

# **Medina County 4-H**

# County Council Executive Committee Standard Operating Procedures Manual



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The Ohio 4-H Officer's Record Books and additional resources are available at **ohio4h.org/officerresources**.

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### **Standard Operating Procedures for President**

**Purpose**: To identify what is expected for the President in each of Medina County's Councils and Committees to elaborate on the position as indicated in the Council Constitution.

Scope: Ensures orderly and efficient meetings and that the Council constitution is upheld.

#### **Procedure steps:**

- 1. Program year preparation
  - a. Attend annual officers training.
  - b. Lead the executive committee in preparing the business meeting calendar to be submitted to OSU Extension.
  - c. Assist Treasurer in preparing the annual budget.
- 2. Meeting preparation
  - a. Utilize executive committee and Council Business Calendar to create meeting agendas.
  - b. E-mail agenda at least two weeks prior to each general meting to the Extension office to be posted online.
  - c. Be aware of executive absences. Appoint a secretary if the secretary will be absent.
- 3. Preside over Meetings
  - a. Conduct meetings using parliamentary procedure.
  - b. Begin and end meetings on time.
  - c. Maintain order and control during meetings. Be courteous, but firm.
  - d. Guide the meeting in a tactful, courteous way. Avoid voicing personal opinions on motions under discussion.
  - e. Appoint committees as needed and define the responsibilities of the committees.
  - f. Encourage participation of all members, delegate responsibilities to make sure everyone gets to serve on a committee.
  - g. Be courteous to guests, introduce them to the membership.
  - h. Cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

#### 4. Communication:

- a. Clear and timely communication with your executive committee regarding executive meetings.
- b. Ensure the vice president is communicating with committee chairs in a clear and timely manner
- c. Ensure the secretary is communicating meeting reminders with the membership in a clear and timely manner.
- 5. When your term is completed, turn your gavel over to the new President.

# 4-H Council Meeting Calendar Guide

Month	Business Meeting	Committee Meetings/Special Activities
Jan.	<ul> <li>Approval budget drafted by officers</li> <li>Discuss fundraisers</li> <li>Discuss donation to Endowment Dinner</li> <li>Sign up for committees</li> </ul>	Committees submit dates for program year activities
		Educational Program on Committees
Feb.		
		Educational Program/Clinic:
Mar.		
		Educational Program/Clinic:
Apr.		Educational Program/Clinic:
May		
June		Shows/Clinics/Practice:
		Shows/Clinics/Practice:
July		
		Shows/Clinics/Practice:
August		
		Shows/Clinics/Practice: Medina County Fair
Sept.	Finalize Award program details, send out invitations	Committee final reports due Constitution & By-laws committee meets

Oct.	Present proposed constitution & by-law changes Officer nominations	End of year Awards Program
Nov	Ratify constitution & by-laws Officer Elections Appoint committee chairs	Committees submit tentative dates for 2022 activities
Dec	County Council Officers training Business calendar/chart due to Extension office	

# Sample Agenda

# Medina County 4-H Council Meeting

	Date Location
1.	Call to Order - President
2.	Invocation/Pledges – President chooses 2-3 delegates; American pledge is ALWAYS 1 <sup>st</sup> !!
3.	Roll Call- Secretary a. Recognize guests/new members
4.	Secretary's Report -
5.	Treasurer's Report -
	Old Business (refer to new business from previous meeting)  a. b. c. d. e.  Committee Reports – Vice President
8.	New Business         a.         b.         c.         d.         e.
9.	Announcements a.
10.	Adjourn –
11.	. Program –

Date of Next meeting

### **Sample President Script for Council Meeting**

The following guide can be used for planning and leading your 4-H meeting. The terms/words to use for each part of the business meeting are listed in bold directly below each business meeting part. Keep this form for club records.

