CONSTITUTION OF THE EATON COUNTY HDC
Revised January 2016

ARTICLE I
NAME:
Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the Eaton County Horse Developmental Committee (HDC).

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE:
The purpose of this organization shall be to help all 4-H boys and girls;
1. Develop leadership, self-reliance, good sportsmanship and other desirable traits.
2. Experience the pride of working with a horse or pony and assuming responsibility for its management.
3. Learn skills in horsemanship and understand the responsibility of breeding, raising and training horses.
4. Promote a greater love of all animals and develop a humane attitude toward them.
5. Most of all; have fun and fellowship with all horse people in all levels of competition.

ARTICLE III
OFFICERS:
Section 1 Officers of this organization shall be a Youth Executive Board.

Section 2 Officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Council Representative and a Fair Board Rep.

Section 3 Officers are elected yearly. The office of Treasurer will be elected every two (2) years. Officers will be nominated and elected into office in September. Officers will be limited to two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. Any vacancies will be filled by election. If an officer misses three (3) meetings, they may be dismissed from the board as determined by the board, advisor, and 4-H staff. Only HDC members will be allowed to run for office.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP:
Section 1 All 4-H horse project members are eligible to be in HDC. All registered 4-H leaders are eligible to be advisors of HDC. HDC advisors will be appointed by 4-H staff.

Section 2 Each registered 4-H horse club will be allowed to have up to six (6) delegates to vote. The delegates may be different people at each meeting. All the delegates will be youth. No one person can represent more than one horse club per meeting.

ARTICLE V
COMMITTEES:
Section 1  Committees may be raised at any time. Adult chairs will be appointed as needed by the Youth Executive Board and delegates.

Section 2  The President shall appoint three (3) delegates (one adult and two youths) to audit books at least once a year.

Section 3:  Standing committees shall include fundraising and education. Chairs shall be voted on at the September meeting.

ARTICLE VI  MEETINGS:
Section 1  Meetings shall be held regularly every other month, the third (3rd) Thursday of that month, at 6:30 p.m. at the Eaton County Extension Office. The meeting months would be January, March, May, July (fairgrounds), September and November.

Section 2  Special meetings may be held whenever deemed necessary on the call of the Youth Executive Board.

Section 3  A quorum, consisting of representatives of at least five (5) clubs that have youth who are in the horse project and are registered with Eaton County 4-H, must be present to vote on officers. All other decisions may be conducted with the delegates present.

ARTICLE VII  AGENDA:
Section 1  An agenda for the next meeting will be developed before the next meeting. Meetings will be run by posted agenda. Only those issues on the agenda may be discussed except under the area of new business. Issues can only be voted on once per year.

ARTICLE VIII  AMENDMENTS:
Section 1  Amendments may be made once a year to these by-laws. Signed suggestions may be submitted in writing to 4-H staff prior to the November meeting, discussed at the November meeting, and voted on at the January meeting.

Section 2  A copy of this constitution will be online at http://eatoncounty4h.wordpress.com and emailed to those registered in the horse project following any changes.

ARTICLE IX  DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION:
Section 1  In the event that this organization is dissolved, all records and monies shall be relinquished to the Eaton County MSU Extension office. Any money relinquished is designated for use in the 4-H Eaton County horse program.