

# By-Laws for the Isabella County Livestock Producers Association

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## ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Isabella County Livestock Producers Association.

## ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose for which the Isabella County Livestock Producers Association is formed are: To be a voluntary, non-profit Association of breeders, feeders, 4-H and FFA leaders, parents and other persons, committed to encouraging breeding and development of livestock (dairy feeders, beef, sheep and swine) in Isabella County; To develop and promote 4-H Club and FFA livestock programs and activities; To cooperate with the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service; and to promote the public welfare of the members in all ways, while complying with the provisions of Title 26, Section 501 of the United States Code.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

### **Section 1. Eligibility**

Membership is open to all dues paying breeders, feeders, 4-H and FFA leaders, parents, youth who are 16 years of age or older and other persons interested in the goals of the Association. Membership in the Association is for one year, January 1st to December 31st, and must be renewed by payment of dues in accordance with these by laws. Acceptance of dues by Treasurer shall constitute formal recognition of membership.

### **Section 2. Voting**

All individual members of the organization will have the right to vote on all matters that are subject to vote pursuant to these by-laws if they are current in payment of their dues.

### **Section 3.**

Annual meeting will be held the second Monday of January

### **Section 4.**

All paid members' names to be announced at the annual meeting for election of officers for the purpose of passing out ballots. A record will be kept of the votes.

### **Section 5. Dues**

The amount of dues shall be \$5.00 per individual. Dues must be paid before the start of the annual meeting in order to be a member for the current year.

## ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

### **Section 1.**

Eligibility and Nomination - Any individual member may be nominated for and serve as an Officer if elected by the membership. Nomination for election will be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting from the membership.

### **Section 2. Election of Officers**

The offices of the Association shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, each of

which shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting for a term of one year.

### **Section 3. Duties of Officers**

A. President - The President of the Association shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He/she shall see that the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association are enforced and perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Association. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all Association Committees.

B. Vice President - Shall perform all the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or disability, and shall have such other duties as the Association might delegate.

C. Secretary - Shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, keep accurate records and minutes of all proceedings at the regular meetings and keep files on these as well as set agenda items with the President.

D. Treasurer - Shall collect dues and other monies, keep accurate, updated records of the dues and membership list, deposit and properly disburse the funds of the Association and keep proper and complete records of these activities, per approval of Association membership.

## ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

### **Section 1. Required**

Required - The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held the second Monday of January at the place designated by the Association members. Notice shall be given to the membership by correspondence.

### **Section 2. Others**

Regular meetings of the Association shall be held as deemed necessary by the Association. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Officers and/or by a majority of the members by correspondence.

## ARTICLE VI - VACANCIES

Vacancies in any office shall be filled by Presidential appointment for the unexpired term only.

## ARTICLE VII - FINANCES

**Section 1.** No officers or members of the Association shall have power or to contract any debt or obligation in the Name of the Association or otherwise bind the Association nor accept or endorse the same in the name of the Association.

### **Section 2.**

All sums due or payable to the Association shall be paid to the Treasurer in cash or its equivalent; and no checks shall be drawn on the deposited funds of the Association unless there are sufficient funds on deposit to honor the check.

## ARTICLE VIII - BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be changed or amended at the annual meeting of the members by a two-thirds (2/3)

vote of the members present.

## ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

### **Section 1. Standing Committees**

Standing Committees shall consist of the Rules Committee and the Building and Fundraising Committee.

A. Rules committee shall consist of six association members (per agreement on January 16, 2017 meeting) elected by the association membership at the January annual meeting. Nominations for the committee will be taken from the floor. Representatives shall be elected for a two year term.

Two youth representatives shall be elected by youth exhibitors in each of the four livestock areas (beef, sheep, swine, dairy feeders) for a total of eight youth representatives. Representatives must be a senior showman. The elections will take place at the fair with representatives chosen by popular vote. The representatives will automatically become members for the Livestock Producers without paying dues. They will serve for a one year term.

The duties of the Rules Committee shall be to establish and enforce rules pertaining to exhibition and sale of market livestock.

## ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

## ARTICLE XI

All Livestock superintendents (beef, sheep, swine, 4-H and FFA excluding open class) must be recommended by Livestock Producers members at the Annual Meeting for approval by Fair Board yearly.