

CONSTITUTION

ST CLAIR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the St. Clair County 4-H Council.

Article II – Purpose

To promote 4-H and assist the 4-H program as follows:

- (a) to plan, help and offer advice for the 4-H program of St. Clair County
- (b) to promote advancements for the betterment of the organization
- (c) to offer support to the St. Clair County Agricultural Society
- (d) to serve as an oversight body to clubs and developmental groups and act as a liaison between them and MSU Extension

Article III – Membership

1. The Council shall consist of a minimum of 24 adult members, maximum 30 adult members
 - (a) members should be from as many 4-H clubs as possible
 - (b) members typically hold a three-year membership
 - (c) no term limits.
 - (d) New members will be nominated in September, voted in at the Leaders Banquet in November, and introduced at the potluck meeting in November.
 - (e) Each council member must serve on at least three standing committees and be involved in at least one of the three special functions (Auction, Winter Achievement or Workshop Committee).
2. Eligibility; any adult 21 years and over interested in supporting and promoting 4-H in St. Clair County.
3. An active member will be one who does not miss two meetings consecutively without good reason
 - (a) secretary will contact a member after the member has missed two consecutive meetings to determine whether the member wishes to continue serving as a council member
 - (b) if a member resigns, then a new member will be appointed to serve for the remainder of the resigning member's term.

Article IV – Officers

The council shall elect at the annual potluck meeting – third Monday of November:

- (a) a president
 - (b) a vice-president
 - (c) a secretary
 - (d) a treasurer
- whose duties are implied in their names.

Article V – Meetings

1. Regular meetings are held on the Monday of January, March, May, June, September and November.
2. The annual potluck meeting shall be held on the third Monday of November.
3. Special meetings shall be called by the president when advisable or upon the request of five (5) or more members.

4. A quorum shall be defined as nine (9) active members.
5. Passage of any item shall be by majority vote.
6. Members may attend electronically via video conference or audio conference subject to the standing rules established by the Board of Directors for this purpose.

Article VI – Committees

1. There shall be some standing committees consisting of adults who volunteer to serve on each committee
 - (a) Each committee must have a council member as chairperson.
 - (b) each committee must have at least five members.
 - (c) committee membership will be reviewed at the January meeting.
 - (d) the chairperson of each committee may appoint any leader or any person other than 4-H leaders to serve on the committee
 - (e) committees other than standing committees may be formed when necessary
2. Standing Committees are:

Auction / Fund Raising
 Awards
 Fair Fun Night
 Winer Achievement
 4-H Ambassadors
 Leaders' Banquet
 MSU Accounts
 Budget
 Nominating
 Workshop Committee
 Open House

3. Non-Standing Committees are:

Shooting Sports Developmental
 Rabbit Developmental

Article VII – Fiscal Year/Budget

1. Beginning January 1, 2000, the fiscal year will be the calendar year.
 - (a) each year's budget will be presented for discussion and voted on in November

Article VIII – Amendments

To amend the Constitution discussion must occur at a regular meeting prior to being voted on at the next regular meeting.

Article IX – Lifetime Members

A member will be considered a lifetime member of the 4-H Council after actively serving the Council for at least 10 years and upon their resignation.

- (a) lifetime members will be kept informed about activities and meetings through bi-monthly mailings.