

SALINE COMMUNITY FAIR ASSOCIATION

The early history of the Saline Community Fair had its beginning in the Agriculture Department of the Saline High School. When the Vocational Agriculture program was introduced in the school in 1935 the students' projects were prepared for an exhibit in the agricultural room in the basement of Union School. The first annual fair was held in 1936 as an educational activity of the Saline Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Started in 1936, it was the first community fair in Washtenaw County and was held on November 13, one day only, as a means of showing the projects which the FFA boys had completed during that year. It was sponsored by the Saline Chapter of the Future Farmers of America and the Saline Schools cooperating and was held in the Union School hallways and gym.

In October 1944, the Saline Fair was reorganized and incorporated as a nonprofit corporation. The reorganization provided a structure for expanded community involvement and growth to recognize the skills, talents, recreation and interests of area residents by holding an annual fair.

The officers and board of directors are responsible for year-round business, but the success of the fair largely depends upon the numerous volunteers from the community.

CONSTITUTION

Article I – The organization is incorporated under the name of the “Saline Community Fair Association”.

Article II – The purpose of the Saline Community Fair is to provide a formal structure dedicated to promote and recognize agriculture interests, skills and accomplishments of individuals of all ages in the Saline community and surrounding area.

Article III – The Saline Community Fair is to be controlled by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of at least twelve (12) members, including the officers, and inclusive of all interested community members. A new Board of Directors should be elected as the first order of business at the annual meeting as the last official act of the preceding Board.

Article IV – The annual and regular meetings shall occur as stated in the by-laws.

Article V – The officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and they comprise the Executive Board.

Article VI – In case of dissolution of the Saline Community Fair, all financial and personal assets shall be donated to any Saline Community non-profit organization that promotes and recognizes agriculture, talents, interests, skills and accomplishments of individuals of all ages that is selected by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII – This constitution may be changed by:

- A board member may submit the proposed change in writing to the president before a regular meeting. The president shall read the proposed change to the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting.
- The president shall appoint a committee of three to review the change and report to the next regular meeting for the first reading. Upon written notification including the proposed change ten days prior to all board members, proposed change is to be voted on at the next regular special meeting.
- The change requires a ½ majority of present board members to pass the resolution.

Article IX – In accordance with Section 209 (d) of Act No. 170 of the Public Acts of 1987, the Corporation shall assume all liability to any person other than the Corporation, its shareholders, or its members for all acts or omissions of a volunteer director occurring on or after January 1, 1988.

Article Xa. – The Saline Community Fair Association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 “C” (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of the Saline Community Fair Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Not with standing any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 “C” (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 “C” (2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the Saline Community Fair Association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 “C” (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of by the court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal offices of the organization are then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.