

# Constitution for Juneau County 4-H Leaders' Association



## **ARTICLE I: Name**

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Juneau County 4-H Leaders' Association.

## **ARTICLE II: The Purpose of this Association shall be:**

Section 1: To further 4-H club work in all ways in Juneau County, with the guidance of the UW-Madison Division of Extension of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the UW-Madison Division of Extension in Juneau County.

Section 2: To present for discussion, problems and ideas of the local clubs and their leaders.

Section 3: To provide opportunities and support for 4-H activities and meetings.

## **ARTICLE III: Non-Profit Education Organization**

The organization is a non-profit educational organization. Any funds received by the organization for carrying out its purposes shall not be accrued to the benefit of individual members.

## **ARTICLE IV: Membership**

Section 1: The organization shall consist of enrolled adult and youth leaders, assistant and project adult and youth leaders and adults involved with Juneau County 4-H Club members.

Section 2: Membership in the Juneau County 4-H Leaders' Association is open to all persons without regard to race, color, ethnic background, or economic circumstances.

Section 3: Voting membership is limited to the Executive Board and one certified currently enrolled adult leader from each club.

## **ARTICLE V: Executive Board and Terms of Office**

Section 1: The Executive Board of the 4-H Leaders' Association shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: Executive Board members will be elected for a two-year term and cannot serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position in succession. Terms begin October 1, following election.

Section 3: If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board, the leaders present at the next monthly meeting will appoint a person to fulfill the unexpired term.

## **ARTICLE VI: Election of the Executive Board**

Section 1: The Executive Board nominees will be sought by a nomination committee. Nominees shall be currently enrolled certified adult leaders.

Section 2: The president and treasurer shall be elected in September of odd years and the vice president and secretary shall be elected in September of even years.

## **ARTICLE VII: Meetings**

Section 1: The Executive Board will meet minimum of twice per year (Sept. to draft budget and calendar, May to select post-secondary scholarship recipients). However, they may meet more often as deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

Section 2: The Juneau County 4-H Leaders' Association shall meet monthly, unless otherwise specified.

Section 3: Special meetings, which may include closed sessions, may be held as needed.

Section 4: Executive Board members are expected to be in attendance 8 of 11 meetings and 100% percent of the meetings of the Executive Board.

Section 5: Youth voice is strongly encouraged at each of the meetings. Youth voice includes any enrolled 4-H member.

**ARTICLE VIII: Amendments to the Constitution**

Section 1: The Constitution may be amended at any regular association meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present. Notice must be given at a previous meeting or through notification by mail at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting regarding the change in the Constitution being considered.

**ARTICLE IX: Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the Juneau County 4-H Leaders' Association, any assets must be turned over to a recognized 4-H club/group/unit, with the approval of the county 4-H program educator consistent with Wisconsin 4-H and the Institute for Positive Youth Development approved financial practices and policies. Club dissolutions must be recorded in the Juneau County 4-H Leaders' Association meeting minutes and communicated with the county 4-H program educator.

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