Agenda for (c	lub name)		meeting of (	date)
Pre-meeting /	Activities			
Meeting Pers	_		,	
Call to order	"This meeti	ng will now come to order.	,	
-	•	ge of Allegiance led by		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
4-H Pledge	<i>u</i>	will now l	ead us in the 4-H Pled	ge."
Roll Call	"The secret	ary will now call the roll."		
Introduction	of Visitors	"At this time would men	nbers please introduce	their guests."
Minutes from "The secretar		eting ad the minutes of the previ	ous meeting."	
(Wait a mome and the presi	ent.) <b>If not th</b> dent says, <b>"A</b>	e there any additions or correy stand approved as read. re there any further correct rections, the minutes stand	" If there are correctior ions to the minutes? (\	ns, they are made Wait a moment.)
	urther action.	y we have the treasurer's ro "Are there any questions r	•	-
Following the	report, the P	I the chair of the resident says. "Does any mo elow for proper method for	ember wish to present	
Old/Unfinishe	ed Business	"Is there any old/unfinis	hed business?" (Use or	ne or the other term.)
		w ready for new business. ( "Is there any other new bus	•	After items on the agenda

Announcements "Moving onto Announcements. As listed on the agenda..."
"Are there any other announcements?"

#### Adjournment

"Is there a motion for adjournment?" After the motion has been made the president says, "Is there a second?" After the second has been made the president says, "It has been moved and seconded that we adjourn. All in favor say 'aye', (pause for vote), all opposed 'nay'." The meeting is adjourned."

Program		
		 ·····
Recreation/Refreshments		

#### Steps in Making a Motion

If there is something the members need to decide during the business meeting, it requires a motion, a second, open discussion, and a vote. The following steps are used to "entertain a motion" and to decide if club members are in favor of the item of business brought before the club.

The proper way to move a motion is to say, "I move," not "I motion." When an item of business is brought up for discussion these steps are used:

- 1. President says, "Is there a motion to \_\_\_\_\_?"
- 2. A member says, "I move \_\_\_\_\_\_."
- 3. President says, "Is there a second to the motion?"
- 4. A different member says, "I second the motion." If no second is made the motion dies and no further action is taken. If the motion is seconded, move on to step 5.
- 5. President says, "It has been moved and seconded to \_\_\_\_\_\_. Is there any discussion?"
- 6. President allows discussion on the motion.
- 7. When the discussion ends, the president says, "It has been properly moved and seconded that we (President states the motion or has the secretary read the motion). All in favor say 'aye.' (Pause for vote), All opposed say 'nay'."
- 8. President says, "Motion passes." or "Motion fails."

NOTE: The following tool helps keep order when a member seeks the floor to make a motion or discuss business. No one should speak unless recognized by the chair and given the floor. When a person wishes to speak the president says, "The chair recognizes (name of speaker) and (name of speaker) has the floor."

#### **Use of the Gavel**

- Call the meeting to order (two raps)
- stand for the pledges (three taps)
- to be seated after the pledges (one rap)
- follow the announcement of the result of a motion (one rap),
- adjourn the meeting (one rap)
- return the meeting to order (a series of sharp taps)

### **Standard Operating Procedures for Vice President**

**Purpose**: To identify what is expected for the Vice President in each of Medina County's Councils and Committees to elaborate on the position as indicated in the Council Constitution.

**Scope**: Ensures the educational program of the Council is well-rounded.

#### **Procedure steps:**

- 1. Program year preparation
  - a. Attend annual officers training.
  - Assist President in preparing the business meeting calendar to be submitted to OSU Extension.
  - c. Assist Treasurer in preparing the annual budget.
- 2. Meeting preparation
  - a. Assist President to create meeting agendas.
  - b. Ensure all committee chairs are prepared to provide timely updates at general meetings.
  - c. Be prepared to preside over the meeting in the absence of the President.
- 3. Provide guidance to committees
  - a. Chair of the Program/Education committee.
  - b. Assure all members receive a complete council calendar.
  - c. Work with all standing committees.
  - d. Work with all special committees.
  - e. Assure the Council has a well-rounded program, including social, service, and educational opportunities.
  - f. Check with those providing a program to see if they are ready or need any help.
  - g. Ensure that a program or presenter is properly introduced and thanked.
- 4. Communication:
  - a. Clear and timely communication with your committee chairs.
  - b. Clear and timely communication with the President and the Executive committee.
- 5. When your term is completed, turn your committee lists over to the new Vice President.

