

# BYLAWS OF PINEY RAIL RIDERS

These Bylaws were adopted by the Piney Rail Riders Board of Directors on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018

## ARTICLE I

### OFFICES AND FISCAL YEAR

Section 1.01. *Registered Office.* The registered office of the corporation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be at 1423 Tintown Road, Sligo, Pennsylvania 16255 until otherwise established by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors in office (the "Board"), and a statement of such change is filed in the Department of State; or until changed by an appropriate amendment of the articles of the corporation.

Section 1.02. *Other Offices.* The corporation may also have offices at such other places within or without the United States of America as the Board may from time to time appoint or the business of the corporation requires.

Section 1.03. *Fiscal Year.* The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year.

## ARTICLE II

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2.01. *Powers.* The Board shall have full power to conduct, manage, and direct the business and affairs of the corporation; and all powers of the corporation are hereby granted to and vested in the Board. This Corporation has been organized on a member basis and the Board of Directors is the group of persons designated and vested with the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation.

Section 2.02. *Qualification and Structure of Board.* The Board will constitute a single class. Each director of the corporation shall be a natural person of at least 18 years of age, but need not be a resident of Pennsylvania.

Section 2.03. *Election and Term of Directors.* The Board shall consist of no less than three (3) persons and no more than eleven (11) persons. The Directors constituting the first Board of Directors as named in the minutes of the incorporators will hold office until the expiration dates specified in the minutes of the organization meeting of the incorporators. Thereafter, Directors will be elected for a term of three (3) years. Each director will hold office of the term for which elected and will be a director until a qualified successor is elected, or until the director's earlier death, resignation, incapacity to serve, or removal. Each director must be an active, participating member of the Board and will be required to act in conformity with the various provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 2.04. *Removal.* Any Director absent for two (2) consecutive meetings or not performing their duties without good cause shall be considered for removal from the Board. Removal shall require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Directors present at a duly constituted meeting.

Section 2.05. *Organization.* At every meeting of the Board, the President, or, in the case of a vacancy in the office or absence of the President of the Board, the Vice-President of the Board, shall preside and call the meeting to order, and the Secretary, or, in the absence of the Secretary, any person appointed by the presiding officer of the meeting, shall act as secretary.

Section 2.06. *Resignations.* Any Director of the Corporation may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or the Secretary of the Corporation. Such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

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Section 2.07. *Vacancies.* The Board may declare vacant the office of a director if he or she is declared of unsound mind by an order of court, or convicted of a felony, or for any other proper cause, or if within 60 days after notice of his selection, he or she does not accept such office either in writing or by attending a meeting of the Board.

Any vacancy or vacancies in the Board because of death, resignation, removal in any manner, disqualification, an increase in the number of directors, or any other cause, may be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the Board though less than a quorum, at any regular or special meeting; and each person so elected shall be a director to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 2.08. *Place of Meeting.* Meetings of the Board may be held at such place within or without Pennsylvania as the Board may from time to time determine, or as may be designated in the notice of the meeting.

Section 2.09. *Regular Meetings.* Regular meetings of the Board shall be held annually within the first ninety (90) days of each year at such time and place as shall be designated from time to time by resolution of the Board. If the date fixed for any such regular meeting be a legal holiday under the laws of the State where such meeting is to be held, then the same shall be held on the next succeeding business day or at such other time as may be determined by resolution of the Board. At such meetings, the Board shall transact such business as may properly be brought before the meeting. Notice of regular meetings need not be given unless otherwise required by law or these by-laws.

Section 2.10. *Special Meetings.* Special meetings of the Board shall be held whenever called by the President or by two or more of the Directors. Notice of each such meeting shall be given to each director by telephone or in writing at least twenty-four hours (in the case of notice by telephone) or forty-eight hours (in the case of notice by email/text message) or five days (in the case of notice by mail) before the time at which the meeting is to be held. Every such notice shall state the time and place of the meeting. Notice of any meeting of the Board during any emergency resulting from warlike damage or an attack on the United States or any nuclear or atomic disaster shall be given only to such of the directors as it may be feasible to reach at the time and by such means as may be feasible at the time, including publication or radio. To the extent required to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board during such an emergency, the officers of the corporation who are present shall be deemed, in order of rank and within the same rank in order of seniority, presiding director for such meeting.

