

By-Laws of the Michigan Junior Livestock Society

Article I – Name

The name of this group shall be known as the MICHIGAN JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SOCIETY, hereafter referred to as MJLS.

Article II – Mission Statement

"The mission of Michigan Junior livestock Society is to develop organizational leadership skills within youth and adults in Michigan's livestock industry. We are focused on fostering in youth the understanding and commitment to the beef, sheep, goat and swine industries of Michigan. We encourage professional growth of individuals through the coordination and execution of top quality livestock events that allow members to showcase their skills. MJLS promotes scholastic achievement of our youth by providing scholarships to youth that have demonstrated key leadership and livestock industry involvement and commitment. MJLS is committed to providing the opportunities that brings together the livestock industries and leadership growth to strength Michigan's livestock industries. "

Article III – Membership

- a) Any group or individual interested in the development of the livestock industry in Michigan shall be eligible for membership.
- b) Expulsion – Upon receipt by the Executive Committee of a complaint against any member alleging fraud or attempted fraud or conduct detrimental to the best interest of the organization, this committee shall notify such member of the complaint and designate a time and place when there will be a hearing. After opportunity for the hearing has been given, the Executive Committee may expel such member from the organization, or take such other action as the circumstances may warrant.

Article IV – Directors

- a) Election – the general management of the business and affairs of MJLS shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of adult representatives from each species desiring representation; (Beef, Sheep, Goat and Swine) with a total of nine (9). Length of term shall be three (3) years. A given Director may be elected to two (2) consecutive terms and serve a maximum of six (6) consecutive years. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting from the membership.
- b) Meetings – the Board of Directors shall designate time and place of the annual meeting and shall hold other meetings as shall be called by the President or by a majority of the board. At all meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of the elected Directors present shall constitute a quorum.
- c) Voting – Board of Directors and chairs of committees can vote in a director's meeting.
- d) Attendance – any director not attending a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the scheduled meetings can be replaced at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Article V – Officers

- a) The officers of MJLS shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President, ~~and~~ Vice-President and Secretary shall be chosen from among members of the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Boards of Directors, and shall serve

for a term of one (1) year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. An appointed Treasurer position shall be established. The position shall be filled by appointment of the board of directors. The Treasurer shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successor is duly appointed and qualified. The Treasurer and Secretary shall receive Two-Hundred Dollars (\$200) annually. Duties – the officers of MJLS shall be charged with such duties and authority as usually appertains to such offices in corporations, except that such duties may be varied or added to by the Board of Directors from time to time.

- b) Executive Committee – The President, Vice-President, and one additional director, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Third Executive shall be chosen among the members of the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors, and shall serve for a term of one (1) year. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the affairs of MJLS in the interim between meetings of the Board of Directors with the powers to conduct ordinary business of MJLS not contrary to actions of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President.

Article VI – Species Representatives

- a) Additionally at the Annual Meeting, event chair positions will be elected to carry out the activities sponsored by MJLS. (Winter Classic, Summer Spectacular, Scholarship and Youth Development).
- b) Two (2) chairs will be elected for the Winter Classic for a two year term each year. Resulting in 4 chairs (2 returning chairs and 2 junior chairs). A maximum of four (4) consecutive years for each chair.
- c) One (1) chair will be elected for the Summer Spectacular, Youth Development and Scholarship (respectively) for a two year term each year, resulting in 2 chairs (1 returning chair and 1 junior chair) for each of these three areas. A maximum of four (4) consecutive years for each position.
- d) Additional elected chair positions may be considered should MJLS determine additional activity warrant.
- e) Elected chairpersons will be held to same attendance policy as elected directors.
- f) Should the office of the chairperson, elected by the membership, become vacant, the Executive Committee shall designate a successor who shall serve until the next annual meeting of the membership.
- g) At the discretion of the Board of Directors any chairperson may be removed from the position as a chairperson.

Article VII – Fiscal Year

- a) The fiscal year for MJLS shall be January 1 to December 31.
- b) An audit/review of the treasury shall be performed each year after the end of the fiscal year. The review will be conducted internal by the Executive Committee on Even number years and by an external source at the completion of odd number years. Funds to complete the external review will be taken from the General Account.
- c) A budget shall be submitted by each specie group for the coming year's events at least six (6) months prior to the event or at the annual meeting. These budgets will be reviewed and voted on for approval after submission. Society funds will be maintained in accounts (or subaccounts of a single account) for each activity area.

Article VIII – Annual Meeting

- a) The annual meeting shall be held at such a place designated for a meeting of MJLS. A 30 day notice must be given to the membership of MJLS.

Article IX – Amendments to By Laws

- a) The power to alter or amend the bylaws of MJLS shall be exercised by a majority vote of the membership present at any annual meeting of the members of MJLS, or at any annual meeting of the members of MJLS called for that purpose. There will be a thirty (30) day notice of meeting **Article X – Business Procedures**
- a) Business and meetings of Michigan Junior Livestock Society will be conducted under the accepted Roberts Rules of Order.

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