

Brooklyn Woman's Single Tax Club

ORGANIZED JANUARY 13th, 1891



8570

CONSTITUTION
AND
BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

Brooklyn Woman's Single Tax Club

ORGANIZED JANUARY 13TH, 1891

Declarations of Principles.

We assert as our fundamental principle the self-evident truth enunciated in the Declaration of American Independence, that all men are created equal, and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.

We hold that all men are equally entitled to the use and enjoyment of what God has created and of what is gained by the general growth and improvement of the community, of which they are a part. Therefore, no one should be permitted to hold natural opportunities without a fair return to all for any special privilege thus accorded to him, and that value which the growth and improvement of the community attaches to land should be taken for the use of the community.

We hold that each man is entitled to all that his labor produces. Therefore, no tax should be levied on the products of labor.

To carry out these principles we are in favor of raising all public revenues for national, State, county and municipal purposes by a single tax upon land values, irrespective of improvements, and of the abolition of all forms of direct and indirect taxation.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the
BROOKLYN WOMAN'S SINGLE TAX CLUB.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Club shall be, to promote the abolition of all taxes upon industry and the products of industry and exchange, and the raising of the public revenues by a tax upon the value of land irrespective of improvements, to the exclusion of all other taxes, whether in the form of tariff upon imports, taxes upon internal productions or otherwise.

ARTICLE III.

METHODS.

The methods by which this Club will seek to accomplish its object, shall be, the holding of meetings for discussion, instruction and social entertainment, and the distribution of literature.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1—Members shall be of three kinds, Active, Honorary and Associate.

SEC. 2—Active members shall be such as subscribe to this Constitution, and to a declaration that they agree with, and approve the object of the Club. These only shall be entitled to a vote and eligible to office.

SEC. 3—Honorary members shall be such as are especially elected, as a mark of honor for public service, and shall be free from all dues and obligations.

SEC. 4—All other members shall be Associate.

SEC. 5—Members shall be elected, admitted and excluded, in such manner, and subject to such regulations as the by-laws may prescribe.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1—The officers of this Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 2—The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of the foregoing officers and four Directors.

SEC. 3—These officers shall be annually elected and installed in office at the meeting in May.

ARTICLE VI.

AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution must be presented in writing, and read at two consecutive meetings of the Club, before action can be taken thereon, and a two-thirds vote of members present shall be necessary for their adoption. A two-third vote of all members shall be necessary to amend this article.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Meetings of the Club shall be held on the second Tuesday afternoon of each month, at 3 o'clock, for the transaction of business and for discussion.

ARTICLE II.

Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE III.

Special meetings may be called by the President, or by a written call of seven members, said call to state purpose of meeting, and all members to be notified.

ARTICLE IV.

The order of transaction of business shall be

- 1 Reading of minutes.
- 2 Report of Officers and Committees.
- 3 Election of members.
- 4 Unfinished business.
- 5 New business.

ARTICLE V.

The business meetings shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order, except as otherwise directed in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; the President of the Club to be Chairman of the Board.

ARTICLE VII.

Applicants for membership, whose fitness has been approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, shall become members by election, by a two-thirds vote at any business meeting. Any application which shall be opposed by one-third, or more of the Board of Directors, cannot be again proposed until six months have elapsed.

ARTICLE VIII.

Dues shall be paid in advance; active members paying \$1.00 annually, associate members paying 50 cents annually.

ARTICLE IX.

It shall be the duty of the President to pre-

side at all meetings. If the President is absent the Vice-President shall act in her place.

ARTICLE X.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings, a correct roll of members and to notify members of their election.

ARTICLE XI.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to call all meetings of the Club, and to receive and answer all correspondence, subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds, to keep a correct account of the same; to submit statements at the annual business meetings and to the Board of Directors when called for, and keep account of dues paid and unpaid.

ARTICLE XIII.

Any of these by-laws may be suspended at any business meeting by a two-thirds vote, and amended by a two-thirds vote if proposed amendment shall have been presented at the previous business meeting.