

Michigan Small Scale Live Steamers Club BY-LAWS

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Michigan Small Scale Live Steamers (the Club) is to promote the hobby among those who have a genuine interest in live steam and small scale model railroading. We strive to stimulate good fellowship and promote membership activities as an organization.

Article I – Membership

A. Regular Member

- 1. Shall pay an annual Club membership due of \$10.**
- 2. Shall join the NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) as no less than an “Associate Member” and maintain that membership as long as they are a member of the Club.**
- 3. Shall supply the Club with a copy of their NMRA Membership Card each time it is renewed.**
- 4. Shall be allowed to vote on issues presented to the Members.**
- 5. Shall be placed on the Club’s e-mail mailing list and have a personal information entry on the Club’s web site in the secure “Members Only” section.**
- 6. Shall be required to participate in the setup and/or teardown of portable tracks and displays at all events that they attend.**
- 7. Shall act in a manner reflecting the reputation of the Club as a friendly, inviting and family oriented group. No improper language, jokes, jesters or rudeness will be tolerated. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited during club exhibitions.**
- 8. There are no Family memberships.**

B. Procedures to acquire Regular membership

- 1. Must become an NMRA member.**
- 2. Must submit the current membership form with NMRA membership information, a copy of your current NMRA Membership Card and the current dues.**
- 3. Membership is renewed on a calendar year basis.**

4. New members to the club before July 1 shall pay a full year dues (\$10). New members after July 1 shall pay one half-year dues (\$5).

ARTICLE II - EVENTS/MEETINGS

- A. Members are encourage to submit possible events to the group for approval.
- B. Members shall vote, via e-mail, on participation of steamup events.
- C. Participants will be expected to setup and/or tear down at any steamup they attend. Physical exceptions are allowed. Other exceptions are allowed as long as they do not become a means of avoiding the work involved with each event.
- D. Members are welcome to submit personal steamups, at their home, for attendance by the membership.
- E. There will be no regularly scheduled meetings.
- F. All events shall be considered meetings and any topics can be discussed at that time. Topics that need further discussion or the attention of the entire membership shall be addressed via e-mail.
- G. Each person present at a steamup/meeting shall sign the log book/waiver circulated at the event whether they are a member or not. No one will be allowed to operate a locomotive unless they have signed in.
- H. Notice of any official meetings (non-steamups) will be e-mailed out 2 weeks prior to the meeting whenever possible.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP DUES & TERMINATION

- A. Regular membership dues are to be paid in full to the club treasurer no later than January 1st.
- B. Failure to pay dues in full by the due date will result in the loss of membership and removal from the mailing list.
- C. Members failing to renew their MSSLS Membership by February 1st will not be allowed to rejoin the club until the following year.
- D. Failure to renew your NMRA membership and supply the Treasurer with a copy of your new NMRA Membership Card will result in immediate termination.
- E. A Member may terminate their membership at any time via e-mail or written statement. No refund of membership dues or any portion thereof will be given.

- F. Membership can be terminated by a majority vote of the Founding Engineers should they determine that a member has acted in an improper manner, caused harm to the Club or its Members, or has circumvented or refused to participate in the setup and teardown of the displays at events they have attended. No refund of membership dues or any portion thereof will be given.**

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- A. Pre-scheduled events throughout the state of Michigan.**
- B. Use of the raised portable track(s) at each event.**
- C. Free admission to events located where a paid admission is normally required.**
- D. \$1 million of liability insurance coverage, through the NMRA, should someone outside the club be injured by your locomotive during a club sponsored event.**
- E. Free locomotive fuel, distilled water, steam oil and towels for use at each event. ** (as long as club funds are available)**
- F. The use of the MSSLS club web site for event information, access to the Members only section and 100 megs of disk storage (via FTP) to host pictures and web pages related to the small scale live steam hobby.**
- G. As an NMRA member you qualify for insurance to cover your Live Steam Engines, rolling stock, track, books, magazines and all other hobby related items for a very reasonable cost. (See NMRA Web Site for details)**
- H. The chance to spend many enjoyable and relaxing hours with new and old friends!**

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be altered or expanded by amendments thereto; provided that all members are duly notified in writing prior to the implementation of said amendments.

End of by-laws.