

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE Spokane Co 4-H Budget and Fund Raising Committee

CONSTITUTION (Note: This general language is common to all Club/Committee Constitutions in the Spokane County 4-H Organization)

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**ARTICLE I
Name**

The name of this organization shall be the **Spokane Co 4-H Budget and Fund Raising Committee**, a Spokane County WSU-Extension standing committee, hereafter referred to as 4-H BFR Standing Committee. The principle location of the 4-H BFR Standing Committee is 222 N Havana, Spokane WA 99202.

ARTICLE II

Section 1: Purpose

The 4-H BFR Standing Committee is a non-profit affiliate of the 4-H Youth Development Education Program of Washington State University Extension. 4-H is the largest youth development organization in the United States and has existed for over 100 years. The purpose of the 4-H BFR Standing Committee will be to provide experiential education for Washington state youth by providing, in cooperation with Extension professionals, informal educational youth in Spokane County Washington without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

Section 2: Mission

The mission of the 4-H Youth Development program is to assist youth and volunteer staff, through informal education, to acquire knowledge, and develop life skills and values that enable them to become increasingly self-directing, productive, contributing citizens.

Section 3: Responsibility

The responsibility of the 4-H BFR Standing Committee is to operate as a qualified non-profit entity which does the following:

- A. Teaches and mentors youth in the principles of [the dairy industry/equine care and activities/ fill in the blank- list major club project areas].
- B. Plans, executes, and evaluates a well-balanced educational program for 4-H youth with both short- and term-goals.
- C. Promotes volunteer leadership development and empower adult and teen volunteers in the 4-H program.
- D. Secures and manages sufficient resources to accomplish the purpose and mission of the 4-H BFR Standing Committee

- E. Serves as a link between the 4-H Youth Development Program and the county 4-H professional, Fair Board, youth serving groups, schools, community agencies, and the public.
- F. Develops and maintains a vibrant, active Club membership in cooperation with the Extension professional(s).
- G. Publicizes the objectives and philosophy of the 4-H Youth Development Program and serves as an advocate for youth.
- H. Implements 4-H policy, subject to review and approval by Washington State University Extension 4-H professional
- I. Complies with the Internal Revenue Services and Washington State regulations and policies to maintain its exempt status as a non-profit charitable educational organization.

ARTICLE III Funding and Assets

The 4-H BFR Standing Committee is responsible to raise sufficient funds to support the educational mission of the 4-H BFR Standing Committee. The 4-H BFR Standing Committee is also responsible to manage its available funds by:

- Preparing an annual budget.
- Giving direction to acquiring private funds.
- Approving all expenditures from the 4-H BFR Standing Committee budget.

4-H BFR Standing Committee property and funds will be used only for the activities and programs of the 4-H BFR Standing Committee. None of the funds or property the 4-H BFR Standing Committee will accrue to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Members, Leaders, officers, or other private persons, except those of the 4-H BFR Standing Committee shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes provided in this Agreement. No substantial part of the activities of the 4-H BFR Standing Committee shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the 4-H BFR Standing Committee shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the 4-H BFR Standing Committee shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a 4-H BFR Standing Committee exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this 4-H BFR Standing Committee shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this 4-H BFR Standing Committee.

Disposition of Assets in Event of Dissolution: Upon the dissolution of the 4-H BFR Standing Committee, assets shall be distributed to an exempt 501(c)(3) 4-H Affiliate organization with a charitable educational purpose. Unless Washington State University

has notified the 4-H BFR Standing Committee otherwise, the 4-H Council for Spokane County, so long as it has active status as an exempt charitable educational organization pursuant to 501(c)(3) will receive the funds. If no such Council exists in Spokane County, to the Washington State 4-H Foundation provided it has active status as an exempt charitable educational organization under 501(c)(3). Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the 4-H BFR Standing Committee is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

See Budget and Fund Raising Committee By-Laws for Additional Details