

Proposed amendments to by laws

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

The organization shall be known as the "Denton County Livestock Association" Denton, TX

Article II

Objective

The objective of the Denton County Livestock Association shall be; first to provide an opportunity for FFA, FCLA, and 4H members to exhibit their projects in a fair, friendly competition at the annual Denton County Youth Fair and to educate them as well as the public about agriculture and related areas; second to provide financial opportunities through an annual premium sale and scholarships; third establish and maintain a friendly exchange of information and ideas on all subjects pertaining to operation and rules of the DCLA

Article III

Membership

Active members: any person that has an interest in the youth of Denton County; including ag teachers; Extension agents; parents of exhibitors, and supporters of Denton County Youth are eligible for active membership.

Article IV

Officers and Directors

Officers

The officers of this association shall be a president, vice president, and secretary. These three officers plus an at large board member appointed by the board shall constitute an executive committee to transact emergency business between meetings of the directors and of meetings of the membership. Its business transactions are subject to approval by the board of directors

Directors

The Board of Directors shall be as follows; first twelve directors shall be elected to represent the interests of the membership and serve as governing body of the Denton County Livestock Association. Directors are elected to three-year terms, and may serve a second three-year term if elected. Directors may only serve two consecutive three year terms. A retiring Director may be eligible to serve again after being off of the board one year. Second Officers of the board shall be president, vice president and secretary. To maintain continuity of financial records the treasurer need not be a board member.

Article V

Superintendents and Committees

The Board of Directors shall appoint qualified persons to serve as department superintendents and special committees. Appointees must be paid members of the Association. Duties are outlined in the attached directives approved June 2021.

Article VI

Elections

Manner of nominating and electing. The President shall appoint a nomination committee of three from the Board of Directors. The committee will make and present nominations for directors at the May annual meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor by the membership. The voting shall be by secret ballot. Ballots to be counted by two directors that are not on the ballot. Directors may be elected individually or the entire slate from the nominating committee can be elected as one depending on the desires of the membership. Election of officers of the Board are voted on by the Board immediately following the May annual meeting. If a vacancy on the Board takes place during that Directors term, the Board of Directors may appoint a person(s) to fulfill the remainder of term upon approval of the Board.

Article VII

Duties of Officers

The President shall preside over membership and Board meetings, and set an agenda for each. The Vice President shall perform same duties if the President is absent. The Secretary shall record the minutes of meetings; send notice of meetings to membership and board members; and make arrangements for places for meetings. The Secretary shall collect and maintain member information. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining all financial records of the association; collect and deposit all receipts and receivables; disperse funds by check to authorized expenses incurred in conducting the Associations business. Present a financial statement at each membership meeting.

Article VIII

Meetings

The annual membership meeting to elect directors shall be held the third Thursday in May of each year, unless otherwise determined by the board of directors. Additional meetings shall be held the third Thursday in September, and April. Additional meetings can be called as needed.

Article IX

Amendments

The 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.The Fiscal year shall be from September 1 thru August 31. Membership dues are \$20. Membership dues must be paid September thru December of the fiscal year in order to receive voting privilege.
2. Seven Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors. A membership quorum shall be 10% of the active regular membership.
3. 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.

4. No debts shall be contracted or liabilities incurred by the Association in excess of the cash on hand.
5. 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 check drawn and signed by the Treasurer, upon proper authorization. Exception in certain cases debit card payments can be made with proper authorization.
6. Any member may request a complete financial disclosure at any time
7. The bylaws may be amended by 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.