

CONSTITUTION OF SAUK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
and Duties of Officials

ARTICLES

ARTICLE I. The Association shall be called the Sauk County Agricultural Society.

ARTICLE II. The membership of the Society shall be limited to stockholders in the same, and any person holding one or more share of stock shall be entitled to the privileges of membership hereinafter defined.

ARTICLE III. The price of stock is hereby fixed at twenty dollars per share and no stock shall be sold by the Society for less than such price. (Amended at Annual Meeting of 12/14/71)

ARTICLE IV. The stockholding members of the Society shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the Society, each share of stock represented being entitled to one vote; it being further provided that no member shall cast more than two votes; that shares may not be voted by proxy; that voting by proxy is prohibited. At the annual fairs of the Society each share of stock shall be entitled to not more than one season ticket and one vehicle ticket each year; no further privileges shall be given members over patrons of the fair. (Amended at Annual Meeting of 1/29/47)

ARTICLE V. The annual meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business shall be held in the City of Baraboo on the second Tuesday of December of each year, due notice of which shall be given two weeks in one or more papers published in Sauk County; but special meetings may be called by the secretary upon order of the Executive Committee at any time. The members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except as hereinafter provided in Article XVI. (Amended at Annual Meeting of 12/18/56).

ARTICLE VI. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Marshal and Six Directors who shall constitute the Board of Directors and, at the first election thereof, two Directors shall be elected for one year, two for two years and two for three years (and until their respective successors are chosen), and annually thereafter two directors shall be elected for the full term of three years. All officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting, or any adjourned meeting thereof, in each year. (Amended at Annual Meeting of 1/29/47 and at Annual Meeting of 12/14/04)

(A) The Board of Directors, together with the other elected and qualified officers of the Society, shall have authority and are directed to manage the property and affairs of the Society. The Directors shall choose one of their number as President of the Board. The Directors are empowered to fill any vacancy in their Board, happening after any regular annual meeting election, until the succeeding election. The board of Directors may elect an Executive Committee of not less than three Directors, and said Committee may have, hold and exercise all powers of the full Board of Directors when not in session---except, action in respect of dividends to stockholders of the Society, election of officers or the filling of vacancies in the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. (Amended at the Annual Meeting of 12/16/47).

ARTICLE VII. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, have general supervision of the fairgrounds during the year, during the annual fair, and have general direction and management of the exhibits. The Vice President shall in the absence or inability of the President, perform the duties of that officer.

ARTICLE VIII. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and carry on the correspondence of the Society. He or she shall have charge of all books and papers belonging to the Society, sign all orders on the Treasurer, for the payment of money and, under the direction of the Executive Committee make out all premium lists for fairs and all such affairs attending to the making of entries, the preparation of books for judges and the arrangement of awards of premiums for payment. He or she shall make a detailed annual statement of the work of his or her office for the year to each annual meeting of the Society. (Amended at the Annual Meeting 12/14/04)

ARTICLE IX. The Treasurer shall hold all funds of the Society and pay them out on the order of the Secretary, countersigned by the President and shall render a full report of the receipts and expenditures of his or her office for the past year at each annual meeting of the Society. His or her report shall at this time, in the connection with the report of the Secretary be duly audited by a committee of three appointed by the President. He or she shall give such bonds as may be required by the Society for the faithful performance of his or her duty. The Treasurer shall hire and have charge of the ticket sellers and ticket takers, at the gates and in the grandstand. (Amended at the Annual Meeting 12/14/04).

ARTICLE X. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Marshal shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Society, and the duties shall be assigned to it by the Society or its rules.

ARTICLE XI. The Marshal shall have charge of the police, see that order is enforced upon the grounds, attend to calling out stock at the times of judging same, and perform the other duties pertaining to his or her office. (Amended at the Annual Meeting 12/14/04)

ARTICLE XII. The Board has the authority to set the compensation for all fair employees including Superintendents of Departments. (Amended at Annual Meeting of 12/9/50 and Annual Meeting of 12/14/04).

