization.

Article XIII – Advisory Board:

- The Advisory Board shall consist of fifteen (15) members plus the President of the Organization, who shall serve as an exofficio member of the Advisory Board and will cast the deciding vote in the event of a Tie. The President shall serve as a Chairperson of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall be elected from Charter, Life, and Regular membership. The immediate past President of the Organization shall become part of the Advisory Board and serve a three (3) year term. A simple majority of the board members, thirteen (13) shall constitute a quorum for a meeting. To be eligible for election to the Advisory Board, a member in good standing and otherwise eligible must have attended two-thirds (2/3) of the Regular membership meeting held in the year preceding his/her election.

Article XIV – Duties of the Advisory Board:

- A. To decide if any member or officer should be removed for just cause.
- B. To audit Treasurer’s and 3rd Vice President’s books once a year.
- C. To call a Special meeting of membership
- D. **Amendment:** To approve all expenses over two hundred dollars (\$200.00)
- E. The Advisory Board shall present the slate of officers to the general membership at the annual meeting for election.
- F. To call Special meetings of membership and set date and place for annual meeting.
- G. To fill all vacancies that occur among elected officers as soon as possible after vacancy occurs.
- H. The Advisory Board shall meet the fourth (4th) Monday of each month.
- I. **Amendment:** To discuss all old and new business before said issues are brought before the General membership.

Article XV – Terms of Office:

- Officers shall serve one (1) year terms. The members of the Advisory Board shall serve three (3) year terms.
 - o **Amendment I** – Rest of wording deleted.

Article XVI – Dissolution:

- Should this Organization ever dissolve, any and all monies owed shall be paid and the balance shall be given to the Lake County Historical Museum located in the Old Courthouse, to be used in their antique displays.

Article XVII –Amendments:

- These By-Law may be amended from time to time by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at a meeting. Amendments to these By-Laws may be presented for consideration at a Special meeting called for the purpose by the Advisory Board.

Article XVIII – Public Displays:

- Public Displays and expositions shall be held, where practicable, at the Lake County Fairgrounds, do as to avail the Organization of any support, financial or otherwise, that may be granted by the Board of Commissioners pursuant to I.C. 36-10-2. If such is not practicable, the Advisory Board shall determine location of such displays and expositions.