



Bylaws of Kent County Jr. Council

Name: The name of this organization shall be the Kent County Jr. Council

Purpose:

- The purpose of this 4-H club is to support the development of Kent County 4-H teens through club meetings, committees, and other activities.

Policies:

- The club will meet regularly once a month (August thru May) to conduct business.
- Any major decision of the club must be voted upon by the majority of the members present.

Membership:

- To become a member, a person must be a member of a Kent County 4-H club in good standing and attend two Jr. Council meetings.
- A member shall be dropped from club enrollment if he or she misses three consecutive meetings without reasonable explanation.
- The advisor, with the executive committee, shall review the reasons for absence to determine whether a member's name is removed from the roll.
- A member in good standing is defined as any member who has attended at least two meetings and two Jr. Council county events.
- Without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin, Kent County 4-H'er, age 13-19 as of January 1, of the current year may become a member of this club.

Officers, Elections and Duties:

- The elected officers of this club shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter.
- Each of these offices shall be a one year term, except treasurer which shall be a two year term.
- Officers shall be elected annually in August and shall begin term of office in September.
- An officer shall have been a member in good standing of the club for three months prior to election.
- Officers shall not succeed themselves.

- Nominees must complete and submit the officer application one week prior to elections.
- Nominations from the floor shall follow the announcement of the candidates if there are no candidates.
- Only those members who are eligible and willing shall be accepted as nominees.
- Each candidate for office shall be given two minutes to speak prior to elections.
- Voting shall be by paper ballot.
- Officers shall perform duties set forth in the 4-H Officer Handbook.
- The vice president shall succeed to the presidency if such vacancy occurs.
- Other vacancies shall be filled by a vote of the members at the next regular meeting or appointed by the executive committee.
- Any officer not in good standing with the organization shall be removed as per membership rules.

Meetings will begin promptly at 7 p.m. on the Third Tuesday of each month.

Executive Committee:

- The executive committee shall consist of the officers and advisor.
- The duties of the executive committee shall be to transact any absolutely necessary business between regular meetings and any other business referred to it by the club members.
- The executive committee shall meet between the regular meetings as necessary.

Standing and Special Committees:

- Standing committees shall be signed up for at the beginning of the year and serve to the end of the event.
- Special committees shall be appointed by the president and shall serve only as long as needed.
- The vice president shall be a member of all committees.
- The Executive Committee shall appoint the Basket Auction and Younger Member Weekend committees based upon meeting attendance and county participation.

Article IX: Amendments:

- The bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the membership provided they do not conflict with the required articles.