
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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Piasa Bluffs Assembly.

ARTICLE I.

STOCKHOLDERS AND DIRECTORS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Assembly shall be held in Alton, Illinois, on the second Tuesday of October.

SEC. 2. The business of this meeting shall be conducted by a Chairman and Secretary chosen by the stockholders, who shall report their proceedings without delay to the Board of Directors for record in their minutes.

SEC. 3. The business of the annual meet-

ings of the stockholders shall be to elect by ballot the nine members who shall constitute the Board of Directors, three of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting to serve for the term of three years, or until their successors shall be elected; they shall fill any vacancies which may have occurred in the Board, other than by expiration of the term. They shall also elect a President and two Vice-Presidents to serve for one year or until their successors are chosen, who shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. One of the Vice-Presidents, and not less than four of the Directors shall reside respectively in the bounds of the Southern Illinois and the St. Louis Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church or be members of the same.

SEC. 4. Each share of stock on which there are no delinquent payments shall be entitled to one vote by the holder or by written proxy.

SEC. 5. The Board of Directors shall have the entire management of the affairs of the Association, and administer them for the

purposes for which it was organized; they shall purchase and lay out the grounds, erect necessary buildings, lease lots, grant privileges, and be responsible to the stockholders for the financial management of the Assembly and appoint any other officers considered necessary by them for the management of the Assembly.

SEC. 6. The executive committee shall consist of the President, the two Vice-Presidents, and two Directors elected by the Board at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the stockholders, who shall hold their office for one year or until their successors are elected. The executive committee shall be subject to the Board of Directors, and shall have full power to act when the Board of Directors shall not be in session. But they shall not incur debt or borrow money on the credit of the Assembly unless they have first obtained the consent of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 7. The Board of Directors shall at their first annual meeting appoint a Treasurer and a Secretary, instruct them as to their

duties, fix their salaries, and require them to give sufficient bond, for the faithful performance of their duties, to be approved by the President. These appointees shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

SEC. 8. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Superintendent of Grounds, a Superintendent of Instruction and Entertainment who under the general direction of the Board shall have charge of all the public exercises, and a member of the Board who shall have full charge of the ticket and entrance department under the direction of the Board.

SEC. 9. The Board of Directors shall present a report to the annual meeting of the stockholders in which they shall clearly set forth the transactions of the year and the financial condition of the Assembly.

SEC. 10. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly at Alton on the second Tuesday of October, January, April and July, and on the call of the President and two mem-

bers of the Board in special session, three days' notice at least having been given in writing to each member of the Board.

SEC. 11. The stockholders at the annual meeting shall elect, by ballot, an Auditing Committee of three stockholders to whom the annual reports of the Treasurer and Secretary, relating to finance, with their vouchers shall be submitted at least ten days before the next annual meeting after their appointment. The Auditing Committee shall present a report of their examination in writing at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and conduct the proceedings according to approved parliamentary methods. He shall countersign all

orders issued by the Secretary before the same shall be paid by the Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The Vice-Presidents shall have precedence in the order of their election, but either may preside or perform the duties of the President in his absence.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep the record of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee when present. He shall receive all funds on account of the Assembly give receipts therefor and pay the same over to the Treasurer without unnecessary delay, taking his receipt for the same. He shall pay all bills approved by the Executive Committee and heads of departments. He shall prepare an annual report of his services and present it to the Auditing Committee ten days before the annual meeting. He shall also render an account of his work at each quarterly meeting of the Board.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all monies belonging to the Assembly, giving his receipt therefor, and depositing them to the credit of the Assembly

in such bank as may be designated by the Board. He shall pay all warrants upon him drawn by the Secretary, when the same have been countersigned by the President, when the necessary funds are in hand for that purpose.

SEC. 5. The Superintendent of Grounds shall have supervision of all improvements, have charge of the police and grant and make sale of privileges. He may appoint one or more Assistants by obtaining the consent of the Board or Executive Committee. He shall make the collections in his department and pay them over to the Secretary, taking a receipt therefor.

SEC. 6. The Superintendent of Instruction and Entertainment shall have charge of whatever pertains to his department, subject to the general direction of the Board; but his financial engagements shall not exceed the sum set apart by the Board; he shall make a written report to the Executive Committee two weeks before the annual meeting of the stockholders; he shall certify all bills in his department be-

fore they are presented to the Secretary for payment.

SEC. 7. The Superintendent of the Ticket Department shall, under the general direction of the Board, have entire control of all the business relating to admission to the Grounds during the regular sessions of the Assembly and make daily report of monies received and pay the same over to the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary appointed by the Secretary with consent of the Board, or Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III.

THE ASSEMBLY GROUNDS.

SECTION 1. No building or superstructure shall be erected on the grounds of the Assembly except by written permission of the Superintendent or Executive Committee, the plans and location for said building having been

submitted to and approved by the Superintendent. No changes or additions shall be made unless under the conditions named above.

SEC. 2. No lessee, sub-lessee, cottage owner or other person shall take or keep lodgers or boarders for hire, except upon a written permission of the Superintendent or Executive Committee.

SEC. 3. The Superintendent or his employees under his direction shall have power to enter any premises on the Assembly Grounds in the day-time for the purpose of ascertaining whether any nuisances exist thereon and he shall have power to abate the same.

SEC. 4. The Superintendent shall have power to prevent the use of any and all unsafe stoves, chimneys and stove-pipes, fixtures and repositories for ashes and compel the same to be put in safe condition.

