

Constitution and by-laws of the San Juan County 4-H Leader's Council

Article I *Name*

The name of this organization shall be the San Juan County 4-H Leader's Council.

Article II *Objects and Purposes*

- Sec.1 A. To promote and maintain a spirit of friendship and helpful cooperation between leaders from all parts of the county.
- B. To develop ideas for expanding council programs in the county.
- C. To give greater vision to the leaders so that they may stimulate youth involved in 4-H to their highest capability.
- D. To promote leadership training.
- E. To help determine policies in the presentation of club activities to the end that there shall be uniform presentation throughout the county in accord with state and national standards.

Article III *Membership*

Sec. 1 Active Membership
Active membership shall consist of all currently enrolled adult and junior 4-H leaders

Ex-officio Membership

Any member of the County Extension Office Staff shall hold ex-officio membership. They are entitled to the privileges of the floor, but may not vote.

Honorary Membership

Any organization actively sponsoring 4-H in their community, or any organization interested in the betterment of youth may be granted an honorary membership by majority vote of this said council. Such organizations may be represented by an individual member without a vote.

Article IV *Officers and Duties*

- Sec. 1 A. The elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office shall be one year. Officers may be re-elected.
- Sec.2 A. President: Shall preside at the meetings of County Council and Executive Committee. The President shall appoint committees with the approval of the Executive Committee, except for special committees; shall fill vacancies in office with approval of the Executive Committee.

- B. Vice-President: Shall preside in the absence of the President. Shall, in case the President is unable to fulfill duties of the office, complete the term of the President. Also, any other duties the President might ask of them.
- C. Secretary: Shall keep the minutes of the County Council; shall conduct any correspondence that is requested by the Executive Committee.
- D. Treasurer: Shall receive and manage all moneys generated by County 4-H activities. Shall keep up to date records of account balances, give suggestions on how moneys should be managed, write checks and receive and file current bank statements. Treasurer must be established as the primary signer on all said accounts. Treasurer shall turn over all books and records to the newly elected Treasurer. One Executive Officer shall be added to all accounts.

Article V
Executive Committee

- Sec. 1 A. The currently elected officers and the retiring President shall constitute the Executive Committee.
- B. Duties: The Executive Committee shall confirm appointments of the President, including appointments to fill a vacancy in office; in an emergency, the Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President. All business transacted by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the County Leader's Council meetings and no action of the Executive Committee shall change the policy of the County Leader's Council.
- C. The Executive Committee may make encumbrances payable by the Treasurer.

Article VI
Committees

- Sec. 1. A. The President shall appoint such committees as are deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the County leader's Council.

Article VII
Meetings

- Sec. 1 A Meetings shall be at the call of the President and shall be rotated between San Juan, Orcas, Lopez and Shaw Island whenever ferry schedules will permit.

Article VIII
Nominations and Elections

- Sec.1 Any currently enrolled 4-H leader shall be eligible to hold office.
- Sec. 2 Elections shall take place at the first meeting held after the new 4-H year begins.
- Sec. 3 The year shall be from October 1 to September 30.
- Sec. 4. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment of the President. A vacancy in the office of the President is filled by the Vice-President.

Article IX
Quorum

At least five members shall be present to conduct business.

Article X
Amendments

Sec. 1 The provisions in the constitution may be amended at any meeting. A two-thirds vote shall be necessary to amend the constitution.

 The by-laws may be amended at any meeting. A two-thirds vote shall be necessary to amend the by-laws.

Article XI
Beneficiary

Sec. 1 In the event that the San Juan County Leader's Council should ever be dissolved, all remaining funds will be credited to the Washington State 4-H Foundation; or in the event that the said foundation is unable or unwilling to accept the funds, they will be transferred to the National 4-H Foundation.