

as of 3 Feb 1974

BY-LAWS

of

The COUNCIL OF MINUTE MEN

as proposed and to be acted upon at the regular meeting February 3, 1974

I. NAME AND PURPOSE

- A. The name of this organization shall be the "Council of Minute Men" hereinafter referred to as The Council.
- B. The purpose of The Council shall be to gather and disseminate information, make available a form to discuss common problems, to provide educational services and to foster and promote our colonial traditions and American heritage.
- C. The Council shall be a non-profit organization in accordance to prevailing rules and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the United States of America and the Internal Revenue Service.

II. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Full members of The Council shall consist of Colonial Companies of Militia and Minute from colonial Massachusetts who meet the membership criteria; each member company shall have one delegate to The Council.
- B. Associate membership in The Council may be granted at the discretion of The Council upon a three-quarter majority vote of those present and voting.

III. OFFICERS

- A. The officers of The Council shall consist of a Chief Executive Officer to be known as the Chairman with the rank of Colonel and a Secretary-Treasurer to be known as the Adjutant with the rank of Lieutenant.
- B. The Council shall have the following standing committees to be appointed by the Chairman: a. Safety Committee; b. Public Relations Committee; c. Historic Committee.
- C. The directors of The Council consist of the officers and ~~the Chairman of the standing committees.~~ *3 members elected by members*

IV. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting and election of officers shall be held in the month of January of each year, the fiscal year of the Council being January 1 to December 31. Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

V. QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of ten (10) full member delegates. A majority of those present and voting, shall be sufficient to act on all routine matters. Each delegate representing a Company in good standing shall have one (1) vote.

VI. MEETINGS

The Chairman shall call meetings of The Council from time to time as business ~~wants~~ **wants*. A seven (7) day written notice of the meetings is required, except that a thirty (30) day written notice of any meeting involving a by-law change or special election to fill a vacancy in the officers will be required. The meeting shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

* "warrants", not "wants."

VII. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be suspended or amended at any regular meeting of The Council by two-thirds vote of those present and voting, a quorum being present, and notice of the action proposed having been included in a written notice of the meeting sent to each member of The Council at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed action is to be taken.

VIII. DUES

The annual dues for membership in The Council shall be determined at the annual meeting by vote of the delegates, and shall be payable within ninety (90) days of said meeting. Members in arrears shall be notified by certified mail and if not paid within fifty (50) days shall be suspended. *from good standing*

LX. DATE BY-LAWS EFFECTIVE

These By-Laws shall take effect when adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present at a regular meeting of The Council or at a special meeting called for the purpose.