

# Frio County 4-H Council Bylaws

Revised:

## ARTICLE 1: Name and Objectives

- Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the Frio County 4-H Council.
- Section 2 This shall be a nonprofit organization exclusively for the purpose of promoting 4-H club work.
- Section 3 The objective of this organization shall be
- I. To provide learning situations for the development of leadership, responsibility and effective citizenship.
  - II. To provide educational and challenging experiences that will enable young people to become knowledgeable and skilled in their selected project areas.
  - III. To provide information and training in other 4-H activities as members' interests dictate.
  - IV. To help each member experience personal growth and achievement, as well as be of service to others.
- Section 4 This club is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific Purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to Organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c )(3) Of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal Tax code.
- Section 5 Not part of the net earnings of this club shall inure to the benefit of, or be Distributable to its members, trustee, officers or other private person, except that This club shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services Rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purposes Set forth in this constitution.
- Section 6 No substantial part of this club' activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, Or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this club shall not participate In, or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political Campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- Section 7 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this constitution, this club shall not carry

On any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt From federal income tax under section 501 ( c) (3) of the International Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, of (b) by a Cooperation, contributions, to which are deductible under section 170 ( c) (2) of The Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

## **ARTICLE II: Membership**

- Section 1 Membership in this organization shall be open to all youth who have reached 8 Years of age and have entered the third grade and have not reached their 19th Birthday before September 1 of the current 4-H year. Members will be accepted Without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, or national origin. The Membership will consist of the President, Vice President, and two delegates From each 4-H club in Frio County.
- Section 2 New members must complete an online 4-H enrollment form at 4-H Connect Before being accepted into membership of the club. All returning members must Re-enroll using the same online 4-H Enrollment form at 4-H Online each 4-H Program year.
- Section 3 Members are not required to pay dues but may be expected to participate in Fundraising activities of the club.
- Section 4 All members should conduct at least one 4-H educational project, and then Complete and turn in a project record form or other appropriate paperwork.

## **ARTICLE III Officers and Elections**

- Section 1 The officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Parliamentarian, and two Alternate district delegates.
- Section 2 Officers shall be elected annually at the first meeting for that year.
- Section 3 Officers shall be elected from the current (on going) Council by secret ballot Or a show of hands.

## **ARTICLE IV: Finances**

- Section 1 The Treasurer shall receive and bank funds of the Frio 4-H Council Account. he/she shall make a financial report at every meeting and an annual report at The annual meeting.
- Section 2 Money paid out must be authorized by a majority vote. All disbursements Must be made by check, signed by the extension secretary and the Frio 4-H Council manager.

## **ARTICLE V: Committees and Duties**

- Section 1      The president will appoint committees and committee chairpersons are deemed Necessary to take care of activities and other items of county 4-H council Business.
- Section 2      The council president is an ex-officio (automatic) member of each committee Appointed.
- Section 3      Each club Vice President will personally notify each council member from his/her club prior to the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI: Meetings**

- Section 1      The council will meet on odd months of the year, and on call when necessary.
- Section 2      Meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of the month at 6pm.

## **ARTICLE VII: Quorum**

A quorum must be in attendance before official business can be conducted. A quorum shall be declared present whenever half of the official members are present and each of the clubs are represented by at least one delegate.

## **ARTICLE VIII: Fiscal Accountability**

The 4-H club/group shall adhere to all guidelines related to financial accountability as outlined in the Texas 4-H Youth Development 4-H Club Financial Management Rules and Guidelines.

## **ARTICLE IX: Club Disbandment**

Upon the disbandment of the club, all real property, including money, equipment and land shall become the property of the County 4-H Program for care and disposition and authorizes the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service and County Extension Agent(s) full rights to access bank records, bank funds, and all other banking authority. This also applies to all inventory and assets acquired by and or owned by this organization.

The last official duty of the club's manager shall be to affect the transfer of club property and to turn over club records to the County Extension Agent or other Extension designees.

## **ARTICLE X: Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the club by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendments have been presented to the club writing and filed with the secretary at the previous meeting of the club. Amendments must not conflict with the basic 4-H philosophy or the Texas 4-H Club/Group Charter Agreement. These amendments are effective upon the affirmative vote of the members present.

Approved by

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Frio County 4-H Council President

Date

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Frio County 4-H Council Club Manager

Date