

2022 By-law Amendment Proposals

1. **Original:** Article 1 Sec. (2) The purpose of this Association is to host the annual Fair and to celebrate agriculture and related programs within the Grand Traverse Region.
(11/2012)

Part to be added: The Association will highlight the youth raising livestock in the region by hosting youth livestock shows and a livestock auction during the annual fair.

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2. Article V- Committees: Sec. 6 (This would be new) **Youth Livestock Committee: The 2nd Vice President shall chair the Youth Livestock Committee and be assisted by a "Livestock Board" made up of community members that have a vested interest in the livestock portion of the annual fair. The Youth Livestock Committee shall be responsible for coordinating and overseeing the youth livestock shows and youth livestock auction that take place during the annual fair. The Youth Livestock Committee will operate under the guidelines set forth by the Policies and Procedures of the Northwestern Michigan Fair.**

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3. Article V- Committees: Sec. 1: The Board of Directors is authorized to create such committees as the Board, in its discretion, deems necessary to assist the Board in the performance of its duties. Committees shall investigate and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to those matters assigned to the committee by the Board of Directors. (Current) **All committees will use their abilities and talents to enhance the Association. They will be required to hold meetings which any validated member of the Association can attend, Members can make suggestions and state opinions. The committee will keep written minutes. Any decisions will be brought before the board of directors for denial or final approval.**

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4. Article V- Committees: Sec. 4: Committee Membership- Except for the Executive Committee and Accounting Committee, the Board of Directors shall appoint individuals from amongst the Directors and Association Members to serve on committees created by the Association. (Current) **Committees will consist of One Chairperson, a director on the board, one co-chair and members of the association.**

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5. Article VII – Duties of Officers: Sec. 5 (This would be new) **2nd Vice President: The 2nd Vice President shall oversee all portions of the annual fair related to the showing and selling of livestock. This includes, but is not limited to, overseeing all livestock superintendents; livestock barn set up, clean up, and tear down; execution of livestock shows and auction at the annual fair; and maintaining policies and procedures that govern the showing and selling of livestock at the annual fair.**

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6. Article VII- Duties of Officers: Sec. 3 (This would be new) **2nd Vice President: The duties of the 2nd Vice President are to assist the 1st Vice President in duties allocated by the President, i.e. attend meetings or to assist with the duties that neither the 1st Vice President or President can fulfil.**

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Treasurer will become Section (4), Secretary will become Section (5)

7. Article VIII Sec. 1- BY-LAW AMENDMENTS: Only the Membership may alter, amend, add to or repeal these By-Laws. These By-Laws may only be altered, amended, added to or repealed by no less than a two-thirds majority of all active Members voting in person. The Membership may amend these By-Laws at the Annual Meeting or any Special Meeting. (11/2015)

Part to be added: No anonymous applications to by-law changes as it violates Roberts Rules of Order. (Which we loosely follow) The originator must identify themselves and the reason for the by-law change. The by-law change may go to committee with the organization giving their opinion of the by-law change, support, or no support. Please refer to Roberts Rules of Order.

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8. Article VIII Sec. 2- By-Law Amendments: Sec. (2) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: The Board of Directors or any Member may propose amendments to these By-Laws. For a proposed By-Law amendment to be presented to the Membership for approval, it must be submitted in writing to any Director. The Director shall forward the proposed amendment to the Secretary. If the proposed amendment is submitted no less than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting, the proposal shall be submitted to the Membership at the Annual Meeting. If the proposed amendment is submitted at any other time, the Board of Directors shall decide if a Special Meeting of the Membership should be called to consider the proposed amendment. The Secretary shall enclose a copy of the proposed By-Law amendment with the Notice of the meeting at which the amendment is to be acted upon. (2/2017)

Part to be added: The Northwestern Michigan Fair Board reserves the right to reject the by-law if deemed in violation of pre-existing by-laws or detrimental to the business.

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9. Article VIII: By-Law Amendments: Sec. 4: **Requirements for Submitted Proposals for By-Laws/Amend Existing By-Laws: To propose or amend a bylaw pertaining to the NWMF a member must be an active member, in good standing. Verification of Lifetime or current Annual Membership. Any and all proposals for new By-Laws or Amendments must be submitted to an active Board Director with name and signature of the person proposing the new or amended By-Law and dated.**
Any Bylaw or Amendment proposed with malice or harmful intent to function and operation of the NWMF, it's Directors or Membership, will be removed from consideration or from being presented to the Membership until a discussion with the Proposer, the Bylaw Committee and the NWMF Board Directors present, has been called. Proposer needs to be present, with their proposals, for presentation and discussion at the By-Law Committee meeting, if required. Proposer to be notified of date, time and location. Acceptance, revision and/or dismissal, in writing, of said proposal, will occur at the time of the meeting.
Proposals for Bylaws or Amendments must be published by the NWMF Secretary, for review of the Committee and the NWMF Board of Directors. Proposal presented at the Annual Meeting in November to be voted on. The membership of the NWMF Association will vote by paper ballot. Robert's Rule should apply in this process.

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