

Rusk County 4-H Horse Project Committee By-Laws

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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Rusk County 4-H Horse Project Committee is to provide safer horsemanship, educational opportunities and a fun environment through structured youth leadership and parent involvement, centered around a fun and flexible organization for all involved.

Objectives:

1-Promote safety and provide education through the 4-H Horse and Horesless Horse Projects

2-Be an enhancement to asll existing and future 4-H clubs to provide additional learning experiences and opportunities for any youth enrolled in the Horse and Horseless Horse projects, and provide assistance to any youth member enrolled in a 4-H club.

3-Encourage interest in and promote all Rusk County youth organizations

4-Work in connection with, and under the jurisdiction of Rusk County 4-H Leaders Council and the 4-H Youth Development Agent.

5-Commit to build a foundation of life skills

Membership

1-Membership in the horse project committee is open to all persons without regards to race, color, sex, ethnic background or economic circumstances. The Horse Project Committee does not operate on a segregated basis.

2-In order to be a member of the Horse Project Committee, you have to be currently enrolled in a Rusk County youth organization.

3-Members are asked to serve on such committees, panels, or work in groups as necessary to support the committee and its functions. Participation in the fundraising activities is expected by all members.

4-Those members misusing their privileges of membership will be brought before the Rusl County 4-H Leaders Council.

5- Mandatory safety testing is required for all youth exhibitors showing any large animal. Safety testing is required for the youth/animal combination. Failed safety tests result in inability to

safely handle the animal on county grounds during public events. Safety tests are required to be submitted with fair entries. Safety tests are valid for the lifespan of exhibitor/animal combination and can be obtained through the project leader on scheduled testing dates. One retest is allotted per calendar year for each exhibitor/animal combination.

Quorum:

- 1- A quorum of 3 voting members must be present in order to present a motion to vote on.
- 2- Majority of those board members shall constitute a quorum vote.

Meetings:

- 1- General meetings: Every other month, Facebook group messenger for information and/or changes to dates/times.
- 2- Annual meeting: The Horse Project Committee's annual meetings will be in September of each year. The purpose of this meeting shall be the nomination and election of the new officers for the new 4-H year and amendments of the by-laws, rules, or policies.
- 3- Special meetings: All members shall be contracted by Facebook messenger or phone seven days prior to special meetings unless time sensitive.
- 4- Place of meetings: Held at youth senior center, 3rd sunday of every other month

Elections:

Officers:

- President:
- Vice President:
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Duties of Officers:

President: It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings of the committee. Theft shall be responsible for preparing an agenda for each meeting.

Vice: It shall be the duty of the vice president to assist the president and to act for the president when he/she is absent.

Secretary: It shall be the duty of the secretary to tackle minutes at the committee meeting, and distribute a copy at the following meeting. Keep an up to date roster of the membership and those attending meetings.

Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep the Horse Project Committee's financial records in good standing. A monthly financial report shall be given to the members at all regular committee meetings. An annual report must be prepared for the annual meeting and submitted to the Rusk County 4-H Leaders Council at the end of the year for Chartering.

Terms of Office: There are no term stipulations. Members are encouraged to allow all those who participate and all new members a change to hold office.

Calendar year: November 1- October 31. Fiscal calendar will be July 1- June 30

Amendments to the by laws: All amendments shall be brought to the Rusk County Horse Project Committee at least seven days before a monthly meeting.

Dissolution Clause: Upon dissolution of the Rusk County Horse Project, any remaining Money assets go to Leaders Council to distribute as needed throughout the fair.