ARTICLE XIII. The Society shall hold an annual fair upon its grounds in the City of Baraboo in each year at such time as may be fixed by the Society at its annual meeting. (Amended at Annual Meeting 12/14/04).

ARTICLE XIV. Superintendents of Departments and judges shall be selected by the Executive Committee and their names, when practical, shall be published in the premium list for that year. (Amended at Annual Meeting of 12/14/04).

ARTICLE XV. These articles may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Society by three-fourths vote of the members present; provided there shall be no less than forty members present. (Amended at Annual Meeting of 12/14/04).

WARRANT

Section 1. The Sauk County Agricultural Society exists by virtue of the Articles of Association adopted February 15, 1899, and filed at the Court House in Baraboo, Wisconsin on January 30, 1902.

MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall be held as specified in Article V of the Articles of Association.

Section 2. Notice of such meetings as specified in Article V of the Articles of Association.

Section 3. If there is to be any action on the Articles of Association or the By-laws the notice of the meeting must so state.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Election of all officers shall be by ballot. The first ballot to be a nominating ballot. (12/30/65)

Section 2. Final selection to be between the two persons receiving the highest number of votes on the nominating ballot.

DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The president has general supervision of the grounds and exhibits. Any question in regard to fair matters, not especially provided for herein, must be referred to him or her. He or she shall also preside at all meetings of the Society. Article VII of the Articles of Association. (12/14/04)

Section 2. The vice president shall in the absence or inability of the president perform all such duties of that officer. Article VII of the Articles of Association.

Section 3. The secretary shall perform all duties assigned to him or her in Article VIII of the Articles of Association. (12/14/04).

Section 4. The treasurer shall perform all duties assigned to him or her in Article IX of the Articles of Association. (12/14/04).

Section 5. The marshal shall perform all duties assigned to him or her in Article XI of the Articles of Association. (12/14/04)

Section 6. The directors shall perform all duties assigned to them in Article VI-A of the Articles of Association. Also Article XII. (12/14/04)

Section 7. The executive committee together with the directors shall have authority and are directed to manage the property and affairs of the Society.

Section 8 The above officers and directors to receive compensation and/or mileage as determined by a majority vote of the members present at an Annual Meeting.

President: \$ 1,200.00
Vice President: \$ 900.00 (12/03)
Secretary: \$ 1,800.00
Treasurer: \$ 1,200.00 (12/98)
Marshall: \$ 900.00 (12/03)
Directors: \$ 30.00 per meeting plus \$.30 per mile (12/00)

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Section 1. The Society shall have sufficient coverage for any loss of Society money, property and furnishings.

FEES

Section 1. Admission: The fair shall have a Free Gate (12/12/67)

Section 2. Parking: Daily fee of \$2.00 and a season ticket for \$10.00 (12/12/67)

Section: Entry:

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Members shall receive a season parking ticket, but must purchase the ticket at the gate, and come to the office for a refund. Article IV.

STOCK SHARES

Section 1. The price of each share of stock is fixed at \$20.00. Article III.

Section 2. The Society will purchase shares back from members at \$20.00. (12/12/00)

Section 3. There shall be a \$1.00 fee for transferring stock. (12/20/65)

Section 4. Retiring of unlocated shares: (12/12/78)

Section 5. No new shares of stock shall be sold by the Society. (12/68)

DUTIES OF NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS

Section 1. The fairground manager shall be responsible for inside and outside fair booth rentals and vendors; winter storage check-in check-out, billing and collecting storage fees; contracting with renters of building and grounds for special events, (i.e. wedding receptions, auctions, etc); camping reservations and collection; rental of equipment (tables, chairs, etc.); supervise general buildings and grounds maintenance, signboard updating; attend monthly board meetings and report to the Ag Society Board of Directors.
(12/14/04).

Section 2. Department superintendents shall have charge of their respective departments, shall receive and arrange exhibits and assist judges. They must be promptly in their places during the fair and exercise a careful supervision over matters pertaining to their departments. They shall have someone in their place while away for meals, etc.

AMENDING BY-LAWS

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended by a majority of votes cast at an Annual Meeting except where reference is made to the Articles of Association.