

Rusk County 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee Bylaws

Mission Statement:

The mission of this committee is to work with youth enrolled in a 4-H/FFA organization and to provide a positive educational experience in their livestock projects.

Bylaws of the Committee:

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Rusk County 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the committee is to provide the following for Rusk County youth:

- a. Educational programs for those youth involved with the market animal sale.
- b. Incentive and support for youth to participate in the market animal projects.
- c. A market for youth's animals that rewards those youth whose animals best exemplifies current market trends.
- d. Rules and regulations for the project.
- e. Organization, coordination, and promotion of the livestock project.

Article III: Membership

- a. The membership of the Rusk County 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee will consist of any adult and youth actively involved in the livestock project.
- b. A voting member has to have attended (3) meetings in the previous 12 months.

Article IV: Finances

- a. This organization shall manage its own monies.
- b. The major source of income shall be the percentage commission collected from the annual livestock auction.
- c. All monies shall be used to promote youth livestock production, educational programs, and related projects and activities.
- d. An annual financial report shall be prepared and given to the Rusk County 4-H Leaders Council and FFA Chapters.
- e. The financial report, upon request, will also be available in the UW-Extension Office for public inspection.

Article V: Officers

- a. The officers shall consist of: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.
- b. All positions shall be elected annually at the October meeting.
- c. The officers shall see that all operations of the group are maintained and operated smoothly.

- d. The officers shall make decisions in the best interest of the committee as a whole when meetings with the whole group are not possible.

Article VI: Meetings

- a. Regularly scheduled meetings will be held for organizational purposes.
- b. Educational sessions will be discussed and approved at the committee meetings.
- c. Special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Chair.
- d. Meetings of the committee shall be conducted and governed by the Roberts Rules of Order (Revised) except as otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

Article VII: Amendments

Any member may propose an amendment to the bylaws at a general meeting. A two-thirds vote of those present and eligible to vote at the following meeting shall be required to pass the amendment.

Article VIII: Committees

The chair shall appoint committees that are needed to carry on the work of the organization.

Article IX: Rules and Review Committee

- a. The Rules and Review Committee shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Current Past-Chair, one superintendent from each livestock project area, and a youth member.
- b. All of the above have to qualify to vote under Article III, Section B.
- c. The youth member will be a high school student with at least three years in the project. Members will volunteer at the orientation meeting and a name will then be drawn from those interested.
- d. The Rules and Review Committee will act on interpretation, clarification, and/or violation of the rules set forth by the livestock project.
- e. All decisions made by the Rules and Review Committee are binding.
- f. A quorum of the Rules and Review Committee must be present to make any decision.

Article X: Dissolution Clause

Upon dissolution of the Rusk County 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee, any assets remaining shall be conveyed to the Rusk County 4-H Leaders Council with all funds to be used in youth livestock projects.

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