



# Constitution and Bylaws for Kenosha County 4-H Clubs

## Constitution

### Article 1- Name

The name of this club shall be Brighton Bombers/Explorers 4-H Club.

### Article 11- Purpose

The purpose of this club is to: form new friendships, promote positive learning, while reaching out to the community.

### Article III- Membership

Section 1. A club member must be in kindergarten and may continue in the 4-H club through the next 4-H year following their graduation from high school. Kindergarteners, first and second graders are enrolled in Cloverbuds.

Section 2. Open to 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.

Section 3. The following requirements must be met to be officially recognized as a 4-H club in Kenosha County, Wisconsin:

- Club name
- Five or more youth
- Adult leadership that has been approved through the Youth Protection Program
- Educational plan which meets the purposes of the 4-H program
- Youth involvement in leadership and decision making
- Meet on a continuing basis
- Submit financial record and audit report to Kenosha County UW-Extension Office once each year

Section 4. In order to represent Brighton Bombers/Explorers 4-H club at the Kenosha County Fair, you must earn 35 points (in which 15 must be earned from club meetings) by June 15.

- Club meetings- 5 points
- Presentations- 5 points

- Community Service- 10 points

If points requirement is not met you will not be eligible to show in the Junior Fair. and may show in Open Class . The only exception to this is. members attending college. and this will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the general leader.

#### Article IV- Officers

The officers of this club shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

#### Article V- Amendments

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 VI- Club Leadership

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- Dissolution Clause

Upon dissolution of the club, any assets remaining shall be conveyed to the Kenosha County 4-H Council in writing.

## **By-Laws**

#### Article 1- Election of Officers

Section 1. Officers for the club are nominated by voice of the youth membership. Nominees must be at least in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot at a regular meeting designated for that purpose. September with a term of one year beginning in October of that year.

Section 3. Eligibility of voting shall be contingent upon continuous enrollment in Brighton Bombers/Explorers from the previous year.

Section 4. Ties for election are to be broken by rock. paper. scissors-best 2 of 3.

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 Officers 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 Vice-President 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.

Article III- Regular Meetings

The regular meetings of this club will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Monday of each month.

Article IV- Quorum

A quorum must be present when important business is transacted. 2/3 members shall constitute a quorum.

Article V- The Club Year

The 4-H year is continuous and extends from October 1st to September 30<sup>1</sup>

Article VI- Rules of Order

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

Article VII- Club Reporting

Annually, all Kenosha County 4-H Clubs will submit the Financial Audit Report and 4-H Club Calendar to the UW-Extension Office.

Article VIII- Additional Club Policies

Section 1. Dues- In addition to county dues, annual club dues will be collected from each member/year.

Section 2. Expenditures- Club expenditures must be approved at our regular meeting prior to reimbursement. Any expenditures for projects shall be raised by the project members in a fund raiser.

Signatures:

s/ Liberty Daniels  
Club President

Date: 5/15/2008

s/ Diane M. Kreye  
General Leader

Date: 5/15/2008

s/ Linda Perona  
General Leader

Date: 5/15/2008

s/ Bethany Kitzrow  
UW-Extension Youth Development Staff

Date: 5/15/2008