

GREEN LAKE COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

- A. The name of the organization shall be the Green Lake County 4-H Horse Club. From this point on, it shall be referred to as the "Council".

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this program is to help achieve our stated goal by directing the members toward their personal goals relating to the horse project.
- B. Members will be able to enrich their lives, improve their skills, and increase their level of safety through many diverse educational programs.
- C. Youth will have opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and leadership skills by sharing information and fun times with newer members.

ARTICLE III: CHARTER

- A. The 4-H Horse Club is a Chartered 4-H Club. A 4-H Charter indicates the 4-H Club or Group is organized in accordance with objectives of the 4-H program. It authorizes the club or group to use the 4-H Name and Emblem for educational purposes in accordance with laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership is open to all current Green Lake County 4-H members and Green Lake County 4-H volunteers who enroll in the Horse or Horseless Horse project.
- B. According to Wisconsin 4-H Horse Project policies, youth must be in third grade through one year following high school graduation to participate in the horse project.

- C. Membership in 4-H and this Club is open any youth within grade parameter – regardless of that person’s race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, and pregnancy, marital or parental status.
- D. The following requirements must be met to be officially recognized as a 4-H club in Green Lake County, Wisconsin:
 - a. Club name
 - b. Five or more youth from three different families
 - c. Adult leadership that has been approved through the Youth Protection process
 - d. Educational plan which meets the purposes of the 4-H program
 - e. Youth involvement in leadership and decision-making
 - f. Meet on a continuing basis
- E. In order to represent the Green Lake County 4-H Horse Club at the Green Lake County Fair you must attend 75% of meetings/events/clinics between September 1-June 30 and meet all other requirements outlined in the Club Policies.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

- A. The officers of this club shall be a youth president, secretary, treasurer, one adult representative, and one youth representative. Each term will run November – September. Election of officers will take place annually at the September meeting. Officers may be re-elected to succeed themselves upon completing their term. The treasurer position can only be held by an adult leader. An adult or youth may hold the secretary position.

ARTICLE VI: CLUB LEADERSHIP

- A. The club shall be under the direction and guidance of Club General leader(s). Open to all adults regardless of that person’s race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status. All adult volunteers are required to participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection Program. There shall be such assistant leaders, project leaders and youth leaders as are needed to properly advise and assist in carrying on the various projects and in conducting the club program.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

- A. This constitution may be amended by a (super or 2/3) majority vote of the total youth membership at any regular meeting provided notice of such amendments shall have been given at a previous meeting. Adult votes are advisory only.

ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

- A. Upon dissolution of the club, any assets remaining shall be transferred to the Green Lake County 4-H Leader's Association.

By-Laws

Article I – Election of Officers

- Section 1.** Officers for the club are nominated by membership and members cast secret ballot.
- Section 2.** The officers shall be elected by ballot at a September meeting designated for that purpose
- Section 3.** All members are eligible to vote.
- Section 4.** Ties for election of office are to be broken by selection from Club. General Leader.
- Section 5.** Removal of officers for any reason is by 2/3 vote of membership
- Section 6.** Any open office position will be appointed by the Club President and confirmed by a (50%+1) simple majority vote of membership

Article II – Duties of Officers

The president shall preside at all club meetings. In the absence of the President, the Secretary shall preside. The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the club. The Treasurer shall receive and take care of all money belonging to the club and shall pay it out upon order of the president and shall keep an accurate record of all money received and paid. The Adult Representative shall provide guidance to youth officers. The Youth Representative give feedback from youth perspective on topics and discussion.

Article III – Regular Meetings

The regular meetings of this club will be held on the first Monday of September, November, January, March, May, June, and July.

Article IV – Quorum

A quorum must be present for business to be transacted. 3/5 members shall constitute a quorum.

Article V – The Club Year

The Wisconsin 4-H program year is October 1st - September 30th. The Wisconsin 4-H fiscal year is July 1st – June 30th.

Article VI – Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the club.

Article VII – Club Reporting

Annually, the General Leader will complete and submit the 4-H Charter Application and the Annual Financial Report to the Green Lake County University of Wisconsin- Madison Division of Extension Office.

Club Policies

Attach any club rules or expectations not listed above. Examples include but not limited to: dues, committee requirements, achievement requirements, record books, project exhibition, fund raising, club trip, etc. Club policies are not required, but may serve an important function.

All policies need to be approved by club members, but can be changed with a simple majority (50% plus 1) of club members (youth) present at any club meeting but may not always go immediately into effect. Best practice would be make any changes to policy at the beginning of the 4-H program year in October. **As with all voting, adult votes are advisory only.**

Local club policies do not need to be approved by UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Staff, but must be consistent with all Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Policies and United States Department of Agriculture policies. If any local club policy is found to be inconsistent with Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Policy and United States Department of Agriculture policy that specific policy will be considered null and void.

Signatures:



Club President

March 21, 2022

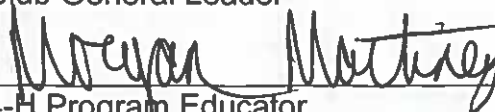
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Beck Howman Combs

Club General Leader

March 21, 2022

Date



4-H Program Educator

09-08-2022

Date