

Montcalm County 4-H Dog Committee

Constitution and By-Laws

Article I: Name and Mission

Section 1. Name: The name of this organization is the Montcalm County 4-H Dog Committee.

Section 2. Mission/Purpose: The mission of the Montcalm County 4-H Dog Committee is to:

- a. Teach 4-Hers how to train their dogs and be prepared for Fair and other Dog Shows.
- b. To teach 4-Hers responsible dog ownership.
- c. Encourage Community involvement and awareness with the 4-H youth Dog Program and it's participants by providing educational experiences.
- d. Ensure that the Montcalm County 4-H Youth Program is compliant with the following: Michigan State University is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer. Michigan State University Extension Programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, and veteran status.
- e. Committee is responsible to update Dog record books and any rule changes to the Fair book.

Article II: Meetings:

Section 1. General membership: General membership meetings are scheduled monthly on the 1st Thursday of the month, at 6:00 P.M. in the Ash Building at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds,

Greenville, MI. or a location to be determined. Omitting the month of December, unless
Otherwise announced. There must be at least 4 members from at least 2 different clubs to
Vote on anything for the Dog program.

Article III: Membership:

Section 1. Membership: All members enrolled in the Montcalm County 4-H Dog Project
Are automatically members of the Committee and are entitled to a voice at all Dog
Committee meetings. In order to be enrolled, an adult must be an approved 4-H Volunteer.

Section 2. Voting: Everyone who attends a Dog Committee meeting is entitled to a vote,
With the exception of the President, who may only vote if there is a tie. Members must be
Present to vote. A simple majority of the voting club representatives carries the vote.
Anyone is welcome to attend any meeting of the Montcalm County 4-H Dog Committee
And voice their opinion. Voting may include both adults and 4-H youth.

Section 3. Executive Board: The Executive Board consists of the four elected adult or 4-H
Youth officers.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. Elected Positions: All Officer positions are open to enrolled 4-H adult Volunteers
And 4-H Youth – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Adults must be Certified
4-H Volunteers.

Section 2. Nominations: Nominations for Executive Board must have completed
The volunteer selection process through 4H, open in September and close at the meeting
When Officers are elected.

Section 3. Assumption of Office: The newly elected Officers of the 4-H Dog Committee

Shall take office at the close of the meeting at which they were elected.

Section 4. Terms: Officers are elected each year in the Fall and serve a 1 year term.

There is no term limit for executive positions.

Section 5. Removal from office: Any executive board member who is absent from two Consecutive meetings without excuse satisfactory to the board shall be deemed to have Surrendered his/her office as a board member. A board member may not send a Representative to the meetings in their place.

Section 6. Filling of Vacancies: A vacancy occurring in the Montcalm County 4-H Dog Committee Executive Board shall be filled when deemed necessary, through appointment, By the remaining members of the Board, and that person shall serve until the next regular Election.

Article V: Finances:

Section 1. Handling of Funds: All funds must be deposited into the Montcalm County 4-H Dog Committee checking account. All bills and expenses shall be paid by check only, or if Paid in cash/debit, must have a proper written receipt from the Treasurer.

Section 2. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year shall extend from September 1st through August 31st of each year.

Article VI: Amendments:

Amendments and Resolution: The by-laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added To by an affirmative vote of not less than 51 percent of the members of the Board followed

By an affirmative vote of no less than a majority vote of the Committee Membership
Present at a general membership meeting. These meetings require a two week advanced
Notification of all the Committee Membership.

Article VII: Adoption:

This Constitution & By-Laws shall become effective immediately upon adoption by a majority
Of the members of the Committee. All members agree to comply with the By-Laws of this
Committee. No member shall be absolved from the observance of these By-Laws on the plea
That he/she has not received a copy of this document. The document can be viewed at the
MSU Montcalm Extension website at <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/montcalm>.

This Constitution and By-Laws, as written herewith, are accepted, approved, and adopted by a
Majority vote of the members present at a meeting held 10/5/2017 and the membership
Agrees to be governed by the various articles as set-forth.

The approved by-laws will go into effect 30 days after the signed and approved date.

Article VIII: Dissolution:

In the event of the Montcalm County 4-H Dog Committee disbanding, All funds and property
Of the association will be turned over to the Montcalm County 4-H Council.

10/5/2017