Section 2.11. *Quorum, Manner of Acting, and Adjournment.* Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board by telephone or videoconference technology. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.10 of this Article, a majority of the directors in office shall be present at each meeting in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every director shall be entitled to one vote. Except as otherwise specified in the articles or these bylaws or provided by statute, the acts of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Board. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the directors present and voting may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present. The directors shall act only as a board and the individual directors shall have no power as such, except that any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting, if a consent or consents in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the directors in office and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.

Section 2.12. *Interested Directors or Officers; Quorum.* No contract or transaction between the corporation and one or more of its directors or officers, or between the corporation and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely for such reason, or solely because the director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board which authorizes the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose, if:

(1) The material facts as to the relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board and the Board in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative votes of a majority of the disinterested directors, even though the disinterested directors are less than a quorum; or

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(2) The contract or transaction is fair as to the corporation as of the time it is authorized, approved or ratified, by the Board.

Common or interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board which authorizes a contract or transaction specified in this section.

Section 2.13. *Fees.* Each director shall be paid such reasonable fee, if any, as shall be fixed by the Board for each meeting of the Board or committee of directors which he shall attend and may be paid such other compensation for his services as a director as may be fixed by the Board.

## ARTICLE III

### NOTICE—WAIVERS—MEETINGS

Section 3.01. *Notice, What Constitutes.* Whenever written notice is required to be given to any person under the provisions of the articles, these bylaws, or the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, it may be given to such person, either personally or by sending a copy thereof by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by email/text message, charges prepaid, to his or her address supplied by him or her to the Corporation for the purpose of notice. If the notice is sent by mail or by email, it shall be deemed to have been given to the person entitled thereto when deposited in the United States mail or sent for electronic transmission to such person. A notice of meeting shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting and any other information required by law or these bylaws. When a meeting is adjourned, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting, other than by announcement at the meeting at which such adjournment is taken.

Section 3.02. *Waivers of Notice.* Whenever any written notice is required to be given under the provisions of the articles, these bylaws, or the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Except as otherwise required by Section 6.06 of these by-laws, neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of a meeting need be specified in the waiver of notice of such meeting. Attendance of a person at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

Section 3.03. *Modification of Proposal Contained in Notice.* Whenever the language of a proposed resolution is included in a written notice of a meeting, the meeting considering the resolution may without further notice adopt it with such clarifying or other amendments as do not enlarge its original purpose.

Section 3.04. *Exception to Requirement of Notice.* Wherever any notice or communication is required to be given to any person under the provisions of the articles or these bylaws, or the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, or by the terms of any agreement or other instrument or as a condition precedent to taking any corporate action, and communication with such person is then unlawful, the giving of such notice or communication to such person shall not be required and there shall be no duty to apply for a license or other permission to do so.

Section 3.05. *Conference Telephone Meetings.* One or more persons may participate in a meeting of the Board or of a committee of the Board by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this section shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

## ARTICLE IV

### OFFICERS

Section 4.01. *Number, Qualifications and Designation.* The officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the

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provisions of Section 4.03 of this Article. Any number of offices may be held by the same person. Officers may but need not be directors of the corporation. The President and Secretary shall be natural persons of full age; the Treasurer may be a corporation, but if a natural person shall be of full age.

Section 4.02. *Election and Term of Office.* The officers of the corporation, except those elected by delegated authority pursuant to Section 4.03 of this Article, shall be elected annually by the Board, and each such officer shall hold his office until the next annual organization meeting of the Board and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified, or until his earlier death, resignation, or removal.

Section 4.03. *Subordinate Officers, Committees and Agents.* The Board may from time to time elect such other officers and appoint such committees, employees or other agents as the business of the corporation may require, including one or more assistant secretaries, and one or more assistant treasurers, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in these bylaws, or as the Board may from time to time determine. The Board may delegate to any officer or committee the power to elect subordinate officers and to retain or appoint employees or other agents, or committees thereof, and to prescribe the authority and duties of such subordinate officers, committees, employees or other agents.