## **Sample Committee List**

When a committee is formed, write the names of the committee and its members here.

Chairperson:	Committee:
Chairperson:	Chairperson:
Committee:	Chairperson:
Chairperson:	Chairperson:

# **Committee Planning Sheet**

Make copies of this page. Fill out a planning sheet each time a committee is named.					
Name of committee:					
Date appointed: Given the power to act? (Circle one): yes no					
Date reported back to club:					
Committee meetings (include date, time, and location)					
Chairperson's name and phone number:					
Committee members' names and phone numbers:					
Adult advisor's name and phone number:					
Purpose of the committee:					
Specific duties of the committee:					
Decisions made, details worked out, or information discovered for the committee to report back to the					
club:					

# **Committee Summary Sheet**

Decision made by the club:	Make copies of this page. Fill out summary sheet each time a committee completes a task.						
Date reported back to club: Chairperson: Adult advisor: Committee members:  Items presented to the club:  Decision made by the club:	Name of committee:						
Chairperson:Adult advisor: Committee members:  Items presented to the club:  Decision made by the club:	Date appointed:	Given the power to act? (Circle one): yes no					
Committee members:  Items presented to the club:  Decision made by the club:	Date reported back to club:						
Items presented to the club:  Decision made by the club:	Chairperson:	Adult advisor:					
Decision made by the club:	Committee members:						
Decision made by the club:  What the committee could have done better:							
	Items presented to the club:						
	Decision made by the club:						
What the committee could have done better:							
	What the committee could have done	better:					

### **Standard Operating Procedures for Secretary**

**Purpose**: To identify what is expected for the Secretary in each of Medina County's Councils and Committees to elaborate on the position as indicated in the Council Constitution.

**Scope**: Fosters communication and ensuring proper management and use of important organizational records.

#### **Procedure steps:**

- 1. Program year preparation
  - a. Attend annual officers training.
  - b. Assist President in preparing the business meeting calendar to be submitted to OSU Extension.
  - c. Assist Treasurer in preparing the annual budget.

#### 2. Communication:

- a. Secretary is responsible for scheduling and emailing reminders to members.
- b. Read correspondence directed to the Council/Committee.
- c. Write any correspondence as is necessary on behalf of Council/Committee.

#### 3. Record Keeping

- a. Keep an accurate record of proceedings of all meetings and special events/activities.
- b. Keep track of the membership attendance by calling the Role.
- c. Member information Maintain a list of names and necessary contact information.
- d. Officers
- e. Committee members
- f. Maintain a current copy of the council/committee's constitution and by-laws.
- g. Completing the meeting minutes and signing them prior to the next meeting. President signs after the approval of the minutes.
  - i. Include committee and/or officer reports
  - ii. Record all Motions and voting and state whether the motion passes or fails this includes activities and financial decisions
  - iii. Recording the Treasurer's Report. The Secretary Minutes will state the beginning balance and ending balance of the Treasurer's Report. Secretary shall place a (\*) after the Treasurer's Report and state "see the Treasurer's written report for more detail".
  - iv. The Secretary will be responsible for keeping a copy of the Treasurer's written report with the Minutes for each meeting.
  - v. Providing a copy of the Minutes to the OSU Extension Office to be posted.
- h. If called for a county audit, turn in your documentation in an orderly manner (Secretary's Book).

#### 4. Meeting preparation:

- a. Assist the President in preparation of the agenda by providing a copy of the minutes.
- b. Be prepared to preside over the meeting in the absence of the President and Vice President or appoint an individual to take minutes.

- c. Be prepared to assist the President during the meeting by restating the motion as it is presented and recorded in the minutes.
- d. Be prepared to advise the president on matters of business to be taken up. Help start and stop on time.
- 5. When your term is completed, turn all your records over to the new Secretary.

# Sample Year \_\_\_\_\_ Council Roll

Name of Member	Date	Phone #									
1.											
2.											
3.											
4.											
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# **Sample List of Advisors and Officers**

# Officers

Name of Advisor	Leadership Area	Phone #	Email

### Members

Member Name	Office Held	Phone #	Email

## **Sample List of Committees**

When a committee is formed, write the names of the committee and the names of the members appointed to the committee. List both standing and special committees.

