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WELCOME AND CHARGE

It is a pleasure to welcome you new 4-H All Stars into the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars, and to charge you and the All Stars who were tapped in previous years to live by the All Star motto of "Service."

The 4-H All Stars, as an integral part of the Virginia 4-H Council, strive to contribute to youth development throughout the State of Virginia. One of the first things each member needs to do is to become informed as to the objectives, opportunities, and duties of the 4-H All Stars.

After becoming familiar with the Constitution, review again the following partial list of important items which will serve as a guideline for initiating your "service."

1. Participate in and initiate 4-H programs on the unit level.
2. Assist with the 4-H Public Speaking program, which the All Stars sponsor on unit, district, and state levels.
3. Pay your dues annually and encourage other All Stars in the unit to pay annually or to pay lifetime dues. Dues provide the major source of income for All Star projects.
4. Participate in the unit All Star meeting, assisted by local Extension staff, to nominate All Star candidates. Be constantly aware of achievements and leadership qualities of 4-H'ers for future All Star candidates.
5. Support the All Star college scholarship fund, and encourage eligible All Stars to apply.

It is the sincere hope of the executive committee that each 4-H All Star will make a personal application of these duties and challenges to help "Make the Best Better" through All Star "Service."

State 4-H All Star Executive Committee

VIRGINIA 4-H ALL STAR CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I Name

This organization shall be known as the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars and shall be associated with the 4-H Program of the Cooperative Extension Service of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Extension Division.

ARTICLE II Object

The object of this Chapter shall be to encourage service through both individual and cooperative efforts.

ARTICLE III Membership

The membership of the Virginia 4-H All Star Chapter shall include both active and honorary members without regard to race, color, sex, creed, religion, national origin, socio-economic condition, handicap or political affiliation.

ARTICLE IV Officers and Election

Section 1 — Officers

The officers of this Chapter shall be Big Chief, Lesser Chief, Recording Scribe, Corresponding Scribe, Scout, and Medicine Man.

Section 2 — Election

The officers shall be elected at the Summer Meeting. They shall serve only one year in any one office, or until their successors are duly qualified and elected, except for the Medicine Man. The Medicine Man may succeed himself for any number of years in office. In the event that an unusual situation should prevent the holding of the Summer Meeting, the elected officers shall serve until the next Summer Meeting is held.

ARTICLE V Meetings

Meetings of the Chapter shall be held at such time and place as determined by the Executive Committee. Notification shall be sent to active members at least 15 days before the meeting. The planned business to be conducted at the meeting shall be stated in the notice. A Meeting shall consist of one or more sessions.

ARTICLE VI Amendment

This constitution may be amended at any meeting by a three-fourths vote of the members in attendance, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been reviewed by the Future Plans Committee and the Executive committee, and discussed at a previous session of a meeting. Each member in attendance at the previous session shall have received a written copy of the proposed amendment at least twenty-four hours in advance of the time the vote is to be taken.

VIRGINIA 4-H ALL STARS BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Section I — Nomination for Membership

A. Criteria for Membership

1. Nominees shall:

- a. Have completed at least three years of work as a 4-H member.
- b. Be at least 15 years of age.
- c. Be an active 4-H member and no more than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the current year, or, have been an active 4-H member and no more than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the preceding year.

2. Nominees shall also display the following qualities:

- a. Leadership ability.
- b. Integrity of character, such as high moral standards, high goals, and positive attitudes.
- c. Outstanding achievement in both project and service activities, ability to work with others, interest in the 4-H Program, an interest in other organizations and activities for youth development.

B. 4-H'ers To Be Nominated

1. Each year unit All Stars and the Extension Staff in a joint meeting may nominate for membership into the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars those 4-H'ers who meet the qualifications outlined previously and measured in the nomination form and are the most outstanding and deserving 4-H'ers in that unit. The nominees shall be chosen by a majority vote of the All Stars' meeting.

2. If a brother, sister, mother, father, wife, husband, son or daughter of a candidate for membership is present at the time of discussion for membership, he shall retire from the room during the discussion of such candidate if requested by one or more members.
3. The nomination forms of unit nominees shall be submitted to the District Membership Committee for review and approval.
4. Any problems or controversy arising from the time of nomination by the unit All Stars shall be considered by the State Executive Committee prior to the Consecration Ceremony.