Section 4.04. *Resignations.* Any officer or agent may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, or to the President or the Secretary of the Corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 4.05. *Removal.* Any officer, committee, employee or other agent of the corporation may be removed, either for or without cause, by the Board or other authority which elected, retained or appointed such officer, committee or other agent whenever in the judgment of such authority the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights of any person so removed.

Section 4.06. *Vacancies.* A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause, shall be filled by the Board by the officer or committee to which the power to fill such office has been delegated pursuant to Section 4.03 of this Article, as the case may be, and if the office is one for which these by-laws prescribe a term, shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 4.07. *General Powers.* All officers of the Corporation, as between themselves and the corporation, shall respectively have such authority and perform such duties in the management of the property and affairs of the corporation as may be determined by resolutions or orders of the Board, or, in the absence of controlling provisions in resolutions or orders of the Board, as may be provided in these bylaws.

Section 4.08. *The President.* The president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall have general supervision over the activities and operations of the corporation, subject, however, to the control of the Board and the chairman. The president shall sign, execute, and acknowledge, in the name of the corporation, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments, authorized by the Board except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board, or by these bylaws, to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of President, and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board.

Section 4.09. *The Vice Presidents.* The Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in his absence and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the Board or the President.

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Section 4.10. *The Secretary.* The Secretary or an assistant secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board and shall record all the votes of the directors and the minutes of the meetings of the Board and of committees of the Board in a book or books to be kept for that purpose; shall see that notices are given and records and reports properly kept and filed by the corporation as required by law; shall be the custodian of the seal of the corporation and see that it is affixed to all documents to be executed on behalf of the corporation under its seal; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of secretary, and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board or the President.

Section 4.11. *The Treasurer.* The Treasurer or an assistant treasurer shall have or provide for the custody of the funds or other property of the corporation and shall keep a separate bank account of the same to his credit as treasurer; shall collect and receive or provide for the collection and receipt of moneys earned by or in any manner due to or received by the corporation; shall deposit all funds in his or her custody as Treasurer in such banks or other places of deposit as the Board may from time to time designate; shall, whenever so required by the Board, render an account showing his transactions as treasurer, and the financial condition of the Corporation; and, in general, shall discharge such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board or the President.

Section 4.12. *Salaries.* The salaries of the officers elected by the Board shall be fixed from time to time by the Board or by such officer as may be designated by resolution of the Board. The salaries or other compensation of any other officers, employees and other agents shall be fixed from time to time by the officer or committee to which the power to elect such officers or to retain or appoint such employees or other agents has been delegated pursuant to Section 4.03 of this Article. No officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary or other compensation by reason of the fact that he is also a director of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V

### **LIMITATION OF PERSONAL LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS; INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND OTHER AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES**

Section 5.01. *Limitation of Personal Liability of Directors.* A director of the corporation shall not be personally liable for monetary damages as such for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, unless:

- (a) the Director has breached or failed to perform the duties of his or her office as defined in Section 5.02 below; and
- (b) the breach or failure to perform constitutes self dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness.

The provisions of this Section shall not apply to (a) the responsibility or liability of a director pursuant to any criminal statute; or (b) the liability of a director for the payment of taxes pursuant to local, state or federal law.

Section 5.02. *Standard of Care and Justifiable Reliance.* (a) A director of the corporation shall stand in a fiduciary relationship to the corporation, and shall perform his or her duties as a director, including his or her duties as a member of any committee of the Board upon which he or she may serve, in good faith, in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, skill and diligence, as a person of ordinary prudence would use under similar circumstances. In performing his or her duties, a director shall be entitled to rely in good faith on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by any of the following:

- (i) One or more officers or employees of the Corporation whom the Director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented;
  - (ii) Counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters that the Director reasonably believes to be within the professional or expert competence of such person;
  - (iii) A committee of the Board upon which he or she does not serve, duly designated in accordance with law, as to matters within its designated authority, which committee the Director reasonably believes to merit confidence.
- A director shall not be considered to be acting in good faith if he or she has knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause his or her reliance to be unwarranted.

