

Constitution and Bylaws For Kenosha County 4-H Clubs

Constitution

Article I - Name

The name of this club shall be Bristol Strivers 4-H Club.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this club is to provide its members with an opportunity to participate in the 4-H program and to learn and grow through the projects and activities offered.

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. Kindergarten, first and second graders are enrolled as 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 Bristol Strivers club at the Kenosha County Fair you must earn 5 points by July 1, as well as participate in two community service projects. In addition to the points each family will need to sign up to help with Pizza/Pop Stand or building host at the Kenosha County fair in August.

- 1 point for attending a general club meeting (5 total required).
- Community Service. Here are some examples: Ringing Bells for Salvation Army, Help collecting donations for winter wraps (hat, mitten collections), decorating candy canes for the Senior Center, clean-up around Bristol school, or help stock shelves at the Sharing Center. These are just some examples.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1. The officers and junior officers of this club shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms.

Section 2. Senior officers must be active in club committees and projects, have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, and be in at least 8th grade.

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 in September/October by other club members. Parents are not eligible to nominate or vote, but can help Cloverbuds with the voting process.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the October meeting.

Section 3. All members are eligible to vote.

Section 4. Ties for election to an office results in the office becoming a co-office with the tied candidates both sharing the position.

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 President 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. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall maintain order throughout the meeting, handle all snack related issues, and assist with other tasks as necessary.

Article III- Regular Meetings

The regular meeting of this club will be held at Bristol School at 7:00PM on the first Tuesday of each month, except the summer months of July and August

Article IV - Quorum

A quorum must be present when important business is transacted. A simple majority (50%+1) shall constitute a quorum.

Article V- The Club Year

The 4-H year is continuous and extends from October 1st to September 30th.

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 Wisconsin Annual Charter form to the UW-Extension office in November.

Article VIII - Additional Club Policies

Section 1. The annual membership fee, which is determined by the Kenosha County 4-H Council, will cover expenses, fees, and insurance. Each year the club will vote on whether to pay fair exhibition fees based on the club funds available.

Section 2. Adult involvement is vital. Parents / Guardians are encouraged to attend the general meetings and must attend the meeting in which their child is being enrolled. At least

one parent / guardian is requested to help in one area throughout the year. (ie., project leader, pizza booth, float committee, building host, etc.)

Section 3. Members are expected to maintain good behavior during meetings. Courtesy to others will be stressed at all times.

Section 4. Members in 3rd grade or above may take as many projects as they can complete. If a member takes more projects than can be completed, they will only receive credit only for completed projects. The member may then be encouraged to limit the number of projects they enroll in the next year.

Section 5. All members must keep their own record of all projects and activities for the year. Member's record books or Stars and Bars forms are to be completed by the October meeting. If this requirement is not met, the member's awards may be delayed until the following 4-H year.

Signatures:

s/Carolyn Brown
Club President

Date 11/05/2013

s/Angie Nelson
Club General Leader

Date 11/05/2013

s/ Bethany Sorce
Kenosha County UW-Extension Staff

Date 11/13/2013

Date: September 25, 2013