Committee:	Committee:
Chairperson:	Chairperson:
Date formed Date completed	Date formed Date completed
Date tollifeted	Bate formed
Committee:	Committee:
Chairperson:	Chairperson:
Date formed Date completed	Date formed Date completed
Committee:	Committee:
Chairperson:	Chairperson:
Date formed Date completed	Date formed Date completed
Committee:	Committee:
Chairperson:	Chairperson:
Data formed Data somewhated	Data formed
Date formed Date completed	Date formed Date completed

# **Sample Meeting Notes Worksheet**

	keep notes for wr	iting the minutes after the m	neeting.	
A. Opening	by			
Pleage of Allegiance	υу			
4-H Fleuge by Roll call was	<del> </del>			answered by:
		Number of Parents		
Mellibers	Auvisors	Nulliber of Faterits	duests a	itteriumg.
B: Officer Reports				
Minutes of last meet	ting approved as (	circle one): read corrected		
Correspondence:				
Treasurer Report:				
Other Officers				
Reporter:		<del></del>	<del> </del>	
Historian:				
Other:				
Leaders:				
C. Committee Repoi	rts			
Committee:			by:	
motion				pass/fail
D. Unfinished/Old B	susiness			
E. New Business				15
		Seco		
	moved to	Seco	onded by	pass/fai
	moved to	Seco	onded by	pass/faipass/fai
	moved to	Seco	onded by	pass/fai
•	•	reminders, upcoming activi	•	
<b>I. Refreshments</b> pro	vided by:			
J. Next meeting will	be held on			

# **Sample Minutes Report Form**

Location: Date: Time:	
Number Present: Members_Advisors Parents_Guests Total Present Write your minutes in the space below or type them on your computer and attach a copy.	3
Secretary's Signature  President's Signature	

### **Standard Operating Procedures for Treasurer**

**Purpose**: To identify what is expected for the Treasurer in each of Medina County's Councils and Committees to elaborate on the position as indicated in the Council Constitution.

**Scope**: All Financial Records, including but not limited to bank statements and bank receipts, ledger, receipt book, and receipts from purchases.

#### **Procedure steps:**

- 1. Program year preparation
  - a. Attend annual officers training.
  - b. Assist President in preparing the business meeting calendar to be submitted to OSU Extension.
  - c. Lead the executive committee in preparing the annual budget to be presented to the council/committee to vote and approve. This is to be done at the beginning of the fiscal year.
- 2. Set up bank account, if not using an ongoing account.
  - a. Be sure that there are at least two signors on the bank account. Signors should not be related nor should they live in the same household. Signors should be members of the Executive committee. Note: The signors may need to redo bank paperwork yearly.
  - b. Bank Statements of councils and committees should be sent to the OSU Extension Office, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria, Ohio 44035. A copy will be kept in the office, and the original provided to the Treasurer prior to monthly meeting. If the account is paperless, then the office must have electronic access (view only access) to this account.
- 3. Treasurer will hold the checkbook and the ledger.
  - a. Ledger to be used is from the forms list that is attached to this SOP.
  - b. Checks and deposits must be entered immediately into the Ledger in chronological order. A running total is also to be kept in the ledger.
  - c. Bills are to be paid promptly after presented to the Council/Committee and approved by a vote. This must also be documented by the Secretary in the Meeting Minutes.
  - d. Bills and expenses are to be paid by check and have paperwork for all bills paid.
  - e. If a bill is presented for reimbursement it must be submitted with a completed Reimbursement Request at the business meeting.
  - f. Any money collected must be receipted using the receipt book.
  - g. If dues are collected, they must be receipted along with an accurate record of dues paid.
  - h. Money collected at shows/fund raisers must have a minimum of two individuals count the money, document the cash and checks on the Cash Count Worksheet, and then sign the form which is to be put with the Treasurer's records and should match the bank deposit slip.
  - i. Any money collected must be deposited into the bank within a week. There is to be no cash held for operations.
- 4. Meeting preparation

- a. Each month the Treasurer will reconcile the bank statement to the ledger prior to the monthly meeting.
- b. Each month the Treasurer will provide a written Treasurer's Report to the council/committee and to the Secretary to add to the Secretary's Minutes. This can be done using a computer form or using the form on the forms list that is attached to this SOP. For County level groups a copy must be emailed to OSU Extension Office.
- c. The report should include all transactions since the Treasury Report. (Include all receipts turned in and any bills paid since the Treasurer's Report was given at the last meeting.)