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(b) In discharging the duties of their respective positions, the Board, committees of the Board and individual Directors may, in considering the best interests of the Corporation, consider the effects of any action upon employees, upon persons with whom the Corporation has business and other relations and upon communities in which the offices or other establishments of or related to the Corporation are located, and all other pertinent factors. The consideration of those factors shall not constitute a violation of subsection (a) of this Section.

(c) Absent breach of fiduciary duty, lack of good faith or self-dealing, actions taken as a director or any failure to take any action shall be presumed to be in the best interests of the Corporation.

Section 5.03. *Advancing Expenses/Indemnification.* Expenses incurred defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board in a specific case by case basis if the action brought against a director or officer stems from action taken on behalf of the Corporation or while empowered as an agent of the Corporation.

Section 5.04. *Insurance.* The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any capacity or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would otherwise have the power to indemnify such person against such liability.

Section 5.05. *Reliance on Provisions.* Each person who shall act as an authorized representative of the Corporation shall be deemed to be doing so in reliance upon the rights of indemnification provided by this Article.

## ARTICLE VI MISCELLANEOUS

Section 6.01. *Corporate Seal.* The Corporation shall have a corporate seal in the form of a circle containing the name of the Corporation, the year of incorporation and such other details as may be approved by the Board.

Section 6.02. *Checks.* All checks, notes, bills of exchange or other orders in writing shall be signed by such person or persons as the Board may from time to time designate.

Section 6.03. *Contracts.* Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, the Board may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or to execute or deliver any instrument on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 6.04. *Deposits.* All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board may approve or designate, and all such funds shall be withdrawn only upon checks signed by such one or more officers or employees as the Board shall from time to time determine.

Section 6.05. *Annual Report of the Board.* The Board shall direct the President and Treasurer to present, at the annual meeting of the Board, a report showing in appropriate detail the following:

- (1) The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the corporation as of the end of the fiscal year immediately preceding the date of the report.
- (2) The principal changes in assets and liabilities including trust funds, during the year immediately preceding the date of the report.
- (3) The revenue or receipts of the corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for the year immediately preceding the date of the report, including separate data with respect to each trust fund held by or for the corporation.

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(4) The expenses or disbursements of the corporation, for both general and restricted purposes, during the year immediately preceding the date of the report, including separate data with respect to each trust fund held by or for the corporation. The annual report of the Board shall be filed with the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board.

Section 6.06. *Amendment of Bylaws.* These bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new bylaws may be adopted, by vote of a majority of the Board of the corporation in office at any regular or special meeting. Such proposed amendment, repeal or new bylaws, or a summary thereof, shall be set forth in any notice of such meeting, whether regular or special.

Section 6.07. *Nonprofit Operations.* The Corporation will not have or issue shares of stock. No dividend will be paid, and no part of the income of the Corporation shall be distributed to its Directors or Officers except as reasonable compensation for services rendered or their employment with the Corporation.

Section 6.08. *Nondiscrimination.* The officers, directors, employees, and agents of the Corporation shall be selected entirely on the basis of their qualifications and without regard to their age, sex, race, nationality, religion, physical disability, or sexual orientation.

Section 6.09. *Books and Records.* The Corporation will keep correct and complete books and records of account and will also keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board and committees, if any. The Corporation will keep, at its principal place of business, a register listing the names, addresses, and terms of the directors. The Corporation will also keep an original copy of its bylaws with all amendments to date, certified by the Corporation's Secretary. Any director may, at any time, inspect these books and records upon a written demand to do so that states the purpose of the inspection.

Section 6.10. *Dissolution.* The Corporation has been formed exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended from time to time. In the event of this Corporation's dissolution, all assets must be disposed of in accordance with applicable Nonprofit Corporation Law.

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President

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Date

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Secretary

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