SEC. 5. No person shall keep for sale or gift, or sell or give away any goods, wares or merchandise, or any kind of meals or drinks or merchandise or property unless he or she shall have been authorized by the Secretary

under seal in writing in which his or her privileges shall be clearly specified.

SEC. 6. Whenever any cottage holder or occupant of any cottage shall sub-let or rent such lot or cottage or any part thereof, they shall pay to the Superintendent or his authorized agent an amount equal to ten per cent gross of all sums agreed to be paid as the rental thereof.

SEC. 7. All persons who shall keep boarders or lodgers for hire or shall furnish board or food or lodging for hire on said Assembly Grounds shall pay to the Superintendent or his authorized agent an amount equal to ten per cent of all sums agreed to be paid by such boarders or lodgers. The payment shall be made daily or weekly as the Superintendent may elect.

Sec. 8. All hotel keepers and keepers of restaurants on said Assembly Grounds shall pay at the end of each week, to the Superintendent or his authorized agent, an amount equal to ten per cent. which they or either of them shall collect, and of all sums which they

shall be entitled to collect or receive on account of said business.

SEC. 9. All persons who shall sell goods wares and merchandise, including groceries, provisions, vegetables, fruit, milk, fish, fowls and meats, and including all other articles of trade traffic, and by whatever name they may be known on the Assembly Grounds, shall pay to the Superintendent or his authorized agent a sum equal in amount to ten per cent of all sales trade or barter in such business. Payment shall be made on demand at the end of each week, or oftener if demanded.

SEC. 10. In lieu of the rate to be paid as aforesaid the Executive Committee may, if it so elect, in any given case, by a written instrument grant the right to carry on the particular line of business for a specified term and locality named in said grant, in consideration of a fixed sum of money to be paid by the party to whom the grant is made. The payment to be made as prescribed by the Executive Committee to the Superintendent of Grounds.

SEC. 11. All persons, lot or cottage holders, sub-lessees, holders of privileges, including all persons who are permanently or temporarily upon the Assembly grounds shall conform to the sanitary rules and regulations provided by the Superintendent. These rules and regulations shall be printed and posted at such places on the grounds as he may select, and may be had by any person on application to said Superintendent.

SEC. 12. When the gates of the Assembly grounds are closed against free entrance, no one shall be permitted to enter without a ticket, or remain within the grounds not having a season or term ticket; otherwise he or she shall on demand pay the regular entrance fee or the amount due for the term of their stay according to the ticket tariff.

SEC. 13. The river front of said Assembly grounds shall not be used for business purposes or as a resort or place of recreation of any sort whatever except by permission of the Superintendent.

SEC. 14. No intoxicating liquors shall be

kept, sold or given away or used as a beverage within the Assembly grounds in cottage, tent or other place or places, under any circumstances whatsoever.

SEC. 15. Boating, bathing, fishing along the river front, or anywhere within the jurisdiction of the Assembly grounds, are prohibited at any and all times on the Sabbath day throughout the entire year.

SEC. 16. All persons coming within the Assembly grounds must maintain the common usages and proprieties of good society and observe the rules and regulations of the Association. Any person violating these laws may be expelled from the Assembly grounds, by any officer or agent of the Assembly, upon the order of the Superintendent or the Executive Committee.

SEC. 17. No person shall erect, have or permit any barn, shed, or any other building or pen on any premises occupied by him or her upon the grounds of the Assembly for the keeping of any kind of animals or fowls therein or thereunder, and no person shall keep or

permit or suffer to be kept on premises occupied by him or her any animal or fowl whatever, without the written permission from the Superintendent or the Executive Committee, and under no circumstances shall cows or hogs be allowed upon the Assembly Grounds, and no animals or fowls be allowed to run at large on the Assembly Grounds.

SEC. 18. No person shall be allowed to solicit orders for merchandise or other property on the Grounds of the Assembly without written permission from the Superintendent.

SEC. 19. All advertisements posted on the Assembly Grounds must be placed upon bulletin boards, and in no case attached to public buildings, trees or private property and the Superintendent shall remove and prohibit any and all unsuitable notices or advertisements.

SEC. 20. Between the hours of 11 o'clock P. M. and 6 o'clock A. M., no loud or disturbing noises of work, voices, or instrument shall be allowed upon the grounds during the Assembly term.

SEC. 21. The Superintendent, or the Ex-

ecutive Committee may, when they consider it necessary, close any street, avenue or any part of the public grounds against teams during Assembly meetings.

SEC. 22. No riding of horses, or other animals, or driving of any kind of teams for pleasure shall be allowed within the enclosed grounds. Teams and vehicles may be allowed to enter for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or freight, but must be under the direct care of teamsters while in the enclosed grounds; and remain within no longer than is necessary for that purpose.

SEC. 23. The Superintendent, his deputy, or the Chief of Police shall have a right to demand an examination of any property, articles, or things proposed to be carried on to the Assembly Grounds in order to ascertain the character thereof, and in case the property or things be such as cannot be received on said grounds in accordance with the rules and regulations of the said Assembly, the same shall not be permitted upon the grounds.

SEC. 24. None of these By-Laws shall be

amended, added to, or otherwise changed, except by a two-thirds vote of the Directors present at any regular quarterly meeting, notice of such amendment, addition or change having been given in writing, by mail, to each and every Director ten days before the day on which such action is to be taken.