Section 2 — Selection and Induction Into Membership

- A. Each nominee shall be voted on by secret ballot. Nominees who receive ten (10) or more negative votes shall be discussed by the membership and voted on a second time by secret ballot. A one-fifth (1/5) negative vote by the membership present and voting shall then be required for the nominee not to be accepted.
- B. All Star Candidates shall be inducted at the Annual Conference Ceremony and shall attend the entire State 4-H Congress. Under special circumstances, a candidate may attend only the Consecration Ceremony: Under extreme circumstances, a candidate may be tapped at a Regular Meeting.

Section 3 — Active Members

- A. Active members are those who have paid the dues as specified in Article II of the Bylaws.
- B. Active members, in addition to all privileges that may be derived from the organization, may make nominations, make motions, vote, and hold office according to the other pertinent articles contained in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 4 — Honorary Members

- A. The state 4-H staff may nominate a maximum of six unit Extension Agents and four state or district Extension personnel for Honorary Membership. The unit staff nominees must have rendered at least seven years of outstanding service to 4-H in the capacity of Extension Agent and shall be

- recommended by the District Extension Leader.
- B. The unit membership committee may annually nominate two (2) adult volunteer leaders for honorary membership into the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars. A maximum of twelve (12) adult leaders may be inducted annually into membership. A nominee must have rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program for at least seven (7) years.
 - C. At any regular meeting the Chapter may nominate to Honorary Membership:
 - 1. Any person from a foreign country who has rendered outstanding service to 4-H or similar youth work in his/her country.
 - 2. Any representative from a donor organization who has rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program.
 - 3. Any person not otherwise eligible who has rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program for at least seven years.
 - D. An affirmative two-thirds vote of membership present and voting is required for election to honorary membership. To be initiated to membership, said honorary nominee must attend a Consecration Ceremony the same year in which he is nominated.
 - E. Honorary Members have all the privileges of the Chapter except making nominations, making motions, voting, and holding office. Honorary members may become active members by payment of dues.

ARTICLE II Dues

The amount of annual and life membership dues shall be established by the membership. Any member failing to pay dues will be deprived of the privileges of active membership. Full privileges of such members shall be restored upon the payment of dues for the immediate past year and the current year or life membership dues.

ARTICLE III Duties of Officers

Section 1 — State Officers

- A. Big Chief shall:
 - 1. Make arrangements for meetings.
 - 2. Preside over meetings.
 - 3. Appoint committees as needed.
 - 4. Cast deciding vote in case of tie.
 - 5. Be familiar with duties of other officers and committees and see that their duties are performed.

6. Serve as chairman of the Executive Committee and ex-officio member of all other committees.
- B. Lesser Chief shall:
1. Be familiar with duties of Big Chief and, in the absence of the Big Chief, be prepared to assume duties.
 2. Coordinate committee activities and be responsible for committee instructions and reports.
- C. Recording Scribe shall:
1. Keep record of minutes of all meetings and see that copies of each are filed after each session with the appropriate state and district officers and Extension Personnel.
- D. Corresponding Scribe shall:
1. Direct correspondence of Chapter.
 2. Serve as chairman of Resolutions Committee.
 3. Serve as historian and file an annual history with the State 4-H All Star records.
- E. Scout shall:
1. Advise the Ceremonial Committee.
 2. Select and instruct scouts.
- F. Medicine Man shall:
1. Receive and disburse all funds of the organization.
 2. Keep funds in a bank account entitled "Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars: and, insofar as possible, pay all bills by check.
 3. Have authority to select the banking institution.
 4. Make a detailed financial report at business meetings.

Section 2 — District and Unit Officers

District and unit 4-H All Star organizations shall have the officers of district/unit Chief, district/unit Scribe, district/unit Medicine Man and other officers as deemed necessary. The duties of these officers shall be similar to those for the state officers.

ARTICLE IV Standing Committees

The standing committees of this organization shall be Executive Membership, Future Plans, Ceremonial, Resolutions, Auditing, Budget, and Nominating. These committees shall be appointed annually by the Big Chief, except when otherwise stated in the Bylaws.

Section 1 — Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of eight members: Big Chief, Lesser Chief,

Recording Scribe, Corresponding Scribe, Scout, Medicine Man, retiring Big Chief, and one person from the State 4-H Department to be named by the Director, 4-H. It shall be the duty of this committee to:

1. Conduct the executive and financial business of the Chapter.
2. Consider amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws proposed by the Future Plans Committee and make recommendations concerning them to the Chapter.
3. Investigate and conduct all cases concerning disciplinary action and resignation.
4. Hold a meeting when necessary to transact and carry out the authorized business of the organization.
5. Meet regularly when called by the Big Chief or upon written request of at least four members of the committee.

