

Constitution and By-Laws Denton County Livestock Association

As proposed to be amended
October 10, 1995

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

This organization shall be known as the "Denton County Livestock Association" Denton, Texas.

Article II

Object

The object of this Association shall be: first to promote the breeding improvement, and sale of (*pure bred*) registered and commercial livestock; second, to encourage all (*breeders*) producers to produce the highest (*possible type*) quality of livestock; third, to establish and maintain a friendly spirit between members of the Association by a friendly exchange of information and ideas on all subjects pertaining to livestock, poultry, ratites and their products.

Article III

Membership

1. ACTIVE MEMBERS: All livestock (*breeders*) producers, poultry (*breeders*) producers, and others interested in livestock production and the associated (*problems*) business are eligible for active membership. (*Provided that the board of directors shall have authority to reject this application for membership of any person.*)
2. JUNIOR MEMBERS: Junior members shall (*not*) pay dues and (*shall not*) vote (*but*) and may participate as a member in all association activities. Junior members shall be 9 years old or in the third grade and still in school below college level.
3. HONORARY MEMBERS: Honorary members, without dues and voting authority, may be nominated by any regular member and elected to honorary membership by a two-thirds vote of the regular members present at any membership meeting.
4. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS: Honorary Life Members, without dues but with voting privileges, shall be elected by the Board of Directors, at their discretion.

Article IV

Officers and Directors

Officers

The officers of this association shall be a President, Vice-President, and a Secretary (-) and Treasurer. The President, Vice-President, and the Secretary (-) and Treasurer shall be elected (*at*) by the Board of Directors from their number, at the Board meeting following the annual meeting and shall hold office for year or until their successors are elected and qualified. These (*three*) four officers shall serve as members of the Board of Directors and shall constitute an executive committee to transact emergency business between meetings of the board of directors and meetings of the members, and its business transactions shall be subjected to approval by the Board of Directors.

Directors

The Board of Directors shall be as follows:

First the President, Vice-President, (and) Secretary (-) and Treasurer will serve as directors during their term of office. (The President shall serve as a hold over director during the year following the expiration of his term as President).

Second,(six) twelve directors shall be elected to represent the growers of beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs, horses, poultry,(and) sheep, goats, ratites, and other agri-business to serve for three years. The length of this term will initially be determined by the drawing of lots: 4 will serve three years, 4 will serve two years, and 4 will serve one year. Thereafter, directors will be elected for full 3 year terms unless replacing another director.

Article V Elections

MANNER OF NOMINATING AND ELECTING: The President shall appoint a nomination committee of five members. This committee will make and present nominations for (officers and) directors at the May annual meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor by regular members. The voting shall be by a show of hands and the nominee receiving a majority of the votes shall be elected. The (officers and) directors may be elected individually as provided below or the entire slate from the nominating committee can be elected as one depending on the desires of the membership.

(ORDER OF ELECTION: The members shall elect a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer in that order).

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: Vacancies among the (six) twelve directors to represent the (six kinds of livestock) various agricultural enterprises shall then be filled by electing Directors in the same manner.

Article VI Duties of Officers

The duties of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be those that usually devolve upon such officers. The President, with the advice of the other members of the executive committee, shall appoint such standing and other committees as are deemed necessary from time to time. The Vice-President shall have the additional duty as Program Chairman. The Secretary would record the minutes of meetings and board meetings; send notices of the meetings and board meetings to members and directors; and make arrangements for places for meetings and speakers. The Treasurer would collect dues and maintain the membership information; help to assemble the date for the annual membership director; collect money for the directory ads; disburse the funds for postage, speakers meals, printing and other administrative needs.

The youth fair is a permanent committee of the DCLA. The Youth Fair (Chairman) Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and a Youth Fair Secretary-Treasurer will be elected officers to serve a one-year term. They would serve as ex-official members of the Board of Directors if not already an elected Board member. Successive terms would be subjected to review by the Board of Directors. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent shall have the responsibility for coordinating the activities necessary to

the operation to the Youth Fair. The Youth Fair Secretary-Treasurer will coordinate the printing of the rulebook; tag-in and entry information for youth fair; order the fair supplies, ear tags, awards, etc; collect all monies in connection with youth fair and disburse funds for expenses, judges, premiums, scholarships, and sales.

Article VII Meetings

The Annual Membership Meeting to elect Directors and transact any other business shall be held during May of each year, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the regular members present at any meeting which has been called through reasonable publicity. **Any changes will be presented at a regular meeting and voted upon at the succeeding meeting.**

BY-LAWS

1. Dues: **The fiscal year shall be from Sept. 1 thru Aug. 31. Effective September 1, 1996, the dues will be \$10 per adult member and \$5 per junior member. Dues must be paid by February 1, of the following year or the membership will be dropped.** Membership shall not be granted to any person until the dues are paid.
2. QUORUM: *(Five)* **Eight directors shall contribute a quorum of the Board of Directors.** A membership quorum shall be 10% of the *(active regular)* membership.
3. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS: The Association shall not have authority to make special assessments on members but may solicit voluntary contributions from members or others if more money is needed for Association purposes than is brought in by annual dues.
4. INDEBTEDNESS: No debts shall be contracted or liabilities incurred by the Association in excess of the cash in the hands of the *(Secretary-)* Treasurer.
5. DISBURSMENTS: No officer or member of the Association shall contract any debt in the name of the Association except after specific authorization by the Association in regular meetings or the Board of Directors in regular session. No funds of the Association shall be paid out in any manner except by *(voucher)* check drawn and signed by the *(Secretary-)* Treasurer, upon proper authorization.
6. The *(Secretary-)* Treasurer **or any other designed officer and/or the Youth Fair Secretary-Treasurer** any be placed under bond in the amount deemed advisable by the Board of Directors or Association members.
7. An auditing committee composed of three regular members shall be appointed each year to make an annual audit of the Association funds and a report submitted to the annual meeting.
8. These by-laws may be amended, revised, or repealed by a majority vote from a quorum of the members present at a duly notified meeting.

The above constitution and by-laws were officially approved and accepted at a membership meeting held at the Denton City Hall, September 10, 1948.

Miscellaneous

1. Proceedings, rules, parliamentary proceeding shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, last edition.
2. Order of business:
 - Call Association to order
 - Roll call or check attendance
 - Reading, correction and approval of the minutes of previous meeting
 - Report of officers
 - Report of committees
 - Old business
 - New business
 - Miscellaneous business
 - Adjournment