

# EMPIRE STATE METAL DETECTOR ASSOCIATION

## BY LAWS

### ARTICLE I

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 treasure hunting and to provide mutual fellowship and to promote and encourage metal detection as a hobby.

### ARTICLE II

The membership shall abide by the Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics.

I WILL respect private property and ~~do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.~~ WILL NOT TRESPASS ON POSTED PROPERTY WITHOUT OWNERS CONSENT

I WILL fill all excavations, take trash out of the same, and dispose of all trash properly.

I WILL appreciate and protect our Heritage of Natural Resources, wildlife and private property.

I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I WILL build fires in designated and safe places only.

I WILL leave gates as found.

I WILL NOT destroy property buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment

I WILL NOT litter.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **MEMBERSHIP AND GUESTS**

All persons are considered members in good standing if:

- a. Dues are paid in full
- b. Declared an honorary member by the membership or its officers.

All members in good standing are allowed one vote on any and all matters brought before this association.

Membership is required in order to take part in the annual Treasure Hunt and Picnic.

Family membership will be comprised of 2 individuals over the age of 18.

Individual members in good standing, under the age of 18, are granted voting privileges.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **OFFICERS**

The elected officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The term of office shall be one calendar year ( May 1 – April 30 ).

Nominations for elected officers will be held in the January and February meetings. The membership will be notified of these nominations in the March newsletter.

Voting will take place at the April meeting. This will be by secret (closed) ballot conducted by the Secretary and any member appointed to assist in these elections. Any member in good standing may mail in an absentee ballot directly to the Secretary prior to the April meeting. Write in candidates are acceptable as long as you have the approval of the member being voted for.

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 attain elected position.

Elected officers need to receive a simple majority vote to win that seat.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

The PRESIDENT shall preside over all monthly meetings, have the power to call for executive meetings, meet with members to discuss club business outside of the regularly scheduled meetings, appoint members to committee's, appoint chairpersons to those committee's, select a Parliamentarian, and conduct any and all business seemed fit to run a smooth and effective association. The President has the power to appoint an officer to perform those duties in the absence or resignation of a current officer. That position will be held until the next annual elections.

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 and be granted all powers mentioned above.

The SECRETARY shall be responsible for the minutes of each monthly meeting. The Secretary shall provide the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved by the membership. The Secretary will provide a bi-monthly newsletter to all members unless this duty is re-assigned by the President. The Secretary shall be responsible for any correspondence the club may require unless this task is re-assigned by the President.

The TREASURER shall collect all dues for the club. Keep accurate financial records; make timely payments and distribute monies as directed by the President or its members. The Treasurer shall have prepared a financial report to be submitted at each monthly meeting.

Any officer who knowingly will be absent from a monthly meeting shall attempt to have their report handled by another officer.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **MEETINGS**

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

A quorum will consist of at least two (2) officers and fifteen (15) regular 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 regularly scheduled meeting. If possible, the member will attempt to notify an officer prior to the meeting in order to set an appropriate agenda.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **DUES**

All dues shall be paid on or before the May regular meeting.

Dues paid in full entitles each member the right to vote, receive the bi-monthly newsletter and access to the annual club hunt.

The dues will be \$ 15.00 single membership/year; \$ 18.00 family membership/year

The club reserves the right to increase dues amounts when deemed necessary.

New members who join in mid year will pay according to the following schedule:

10 – 12 months	\$ 15.00 single	\$ 18.00 family
7 – 9 months	\$ 11.25 single	\$ 13.50 family
4 – 6 months	\$ 7.50 single	\$ 9.00 family
1 – 3 months	\$ 3.75 single	\$ 4.50 family

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 VIII**

### **COMMITTEES**

All committees shall consist of a committee chairperson and volunteers. This 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 tasks:

1. Election of Officers
2. Annual Hunt and Picnic
3. Raffle (s)

Chairpersons shall make monthly progress reports to the membership and field inquiries from the membership.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **AMENDMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

These BY LAWS may be amended, revised, added to or deleted by a two thirds vote of an established quorum held during a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Any proposal that is presented during a regularly scheduled monthly meeting may not be acted upon during that same meeting unless the proposal is one of a timely manor and requires an immediate approval.

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

These BY Laws require a two thirds vote for each article independent of the other article in order to be accepted by the membership.