

MHRT amended bylaws as of August 2026

The Mechanical History Round Table is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation. It is located at 3103 Salem road S.W. Rochester, Mn. All correspondence should be directed to 2605 Melody St. S.E. Rochester Mn. 55904

The purpose of MHRT is to preserve mechanical and technical history of agriculture. To present public demonstrations of antique power sources as they were used. To serve as a resource on mechanical history to the public and members, and to promote fellowship and cooperation among antique machinery fans.

MHRT is composed of members who are in good standing with the club. The dues per year are as of 7-7-2026 \$10.00 for an individual, and \$15.00 for a family (no more than 2 generations). The dues should be payable in the first quarter of the calendar year. There are some older members who are grandfathered into not needing to pay yearly dues.

Members have the right to attend monthly meetings, and vote on issues as they arise. To vote on an issue the member must be present at the regularly scheduled meeting. The meetings shall be the first Tuesday of each month, except December, at 7pm, unless the time conflicts with a major holiday, or election. The meeting can then be moved to an appropriate substitute date by a vote of the members. The

six officers of the MHRT will be elected by a vote of the members. They will serve two-year terms. Three will come up for election each year. They will decide which officer does what job. The officers will meet an hour before the member meeting to plan.

Members who purchase items for the club can present the receipt to the Treasurer for reimbursement. No member is eligible for payment for their labor. Items owned by the club cannot be sold, given away, or scrapped without approval of the membership. No member may profit from the sale of club property. If the club is disbanded the property of the club must be transferred to another nonprofit or sold and the money transferred to another nonprofit.

There are committees to decide on the operation of specific parts of club operations. There is a field committee to decide on farming operations, a building and grounds committee to decide on maintenance of the property, and a mechanical maintenance committee to keep the club's machinery operable. Members should not keep items on the property that are not needed by the club to maintain operations of the club. Buildings must be kept in a condition such that access is possible, and equipment in them can be operated safely.

The Days of Yesteryear or DOY is our annual show, and the main reason for our existence. It is held the second full weekend in August. It consists of demonstrations of activities that our ancestors had to do as part of daily life in a more rural America. The members are encouraged to help work at the show. The show will have buttons that allow admission to the grounds for the two days of the show. The buttons will cost anyone over 15 years old \$10.00 at the gate during the show, or \$8.00 for 1, or \$15.00 for two prior to the show. Members who work the show and exhibitors will be entitled to a free button. The Rochester Roosters have put on base ball games at our show for many years. They are considered exhibitors.