

**OCEANA COUNTY 4-H SMALL MARKET ANIMAL ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS
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ARTICLE I

NAME

- A. This organization shall be known as the Oceana County 4-H Small Market Animal Association (SMAA) Committee.
- B. This organization shall operate as a 4-H Developmental Committee as a part of the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

- A. To provide guidance and leadership for the 4-H SMAA making it a positive educational experience for 4-Her's.
- B. To be responsible for the financial support for the SMAA program.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

- A. The committee shall consist of six adult members and three junior members with equal voting privileges. To ensure cross representation of families and projects: No more than one adult and one youth from the same household may serve on the committee at one time.
- B. Two new adult members shall be elected each year.
 - 1. One from the southern county area and one from the northern county area. (Boundary line is Baseline Rd.)
 - 2. All adult members must be active Gold Level 4-H Volunteers
- C. The adult term shall consist of three years and they cannot serve more than two consecutive terms.
- D. Three junior members shall be elected each year for a one year term and can only serve for two consecutive terms.
 - 1. One member from the poultry project.

2. One member from the rabbit project.
 3. One member from the feeder calf, young beef project.
 4. Junior members must be enrolled in 4-H online in the current program year.
- F. New committee member's terms shall commence immediately after the Annual Meeting
- G. If the committee has a vacancy after the annual meeting elections the committee can appoint an interested party by committee vote and may choose to waive the two term limit and fill the vacancy/vacancies.
- H. Members previously elected for two terms may be re-nominated after one year off the committee.
- I. If a member is absent for 2 consecutive meetings without notification, the Committee may vote to remove that member from the Committee and appoint a new member to complete the remainder of the absent members term.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

- A. The committee officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.
- B. The Vice President and secretary shall be elected each year.
- C. The Treasurer shall be elected every two years.
- D. New officers will be elected at the first meeting of the committee following the Annual Meeting in which Robert's 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. Gold Level 4-H Volunteers and currently enrolled Youth in 4-H online active in the SMAA Project areas shall nominate committee candidates prior to the annual meeting. New SMAA Committee members will be elected at the annual meeting.

- C. Gold Level 4-H Volunteers and currently enrolled Youth in 4-H online shall have voting rights.
- D. The annual meeting shall be used as a sounding board for committee policies.

ARTICLE VI

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

- A. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership present at the Annual Meeting. Members must be notified by email in advance of the meeting in which the proposed changes will be brought before the membership. Email currently on file with MSU Extension will be used.

ARTICLE VII

DISSOLUTION and RESTRICTION CLAUSE

- A. In the event that the Small Market Animal Association (SMAA) is dissolved or disbanded, the balance of the treasury after all outstanding debts have been paid, shall be donated to the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council to be used for educational purposes in animal project areas.
- B. Any decision passed by any 4-H related committee or association that is in conflict with the policies or practices of either MSU Extension and/or Oceana County 4-H Youth Council may be vetoed at the next regular meeting of the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council by the MSU Extension staff or Oceana County 4-H Youth council.