## **BY-LAWS**

# OCEANA COUNTY 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

(Revised October 2010)

### **ARTICLE I**

### NAME

- A. This organization shall be known as the Oceana County 4-H Market Livestock Committee.
- B. The organization shall operate as a 4-H Developmental Committee as part of the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council.

## **ARTICLE II**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- A. To provide guidance and leadership for the 4-H Market Livestock Program making it an educational experience for the 4-H'ers.
- B. To provide financial assistance in form of a loan (\$150 to old members and \$300 to first year members) toward the purchase of a steer.
- C. To be responsible for the financial support for the 4-H Market Livestock Program.

### ARTICLE III

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- A. The committee shall consist of nine adult members and three junior members with equal voting privileges.
- B. Three new adult members shall be elected each year.
  - 1. One from the southern county area and one from the northern county area.
  - 2. One of the adult members shall be elected from the business community each year.
- C. The adult term shall consist of three years.
- D. Three junior members shall be elected each year.
  - 1. One member from the beef project.
  - 2. One member from the swine project.
  - 3. One member from the lamb project.
- E. Each junior member's term will be one year.
- F. New committee member's term commence immediately after the annual meeting.
- G. Members can only serve 2 consecutive terms.
- H. If a member is absent for 3 consecutive meetings without notification, the Committee vote to remove that member from the Committee and appoint a new member to complete the remainder of the absent members term.

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### ARTICLE IV

### **OFFICERS**

- A. The committee officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary to be elected annually by committee members. The President, Vice-President and one other officer elected by the committee shall serve as an Executive Committee that will handle any urgent problems that arise between meetings.
- B. New officers will be elected at the first meeting following the annual meeting in which Roberts Rules of Order take effect.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

- A. The annual meeting date shall be set by the committee to be held when sufficient funds are available to pay participants.
- B. The livestock committee shall nominate committee candidates prior to the annual meeting.
- C. New committee members shall be elected at the annual meeting.
- D. Livestock owners, leaders and parents shall have voting rights.
- E. The annual meeting shall be used as a sounding board for committee policies.

# **ARTICLE VI**

# **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. The chairperson shall appoint a committee to audit balance of funds to be reported by the first meeting in January.

### **ARTICLE VII**

### **BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

A. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership at the annual meeting. Members must be notified by mail in advance of the meeting in which the proposed changes will be brought before the membership.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

### **DISSOLUTION OF THE 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE**

A. In the event this committee shall dissolve, all assets after payments of all debts incurred, will be donated to the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council to be used for Youth Development.