

Empire State Metal Detector Association By-laws

Mission Statement

The name of this organization shall be the Empire State Metal Detector Association. Its primary purpose is to be a social outlet to those interested in metal detecting and to provide fellowship, promote education, and encourage metal detecting as a hobby. The membership shall abide by the Metal Detectors code of ethics.

Article I

Membership

Membership is defined as the following;

Voting member

- Dues paid in full
- Attended 4 meetings in the previous 12 months

Social Member

- Member whose dues are paid in full (non- voting member but may participate in other ways such as making suggestions and ideas.

Honorary member

- Declared an honorary member by a vote of the membership and must be a qualified member (attended 4 meetings), and annual membership is free. Voted as a simple majority.

Membership is required in order for a person to detect at the annual treasure hunt.

Membership is not required to participate in the annual picnic.

Article II

Dues

- All dues shall be paid on or before the May regular meeting.
- Dues paid in full entitle each member to receive the newsletter and access to the annual club hunt.
- Dues will be \$15 for single membership and \$18 for family membership per year. Fees can be upgraded at any time.
- If the club disbands, remaining funds will be earmarked for charity as deemed fit by the remaining officer in the order of President on down the line of succession.

Article III

Elections

Elected officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer

- The term of office shall be one calendar year (May 1st –April 30th).
- All nominations will be made from the floor. (Members must be present).
- Nominations for elected officers will be held at the February meeting.
- Candidates for election will be published in the March newsletter.
- Voting for officers will take place at the April meeting. This will be by a secret closed ballot conducted by the secretary and any voting member appointed by the secretary (not a candidate for election) appointed to assist in the elections. Any voting member in good standing may mail in an absentee ballot directly to the secretary prior to April 15th, with a postmark by 4/15 or e-mail ballot. The e-mail must come from an official list of the member.
- Results of voting by count will be announced immediately following the election and published in the next newsletter. (monthly omitted)
- If only one member is nominated for an office, and that member accepts the nomination, the secretary may cast one vote on behalf of the membership to fill the office.
- Elected officers need to receive a simple majority vote to win that seat.

Article IV -

Duties of Officers

The PRESIDENT shall preside over all monthly meetings.

- Upon the resignation, dismissal, or death of a current officer, the President has the power to appoint an officer to perform said duties. That position will be held until the next annual election.
- If any officer is unable to attend a monthly meeting, the President will appoint a member to temporarily perform the said duties at that meeting.

The VICE-PRESIDENT shall assist the President when called upon to do so.

- The Vice-President shall preside over monthly meetings in the absence of the President.
- In the event that the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice-President will assume the role of the Presidency.

The SECRETARY shall be responsible for the minutes at each monthly meeting.

- The Secretary shall provide the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved by the membership in attendance.
- The Secretary will provide a monthly newsletter to all members.
- The Secretary shall be responsible for any correspondence the club may require.

The TREASURER shall collect all dues, and keep accurate and legal financial records.

- The Treasurer will make timely payments and distribute monies.
- The Treasurer shall prepare a financial report to be presented verbally at each monthly meeting and prepare an annual report to be presented to the club at the November meeting.

No officer shall make any decision regarding club business without the specific authority of the voting members. Special non-operating expenses are authorized up to \$100 per incident.

Any officer who knowingly will be absent from a monthly meeting shall have their report presented by another officer at the meeting.

Article V

Meetings

Meetings will be held on last Monday of each month. The exceptions are the May meeting, held on the third Monday of the month, and there will be no meeting in December.

A quorum will consist of at least two (2) officers and fifteen (15) voting members in order to conduct any business that may require a vote.

New business may be requested by any member prior to the start of any regular scheduled meeting. If possible, the member will attempt to notify an officer prior to the meeting in order to set an appropriate agenda.

Article VI

Committees

All committees shall consist of a committee chairperson and volunteers. The chairperson may volunteer their service to the club or be asked by the president or the membership to take on the task. This does not require an election by the membership.

The club would like to have a chairperson for the following standing committees:

1. Annual club hunt
2. Program
3. Membership

Chairpersons will make monthly progress reports as needed to the membership and field questions from the membership.

Article VII

By-law Amendments

These by-laws may be amended, revised, added to, or deleted by two-thirds of the voting members in attendance during a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Any proposed amendment that is presented during a regularly scheduled monthly meeting may not be acted upon during that same meeting.

The meetings shall follow Roberts Rules of Order as a guide when specifications for action are not mentioned, and doubt exists as to the direction of the meeting.