

BY-LAWS OF THE GUERNSEY COUNTY JR. FAIR EQUINE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

Name

The Name of the Committee shall be The Guernsey County Equine Council.

ARTICLE II

Objective

To serve as an important link between the Ohio State University Extension and Junior equine project members in Guernsey County. To provide educational activities for 4-H and FFA equine project members. To function as advisory committee to the Ohio State University Extension staff and 4-H Council in Guernsey county Junior Fair equine project matters.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. All 4-H and FFA members carrying Equine projects, their parents or guardians, their club advisors, and selected interested individuals are eligible to apply for Jr. Fair livestock committee membership. Committee membership applications will be accepted October 1st through March 1st.

All eligible committee members must meet membership requirements by completing the Guernsey County Junior Fair Livestock Committee Member Application and receive a responsibility orientation by March 1st of the current year. All adult committee members must also successfully pass an Ohio Electronic Sex Offender Registration and Notification and National Sex Offender Public Registry web check.

Committee members must be approved prior to participation in committee meetings and activities. Applications are due Oct. 20th for approval before the November meeting. Application deadline for subsequent meetings is 2 weeks prior to the meeting date. No applications will be accepted after March 1st for the current year.

Committee membership year is January 1st through December 31st. Members will be accepted from October 1st to March 1st each year.

Section 2. Committee members will serve on a year to year basis according to membership rules set forth in Section 1 of this Article. Special committees may be formed to stand for a 2-year basis when working on a special project.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall perform the following duties:

A The Chairman is the executive officer responsible for the operation of the Committee. He or she presides at meetings, calls regular or special meetings of the membership as needed, appoints the Chairpersons of standing or special committees. Votes only when his/her vote would break a tie.

B The Vice-Chairman acts as Chairman in the absence or illness of the Chairman and in the event of the Chairman's resignation or incapacity to serve shall succeed to the office until the next regular election of officers. The Chairman may delegate to the Vice-Chairman such official or other duties as may be necessary for the conduct of business.

C The Secretary keeps records and minutes of meetings; maintains an up-to-date list of members, sends notices, and receives and distributes information to or from other groups and organizations.

D The Treasurer is responsible for the deposit of all receipts and payment of all authorized expenditures. The Treasurer advises the Committee about the finances of the Committee and assists in formulating the budgets for the regular and special activities. The Treasurer is also responsible for providing the Audit Committee all necessary documents for completion of the yearly audit.

Section 2. A member may hold no more than one office with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer, which may be combined.

Section 3. At the first meeting after the Fair Evaluation meeting each year, election of officers will be held.

Section 4. Nominations shall be made from the floor and voted on by the members present by ballot or roll call, if requested.

Section 5. Officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Term of office shall begin at the close of the election meeting.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1. Regular council meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of Jan., Feb., Mar., May, June, Aug, & Sept. at 7:00 pm. Meetings will be held in conjunction with the Livestock Committees in Apr., July, Oct, & Nov. at 7:00. No meeting will be held in Dec.

Section 2. The first meeting following the Guernsey County Fair shall be known as the Fair Evaluation Meeting.

Section 3. The first meeting following the Fair Evaluation Meeting shall be for the purpose of electing officers.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the officers.

ARTICLE VI
The Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- 1) Chairman
- 2) Vice-Chairman
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Horse Committee between its regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the Horse Committee, and none of its acts shall conflict with the action taken by the Horse Committee.

ARTICLE VII Voting Rights

Section 1. Only approved committee members will be eligible to vote, in accordance with committee by-laws. Approval is granted to eligible members who have met application deadlines and membership requirements.

Section 2. The Voting Equine Council representatives shall be 2 adult delegates per each club and 2 youth delegates per club. There will be a maximum of 4 votes per club. There will be 2 at-large adult delegates and 2 youth delegates. Mule and draft clubs will remain at large.

Section 3. Committee members and Council delegates will serve on a year-to-year basis according to membership rules set forth in Section 1 of this Article. Special committees may be formed to stand for a 2-year basis when working on a special project.

ARTICLE VIII Committees

Section 1. An Audit Committee composed of at least two but no more than three members shall be appointed by the Chairman at the Fair Evaluation Meeting, whose duty it shall be to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the year. The Audit Committee shall report its findings at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 2. A Bylaw Review Committee composed of at least three but no more than four members shall be appointed by the Chairman at the Fair Evaluation Meeting, whose duty it shall be to review the bylaws of the Committee and recommend proposed changes. The Bylaw Review Committee shall present said recommendations at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 3. The Chairman shall appoint any other committees, standing or special, as deemed necessary by the Committee or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Committee shall adopt.

ARTICLE X
Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds vote.

INFRACTIONS: Any infractions of the Guernsey County Equine Council by-laws will require a meeting of at least 3/4 (75%) of the council's membership.

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