Section 2 — Membership Committee

- A. The unit Membership Committee shall be composed of all interested All Stars tapped from or living within the unit and Extension Agents working with the 4-H program. The duty of the All Stars present shall be to consider the candidates and to determine which candidates shall be nominated and submitted to the district Membership Committee.
- B. The district Membership Committee shall be composed of the district officers and the District Extension Leader, 4-H. The duties of this committee shall be to receive, review, organize and submit the qualified nominees to the state Membership Committee.
- C. The state Membership Committee shall be composed of three or more members. The primary duty of this committee shall be to receive the qualified nominees submitted by the district Membership Committee, and make available a list of the qualified nominees to the state Chapter no later than the first session of the meeting at which the membership vote is to be taken. It shall also make recommendations to the Future Plans Committee concerning nomination and tapping procedures.

Section 3 — Future Plans Committee

The Future Plans Committee shall be composed of seven or more members and shall include the Big Chief and two advisors. The duties of this committee shall be to:

1. Make recommendations concerning the plans and policies of the organization.

2. Formulate and refer to the Executive Committee such amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws as it deems necessary.

Section 4 — Ceremonial Committee

The Ceremonial Committee shall be composed of three or more members and shall include the Scout. It shall be the duty of this committee to make all arrangements for the Consecration Ceremony.

Section 5 — Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of three or more members. The Corresponding Scribe shall be the chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to see that proper resolutions are made and that memorial cards are sent to families of those recognized at the Memorial Service.

Section 6 — Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall be composed of three or more members. It shall be the duty of this committee to review the books of the Medicine Man annually and submit a report to the membership.

Section 7 — Budget Committee

The Budget Committee shall be composed of three or more members. The Medicine Man shall be the chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to submit a budget to the Executive Committee.

Section 8 — Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of five or more members. The duty of this committee shall be to present a slate of nominees for officers to the membership.

ARTICLE V Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected at the summer meeting. No more than two officers may be employees of the Extension Division at the time of election.

ARTICLE VI Disciplinary Action and Resignation

Section 1 - Disciplinary Action

The State Chapter shall have the right to discipline members for conduct inconsistent with

the qualities for membership or the purpose of this organization.

All charges must be brought by a fellow All Star and must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee. Said committee shall examine the charges and determine if there is sufficient substance to the charges to warrant further action. Should further action be warranted, the Executive Committee may pursue one of the following courses of action:

1. A letter of reprimand may be sent to the All Star in question, who may then respond.
2. The All Star may be suspended for a maximum of one (1) year. Prior to the end of the suspension period, the member will be notified that in order to be reinstated, said member must make written request to the Executive Committee for reinstatement.
3. Charges may be referred to the Chapter for a vote on expulsion. A nine-tenths vote of the membership present at the next duly convened business meeting is necessary for a member to be expelled.

Prior to suspension or expulsion proceedings, the member in question must be notified in writing of the charges. The member has 30 days from receipt of charges to request to be heard by the Executive Committee. The member and/or his counsel will then be heard at a mutually agreed upon time and place, time not to exceed a period of 90 days from receipt of the member's request.

Section 2 — Resignation

Any member desiring to voluntarily resign may do so by written request to the Executive Committee. Any dues paid are forfeited upon resignation.

ARTICLE VII Quorum

Thirty-five members in good standing present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order, (latest edition) shall be followed in conducting all business of the organization except where specifically stated otherwise in the Constitution or Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX Amendment

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a three-fourths vote of the members in attendance, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been reviewed by the Future Plans Committee and the Executive Committee,

and discussed at a previous session of a meeting. Each member in attendance at the previous session shall have received a written copy of the proposed amendment at least twenty-four hours in advance of the time the vote is to be taken.

TOGETHER WE SERVE

To become an All Star is a noble incentive and a goal few attain. Those who reach that high achievement have the dichotomous distinction of being honored while being invited to serve. Four-H All Stars are a source of capable teen and adult leadership who can expand 4-H into every neighborhood of the state.

Service is the motto of 4-H All Stars. Those who qualify for membership as stated in this constitution will seek out opportunities to help expand 4-H. As extension efforts grow to involve the public in program determination to a greater degree, 4-H All Stars can be a vital force in helping plan, conduct, and evaluate 4-H programs.

We are proud of the 4-H All Stars. Many of those who were tapped several years ago continue to provide unselfish, effective service to 4-H through a variety of leadership roles. There appears to be a growing eagerness among those recently tapped to become active in seeking out areas of service important to the betterment of mankind.

All Stars, collectively and individually, are invited to take part in 4-H educational programs whether as teachers or learners. Success in helping others makes us more capable, competent citizens. May we strive for deeper understanding, patience, dedication, and unselfish service.

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