

DEFOREST HANDY HELPERS 4-H CLUB

BY-LAWS

NAME

1. The club shall go by the name of Deforest Handy Helpers 4-H.

PURPOSE

1. The mission of the Deforest Handy Helpers is to create a group environment that increases opportunities related to projects for members, along with helping our community.

RECRUITMENT OF OFFICERS

1. Officers are President, Vice President, Minutes Secretary, Attendance Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Photographer, subject to change as deemed necessary by adult advisory committee. Nomination sheets will be available starting at the June Meeting. Members can sign up until the August meeting. Final nominations will be taken and officers will be appointed/elected at the August meeting.
2. All members and cloverbuds are eligible to vote.
3. In the event an officer is not able to continue fulfilling duties, as outlined in the Dane County 4-H Organizational Leader Handbook and DeForest Handy Helpers Officer Responsibilities, the Adult Advisory committee will make the final decision and appoint a replacement if necessary.

CLUB ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. The advisory committee consists of co-organizational leaders, all officers and leaders and parents. The adults will also serve as the Adult advisory committee. It is a one-year commitment, renewable each year.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to all youth who meet age requirements as defined in the Dane County 4-H Organizational Leader Handbook. No person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap status, religion, or political affiliation be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any aspect of the Dane County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. including, but not limited to, all programs and activities.
2. Deforest Handy Helpers has open enrollment from the August club meeting through the April club meeting. County 4-H and individual Fair rules dictate project entry eligibility.
3. Meetings, dates and times are as noted in the club's yearly program and website (deforesthandyhelpers.org).
4. **For a member to be eligible to exhibit at the Dane County Fair, members are required to attend a minimum of 3 club meetings per year, August thru June to be eligible to exhibit at the Dane County Fair. Exemption from attending 3 meetings requires prior approval from Advisory Committee prior to the May meeting.**

5. It is the member's responsibility to obtain information from missed meetings. The club is not responsible for missed deadlines.
6. Members must attend at least one community service or fundraiser activity.
7. Members are encouraged to complete record books.

MONEY MATTERS

1. All expenditures for \$20.00 or more will be voted on by the members present at a meeting, or by approval of the co-leaders, president and the treasurer.
2. The amount of yearly dues for club members and cloverbuds annually will be the same as the set county dues.
3. For the spring fundraiser, the first \$5 in profits per family will go to the club. The remaining proceeds can be used towards the club member(s) fair pass.
4. **Members must pay dues before submitting a fair entry. Project literature ordered by members must be paid before fair entry tags will be handed out.**
5. Financial support for individual members will be limited to 4-H related activities and up to \$75 per year, per member. Members are welcome to present support requests to the club at meetings for non 4-H related activities. Families may individually support members for both 4-H related and non-related support requests. The 4-H member must personally do all requests to the club.

Financial support to members will be received according the following guidelines:

| Sponsorship Amount | Total Cost of Trip |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| \$25 | \$50-\$150 |
| \$50 | \$151-250 |
| \$75 | \$251 and up |

6. The club will fund leader's dues and background check fees.
7. The club allowance for barn decorations for large animals which includes horse, beef, dairy, sheep, pigs and exotics is \$25 per species. All other animal projects will be allowed \$15 per species.
8. Financial assistance is available through the county extension office. Contact the county office for further information.

COMMITTEES

1. **All families must serve on a minimum of 1 committee per year (Refreshments not included. All families are to sign up for refreshments for one month.**
2. Committees will be determined on a yearly basis by advisory committee

BY-LAW REVIEW

1. The advisory committee will review by-laws on a yearly basis.
2. Requests for by-law changes can be presented to the co-organizational leaders during the club year for evaluation.

By-Laws reviewed August 2007 by:

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| Claire Nagel | Pam Cooper | Stacy Jansen | Kelly Hageman |
| Ami Cooper | Juli Cooper | Ben Nagel | Brian Nagel |

Bold items are important membership information.