

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSALS

ARTICLE III FUNDING

#1

CURRENT: The Northwest Michigan 4-H Market Livestock participants contribute 5% of their gross sales towards the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council in order to provide educational events and activities that are necessary to maintain the livestock program.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The Northwest Michigan 4-H Market Livestock participants contribute 5% of their gross sales, **up to \$400**, towards the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council in order to provide educational events and activities that are necessary to maintain the livestock program.

YES NO

#2

PROPOSED ADDITION: **The 5% commission shall cover all fees including buyer photos, trucking, mandatory livestock promotion fees, etc.**

YES NO

ARTICLE V VOTING

#3

CURRENT: **Eligibility:** Volunteers currently enrolled in 4-H online are eligible to vote.

PROPOSED CHANGE: **Eligibility:** Volunteers currently enrolled in 4-H online **and in good standing with the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock council** are eligible to vote.

YES NO

#4

PROPOSED ADDITION: **Executive Officers** will be elected by currently enrolled in 4- H online volunteers and members by a majority vote at the November Livestock Council meeting. Currently enrolled in 4-H online volunteers who have attended a minimum of three Livestock Council meetings within the last year (October through September) are eligible to vote in the election. Those registered 4-H members eight years of age and older who want to vote must have attended a minimum of two livestock programs/activities (such as Council meetings, a local or state educational program, fairgrounds clean-up, etc.). The sign-in sheets will be used to document attendance. In the event of a tie, the Livestock Council President with vote for the final decision, therefore will not vote in the original election.

YES NO

#5

CURRENT: **Species Chairpersons** will be elected by currently enrolled in 4- H onlinevolunteers and members within each species by a majority vote at the October Livestock Council meeting. Currently enrolled in 4-H online volunteers who have attended a minimum of three Livestock Council meetings within the last year (October through September) are eligible to run for election. The Livestock Council 4-H Species Chairpersons may vote for any/all Species Chairpersons. Those registered 4-H members eight years of age and older who want to vote must have been active in that 4-H livestock species the previous year and have attended a minimum of two livestock programs/activities (such as Council meetings, a local or state educational program, fairgrounds clean-up, etc.). The sign-in sheets will be used to document attendance. In the event of a tie,the Executive Officers will vote for a final decision.

PROPOSED CHANGE: **Species Chairpersons** will be elected by currently enrolled in 4- H online volunteers and members within each species by a majority vote at the October Livestock Council meeting. Currently enrolled in 4-H online volunteers who have attended a minimum of three Livestock Council meetings within the last year (October through September) are eligible to **vote in the election**. The Livestock Council 4-H Species Chairpersons may vote for any/all Species Chairpersons. Those registered 4-H members eight years of age and older who want to vote must have been active in that 4-H livestock species the previous year and have attended a minimum of two livestock programs/activities (such as Council meetings, a local or state educational program, fairgrounds clean-up, etc.). The sign-in sheets will be used to document attendance. In the event of a tie, **the Livestock Council President will vote for the final decision, therefore will not vote in the original election.**

YES NO

ARTICLE VI NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS and BOARD

#6

CURRENT: 4-H Species Chairpersons

PROPOSED CHANGE: **Eleven 4-H Species Chairpersons (Dairy Feeder, Dog, Goat, Horse, Junior Beef, Lamb, Large Beef, Llama/Alpaca, Poultry, Rabbit/Cavy, Swine)**

YES NO

#7

CURRENT: Volunteers currently enrolled in 4-H online who would like to serve as an Executive officer of the council must submit an application to the 4-H staff by the October Livestock Council meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGE: **Volunteers currently enrolled in 4-H online and in good standing with the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock council**, who would like to serve as an Executive officer of the council must submit an application to the 4-H Staff by the October Livestock Council Meeting. **Executive Officers Elected at the November meeting will take their position January 1st.**

YES NO

#8

CURRENT: Volunteers currently enrolled in 4-H online who would like to serve as a Species chair must submit an application to the 4-H staff by September Livestock Council meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGE: **Volunteers currently enrolled in 4-H online and in good standing with the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock council** who would like to serve as a Species chair must submit an application to the 4-H staff by the September Livestock Council meeting. **Species chairs elected at the October meeting will take their position immediately.**

YES NO

#9

PROPOSED ADDITION: **No more than two individuals from the same 4-H Club shall serve as Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer). No grandfather clause.**

YES NO

#10

PROPOSED DELETION: ~~**4-H Executive Officers serving on the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock board will not be related by marriage and/or immediate family member to the Northwestern Michigan Fair Board members.**~~

YES NO

#11

PROPOSED ADDITION: **The elected Species Chairs will commit to serve a 3-year term.**

YES NO

#12

CURRENT: Vacancies on the Board shall be filled from the full membership by a majority vote of the voting members of the Council Board.

PROPOSED CHANGE: **Vacancies of Council Board Members and Executive Officers shall be filled by volunteers in good standing** from the full membership. **Vacancies will be filled** by a majority vote of the voting members of the Council Board.

YES NO

#13

PROPOSED ADDITION: **Appointed Species Chairs will serve until the next October and Executive Officers will serve until the next November at which time applications will be accepted and the full membership will vote for the board member that will fulfill the remainder of the current term.**

YES NO

ARTICLE VII DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

#14

CURRENT: **Species Chairs:** Attend Livestock Council meetings and abide by the jobdescription stated in the guidebook.

PROPOSED CHANGE: **Species Chairs:** Attend Livestock Council **and Council Board** meetings and abide by the job description stated in the guidebook.
YES NO

ARTICLE IX DEFINITIONS

#15

PROPOSED ADDITION: **Good Standing: A volunteer in "Good Standing" will meet the following requirements:**

YES NO

- **Be a Registered 4-H Volunteer with Michigan State University Extension.**
- **Obtain and maintain Gold Level Status without delays.**
- **Be an active participant in the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council.**
- **Attend a minimum of 3 Livestock Council meetings within that calendar year.**

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

#16

CURRENT: These guidelines may be amended at the September meeting of the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council by a 2/3 vote of the members present. Proposed changes shall be recommended and presented by theBy-Laws Committee and sent to all members at least 10 days prior to the September meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGE: These **By-Laws** may be amended at the **Annual Meeting in November** of the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council by a 2/3 vote of the members present. Proposed changes shall be **submitted to the Executive Board at the September Livestock council meeting** and sent to all members at least 10 days prior to the **October** meeting.
YES NO