Barry County 4-H Livestock
Developmental Committee Constitution

Article I – Name

This Organization shall be known as the Barry County 4-H Livestock Developmental Committee.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this committee shall be five-fold:
1. To create and sustain the interest of youth in the livestock industry
2. To support and develop youth livestock programs
3. To coordinate youth livestock activities
4. To provide for and develop leadership opportunities for youth and adults
5. To cooperate with the MSU Extension staff of Barry County and the Barry County Fair Board

Article III – Membership and Eligibility

Section I – Eligibility
Any youth selling market animals at the Barry County 4-H Livestock Sale is considered a member. A fee for sale commission, pictures and any other fees deemed necessary by the committee, will be deducted from the sale checks as outlined in the fair book for each market animal sold.

Section II – Membership
Membership in this organization is open to all persons interested in youth and livestock. Parents, youth, leaders, superintendents, agri-business people, and other interested persons from Barry County and bordering counties are eligible for membership provided they are active in Barry County programs.

Membership should reflect interests from beef, swine, and sheep projects. Rules for selling a market project will be outlined in the fair book. The Barry County 4-H Livestock Developmental Committee has established the following guidelines for livestock sale participants to help 4-H members know what is expected of the livestock project:

1. Find a buyer for your animal, make personal contact, and invite them to the sale.
2. Complete the appropriate beef, sheep and swine market journal, according to your project area and have it judged on non-livestock judging day.
3. Be present with your animal at species weigh in.
4. Attend the animal species meetings at the beginning of fair week.
5. Maintain an attractive, clean display of your animal during fair week.
6. Must participate in showmanship and market class in your project area.
7. Present your animal at the livestock sale in show condition.
8. Help on show day and large animal livestock sale day as requested by superintendent and/or leader.
9. Follow up with your buyer after the sale with a thank you note and your framed sale picture by Labor Day.

Failure to follow these project guidelines as stated by the Barry County 4-H Livestock Developmental Committee may disqualify a member/participant from the livestock sale at fair the following year.

Article IV – Selection of Livestock Superintendents and Assistants

This committee will follow the policy guidelines as approved by the Barry County Fair Board for selection of all livestock superintendents and assistant superintendents.

The committee will oversee all duties of the superintendents and assistant superintendents as described in that species job description.

Names of volunteers willing to be superintendents or assistants to fill any vacancy will be submitted by this committee to the MSU Extension office and then to the Barry County Fair Board for final approval.

It is encouraged that all livestock superintendents and assistants attend the committee meetings.

Article V – Officers

Section I – Elections of Officers

A President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer will be elected during the October meeting for one year. An officer may not be re-elected to an office for more than three consecutive years. New term will begin after the November meeting.

Section II – Executive Board

The Executive Board will consist of the officers, MSU Extension staff member, as well as a Fair Board member if necessary to resolve an issue.

Section III – Duties

The President shall preside at all meetings of the committee. The president may appoint committees to assist in the operation of duties.

The Vice-President shall have the same duties as the president in their absence. They may be asked to chair any committees formed.

The secretary-treasurer shall keep a correct record of each meeting and provide a copy of the minutes to the executive board members and the MSU Extension office. A copy of the minutes will be made available at each meeting. A correct record of all money received and paid out will be kept and a report provided to all members at each meeting. An annual financial report is to be completed each fiscal year. The fiscal year for this committee will be March thru November. The financial report will be turned into the MSU Extension Office by the end of each fiscal year.

Article VI – Voting Rights
New members must attend three consecutive meetings before attaining voting privileges. Participation of all members, new and old, is encouraged. After three consecutive absences a membership is considered void. The president will not have a vote unless a tie is to be broken. The secretary of the committee will designate all eligible voting members on the monthly meeting minutes.

Article VII – Parliamentary Procedures

This committee will run under the premise of the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.” These rules shall guide the committee in all cases to which they are applicable and if they are not inconsistent with this constitution and any special rules of order the committee may adopt.

Article VIII – Schedule of Meetings

Meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday during the months of March thru November at 7:30 p.m. at the Barry Expo Complex or as otherwise designated. Monthly scheduled meeting dates may be changed or cancelled at the discretion of the executive board as deemed necessary. Public notice will be made of all changes in the schedule.

Article VIII – Order of Business

A. Call to Order
B. Attendance
C. Secretary – Treasurer Report
D. Committee Reports
E. Old Business
F. New Business
G. Adjournment

Article X – Amendments

All rules presently outlined in the Fair book regarding showing and marketing livestock shall be considered part of this constitution. A fairbook change can be proposed and voted upon at the same meeting and approved by a majority vote. This constitution shall be reviewed bi-annually.

Article XI – Dissolution of Committee

In the event of the dissolution of this committee any remaining revenues shall be turned over to the MSU Extension staff for use in the livestock projects.

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