

Constitution

County Council of 4-H Clubs

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Stark-Billings County Council of 4-H Clubs.

Article II – Object

The object of this organization are as follows:

To unify the interest and efforts of all 4-H clubs in Stark-Billings County.

To cooperate with the County Extension Agent and Extension Home Economist, the Extension Service of the North Dakota State College, and the United States Department of Agriculture in planning a program, in accordance with the Smith-Lever Act of May 8, 1914*

To further promote the organization of 4-H clubs within the County in order to make available to rural boys and girls the best information and training that science and art can contribute to homemaking and agriculture, and the development of the highest type of home and community life, through an organized effort of young people.

* “Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that in order to aid in diffusing among the people of the United States the useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture and home economics, and to encourage the application of the same, there may be inaugurated in connection with the college or colleges in each state now receiving, or which may hereafter receive, the benefits of the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1862, Agriculture Extension Work which shall be carried on in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture.”

Article III – Membership

The Stark-Billings County Council of 4-H clubs does not limit membership or participation in its activities on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

Section 1. The County Council shall be composed of the leaders, the President and Vice-President of each 4-H club in Stark and Billings Counties and the County Agricultural Agent, Assistant County Agent and Extension Home Economist.

Section 2. The County Council shall be divided into the Senate and House. The Senate shall be composed of the Leaders. The House shall be composed of the Members.

Article IV – Officers and Executive Committee

- Section 1. The officers of the County Council shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall consist of 2 leaders and 2 members.
- Section 2. The officers of the Senate and House shall be Chairman and Secretary.
- Section 3. Executive Committee shall be composed of the four regular officers and the two officers each of the Senate and House.

Article V – Meetings

- Section 1. There shall be one regular meeting of the County Council, in the Fall.

Article VI – Amendments

- Section 1. Any section of this Constitution may be amended at the Fall meeting, by the majority vote of the voting members present, providing notice of pending amendment has been sent the individual clubs at least one month before the meeting by the County Council.

By-Laws

Article I – Duties of Officers and Executive Committee

- Section 1. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the County Council and Executive Committee, and to act as Chairman of Achievement Day, to call special meetings of the County Council when necessary, and the usual duties of a President.
- Section 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to act for the President in the absence of the latter, or when requested to do so by the President.
- Section 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep the minutes of the meetings of the Council and other Secretarial duties.
- Section 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to take care of the finances of the Council, to disburse money at the direction of the Council and report receipts and disbursements when requested.
- Section 5. The duties of the Chairmen of the Senate and House shall be to conduct the meetings of each their representative groups at the annual meetings and to serve on the Executive Committee.
- Section 6. The duties of the Secretaries of the Senate and House shall be to keep minutes of the meetings held and to report as directed by the President of the Council at the regular meeting.
- Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to conduct all necessary business of the Council between meetings.

Article II – Annual Meeting

- Section 1. The annual meeting shall be held at Dickinson or at a place designated by the Executive Committee.
- Section 2. The Fall meeting shall be held during October Members of the Council shall be notified at least five days before the meeting.
- Section 3. The program for the annual meeting shall be planned by the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. The Senate and House groups shall meet separately during the annual session prior to the regular session.
- Section 5. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President through the County Extension Office.

Article III – Elections

- Section 1. Officers shall continue in office until successors have been elected.
- Section 2. Officers shall be elected at the Fall meeting.
- Section 3. County Council officers shall serve two years. President and Treasurer shall be elected on even years; Vice-President and Secretary in odd years.
- Section 4. The Chairman and Secretaries of the Senate and House shall be elected annually at the Fall Meeting.
- Section 5. All terms of officers elected at the Fall Meeting shall start at the close of the meeting.
- Section 6. A majority of votes cast is necessary to elect. (Each club allowed 4 votes – 2 leaders and 2 members)
- Section 7. No officer can succeed him or her self.

Article IV – Delegates

- Section 1. Delegates to the annual State Council meeting shall be the President and one leader selected by the Council at their annual Fall meeting.
- Section 2. Delegates to the 4-H State Institute shall be selected by the Awards Committee from recommendations by leaders of the various clubs.

Article V – Dues

- Section 1. The annual dues shall be \$0.75 (raised at the 1977 Fall Council Meeting) per member and are due October 1, and payable at the Fall meeting.

Section 2. These funds are to be used at the discretion of the County Council.

Article VI – Rules

Section 1. The proceedings of all meetings of the County Council shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 2. Any section of these By-Laws may be amended at the Fall Meeting, by a majority of voting members present, providing notice of pending amendment has been sent the individual clubs at least one month before the meetings by the County Council.

Article VIII – Committees

Section 1. The following committees shall be appointed by the President with the help of the County Extension Staff.

- A. Awards Committee – 6 members; 3 men and 3 women
- B. Calendar of Events – 5 members
- C. Achievement Day Committee – 10 members; divided between Agriculture and Home Ec.
- D. Picnic Committee – 3 clubs

Section 2. Standing Committees shall be named at the Fall Council Meeting.

Section 3. Special Committees shall be named as needed by the President.