Constitution and Bylaws
of
Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association
Adopted January 5, 1998

PREAMBLE

This organization is to be known as the Columbia County 4-H Leaders’ Association. It will work to plan, coordinate and execute the educational and promotional activities of the 4-H Youth Development Program in Columbia County. This organization shall be open to all leaders regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, color, national origin, religious beliefs, or handicap.

ARTICLE I -- Purpose

1. To promote and work with the County Extension Agent and Staff, County School Districts, and other agencies interested in assisting the 4-H Youth Development Program of Columbia County.

2. To promote the welfare and development of youth through participation in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

3. To recruit and train adults and members to become 4-H Leaders.

4. To provide a forum for Leaders to discuss, and advise programmatic decisions.

5. To develop positive relationships between leaders, members, extension staff and other partners of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

6. To help and assist the County Extension Agent in developing 4-H Youth Development Activities.

ARTICLE II -- Objectives

1. To provide assistance to 4-H Leaders so that they can conduct their job more effectively.

2. To provide training to leaders to achieve a higher quality and completion of 4-H projects.

3. To promote active participation in all Leader Association activities.
4. To develop responsible leadership in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

5. To provide opportunity to every youth to participate in 4-H Youth Development activities based upon age requirements.

6. To participate in county wide 4-H Youth Development activities.

ARTICLE III – Membership

The membership shall consist of all currently enrolled volunteer leaders.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

Section I – Officers

1. The elected officers of this association shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be referred to as the Executive Officers.

Section II – Duties of Officers

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and appoint committees.

The Vice President shall perform the duties pertaining to the office of the President in his/her absence. If the President cannot fulfill his/her duties, the Vice President shall become President. The Vice President shall be an ex-officio of all committees.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all Association meetings, read Leaders Association meeting minutes, all official communications, and address all correspondence.

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of funds and make a report at each Leaders Association meeting.

Section III – Vacancy of Office

In the event any office is vacated during a term, a replacement will be appointed by the 4-H Youth Development Agent and the Executive officers to fulfill that term.

Section IV – Election of Officers

Nominations for officers shall begin in October and further nominations to be made from the floor at the time of elections in December.

Section V – Term of Office

President – Shall be elected for one, two (2) year term. An individual may not succeed themselves.

Vice President and Secretary – Shall be elected to one, one-year term.

Treasurer – Shall be elected to one, two-year term. Elected opposite of the President.

ARTICLE V – Standing Committees

1. Executive Board
2. Program Committee
3. Youth Fair Committee
4. Awards/Scholarship Committee
ARTICLE VI – Meetings

The General Leaders Association shall meet the first Monday of the month beginning at 7:30 PM in the months of:
Special meeting of the General Leaders Association may be called by the Executive Officers as the need arises.

ARTICLE VII – Amendments

Any by-law may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any general meeting with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of any current members present. The change(s) must have been disseminated to the membership at least thirty days prior to the meeting in which they will be voted on.

ARTICLE VIII

The procedure in conducting the business of this organization shall be according to The Roberts’ Rule of Order.

Project/Activity Areas:


2. Horticulture – Flower and Ornamental Gardening, Vegetable Gardening.


5. Expressive Arts – Art, Ceramics, Fiber Arts, Leathercraft, Photography;* Cake Decorating.


7. Personal Development & Leadership (Activities) – 4-H Ambassador, Junior Leader, Teen Leader.

*County only projects.

Community Areas:

1. Clatskanie
2. Rainier
3. St. Helens
4. Scappoose
5. Vernonia/Mist Birkenfeld