2009 -2010
EMMET - CHARLEVOIX 4-H
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY COUNCIL

~ PURPOSE ~

The purpose of the Emmet-Charlevoix 4-H Animal Husbandry Council (AHC) shall be:

1) To offer related educational and/or recreational experiences to residents of the two counties;

2) To exchange and share information and ideas between clubs in the two counties;

3) To represent animal husbandry interests during the program year and during exhibition at the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair.

~ MEMBERSHIP ~

1) Membership in this organization is open to any 4-H member or leader registered in either Emmet or Charlevoix County, and who is interested in advancing the following Animal Husbandry project areas:

Dairy	Beef	Swine	Goats	Sheep	Exotic
Poultry	Rabbits	Pocket Pets	Cavies	Waterfowl	

2) 4-H Enrollment deadline for all exhibitors is May 1st for participation in any 4-H classes at the county fair.

3) In addition, Animal Husbandry enrollments forms for current & new members is due May 1st of the program year. The enrollment forms designate the specific projects (s) that will be exhibited at the county fair.

~ PROJECT AREA MEETINGS ~

Specific barn superintendents may call their own committee meetings at any time they deem necessary. Announcements of meeting dates and agenda items are to be communicated to the Chairman of the AHC. Minutes of these committee meetings are to be sent to the AHC Chairman as well.

~ QUORUM ~

A majority of representatives shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the council.

~ OFFICERS ~

All officers shall be registered 4-H volunteers in either the Emmet or Charlevoix County 4-H youth program.

1) CHAIRMAN: Presides over meetings
Votes only to break a tie
Serves as communicator to others councils and the fairboard
Communicates with County 4-H Staff

2) VICE-CHAIRMAN: Assumes duties of the chair when chair is unable to attend.

3) SECRETARY: Takes minutes of meetings & submits them to 4-H Office
& Handles correspondence;

TREASURER: Responsible for council funds;
Pays all council obligations with council approval;
Order council approved fair ribbons.

5) BARN SUPERINTENDENTS:
Each barn will have a superintendent;
Superintendents will run individual project area meetings;
Superintendents report to the AHC Chairman;
Superintendents are responsible for show day operation, paperwork, trophies and oversee all concerns for their respective barn (s).

6) All officers shall be nominated at the October meeting and elected at the January meeting. Officers will be elected by a majority of members present.

7) Nominations will be held each year at the October meeting, with terms of office running from January 1 to December 31.

~ MEETINGS ~

1) Meetings are open to all 4-H members and leaders parents registered in animal husbandry project areas; All meetings take place at 7:00 pm at the 4-H Center.

2) Visitors are welcome, however, any business must be on the agenda;

3) **SUPERINTENDENT MEETINGS:** held on the third Wednesday of October, January and May.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: (officers and superintendent's) held on the 3rd Wednesday in May at the Emmet County 4-H Office for the purpose of reviewing fair enrollments

PRE-FAIR MEETING:
Each animal husbandry exhibitor is encouraged to attend the August pre-fair meeting to be informed of the participation requirements of the Animal Husbandry classes at the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair.

~ EXHIBITOR PARTICIPATION ~

1. A **"BARN DUTY SECURITY DEPOSIT"** will be due with the May 1st enrollment form appropriate for your project area. The exact amount of that deposit will be announced to the total membership prior to the May 1st deadline, it will be listed on the May 1st enrollment forms and will be based on the fundraising needs of the Animal Husbandry Council.

2. Barn duty deposits - eligible for refund - must be picked up from the designated refund treasurer **no later than 2 hours** from the final animal release time.

3. If a member has an Animal Husbandry animal that is sold on the fairgrounds, and the exhibitor wishes to have the animal processed and trucked through the Market Livestock system, the completed paperwork MUST be to the Market Livestock treasurer by Friday noon of fairweek.

4. Required show clothing will be as follows: black pants, white shirt and dark boots. Show coats are optional for rabbits, pocket pets and poultry.

~ HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIRWEEK EXHIBITION ~

1. Members exhibiting swine are required to have proof of a negative "Psuedo-Rabies Test" upon their arrival to the fair. The test must be done by a vet within 45 days of the county fair.

2. Members exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle or goats are required to have proof of a negative TB test upon their arrival to the fair.

3. Members exhibiting poultry and/or waterfowl will have their exhibits subject to a "Pullorum Test" upon arrival to the fair.

4. All livestock will be subject to a health test and/or Vet check upon their arrival to the fair and prior to the exhibit being penned, caged or stalled.

5. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and abiding by ALL rules pertaining to their exhibition and participation, as well as any and all heath requirements pertaining to their exhibited livestock.

~AMENDMENTS ~

These by-laws are to be reviewed annually, prior to elections. They may be amended by a majority vote at the annual meeting in October, but approved no later than the general membership meeting in January.

ADOPTED:
JANUARY 12, 2010