

Rusk County Livestock Committee Bylaws

Mission Statement:

The mission of this committee is to work with youth enrolled in a Rusk County approved youth 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 Livestock Committee.

Article II: Purpose:

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

- a. To plan and conduct a safe and educational meat animal project program for those youth involved with the market animal sale.
- b. To organize and educate youth to develop life skills such as leadership, problem solving, decision making, communication and responsibility in youth and adult volunteers.
- c. To establish a market for youth's animals whose animals best exemplifies current market.
- d. To establish rules and regulations for the project.
- e. Organize, educate, coordinate, and promote of the livestock project.

Article III: Membership

- a. The membership of the Rusk County Livestock Committee will consist of any adult volunteer and youth actively involved in the livestock project.
- b. A voting member has to have attended (3) meetings in the current project year running from September 1st to August 30th each year.
- c. A voting member must be a 4-H member or certified 4-H volunteer and have completed all necessary 4-H volunteer training.
- d. 2024 current livestock committee members are grandfathered in upon completion of enrollment or re-enrollment as a 4-H volunteer and the completion of all 4-H volunteer training November 1st of current 4-H year.

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 commission money 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 U.W. Extension office.
- e. The Fiscal year runs from July 1st of each year to June 30th of the following year.

Article V: Officers

- a. The officers shall consist of:
Chair Vice-Chair Secretary Treasurer
and/or up to 4 youth officers.
- b. All positions shall be elected annually at the fall meeting.

- c. See article 3-C for membership of the committee.
- d. The officers shall see that all operations of the group are maintained and operated smoothly.
- e. 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 **under 4-H policy**.

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 VII: Committees

The chair shall **appoint and/or request volunteers to** participate on sub-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 a minimum of 5 voting members, 1 must be an officer and a youth member if one is available.
- 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.
- 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 **upon approval of the Rusk County Livestock Committee**.

Article X: Dissolution Clause

- a. Upon dissolution of the Rusk County 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.