#### 5. Record Keeping:

- a. Keep the documentation in an orderly file and present to the internal audit committee each year prior to the end of the fiscal year.
- b. After the internal audit is completed, prepare the Year End Summary to turn into the Extension Office prior to January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- c. If called for a county audit, turn in your documentation in an orderly manner along with the Secretary's Minutes.
- 6. When your term is completed, turn all your records over to the new Treasurer.

# **Sample Budget Template**

BUDGET	(County) 4-H Council Budget( Year)			
Template:				
		Budget	Actual Expense	Budget
		(Last year )	(Last year)	(Current Year)
Beginning Bal	ance (Date)			
INCOME				
Fund Rais	er			
1.				
2.				
3.				
Donations	5			
Other Inco	ome			
Total Income				
EXPENSE				
Committe	ee Activities			
1.				
2.				
3.				
Voluntee	r Support			
Insurance	2			
Member	Event Scholarships			
Postage				
Expense	for Fund Raisers			
1.				
2.				
3.				
Accident I	nsurance for Clubs			
Special Pr	ojects			
1.				
2.				
3.				
Royalty A	wards			
Support of	Ohio 4-H Events			
Total Expenses				
Anticipated Ca				

# **Sample Record of Finances**

Council Name	Year
The financial record allows you to keep your club tre	easury records up to date. Begin the record sheet
with the ending balance from last year's treasurer's	manual. Record <b>every</b> transaction on this record
sheet and keep a running balance of money in the c	lub treasury.

Date	Money Received—Name and Purpose Payments Made—Name and Purpose	Check Number	Money Received (+)	Payments Made (-)	Balance
	Balance at the beginning of the year	X	X	X	
	Balance at the end of the year	X			

### **Sample Treasurer Report**

The Treasurer's Report informs members of the club's financial activity since the last meeting. Complete the Treasurer's Report and present it to the club for each meeting.

4-H Council Name		Date		
		Date of previous meeting: om previous meeting)		
2. Money red	eived:			
•		for what purpose_		
		for what purpose		
		for what purpose		
\$	from	for what purpose		
		for what purpose		
\$	total amount of money	y received.		
3. Payments				
		for what purpose		
		for what purpose		
		for what purpose		
		for what purpose		
		for what purpose		
\$ <u></u>	total amount of payme	ents made.		
4. State the e	ending balance: \$			
5. Submitted	by:			
	<u> </u>			

# **Reimbursement Request Form**

Name:	Attach receipt here
Date of Purchase:	
Amount of Purchase:	
Reason for Purchase:	
List of Items Purchased:	
For Treasurers' Use ONLY	
Date Submitted:	
Date Approved:	
Date of Reimbursement:	

### **Start-up Cash Request Form**

Complete one form per cash box			
Name of person requesting	Phone		
Event	Total Amount Requested		
Date Submitted	Date Needed		
Approved by (Exec Board)	Date		
Approved By (Exec Board	Date		
Verified by Event Volunteer	Date		

For Treasurers' Use ONLY Category \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ Logged \_\_\_\_\_

### **Cash Count Form**

This form is to be used for any events or fundraiser receiving cash. This form must be completed by two approved 4-H volunteers at the end of an event.

Event					
Date					
Coins					
Pennies		@ \$0.01 =	\$		
Nickels		@ \$0.05 =	\$		
Dimes		@ \$0.10 =	\$		
Quarters		@ \$0.25 =	\$		
\$.50 Piece		@ \$0.50 =	\$		
\$1.00 Piece		@ \$1.00 =	\$	Total Coin	\$
					<u> </u>
Currency (Bills)					
Ones		@ \$1.00 =	\$		
Twos		@ \$2.00 =	\$		
Fives		@ \$5.00 =	\$		
Twenties		@ \$20.00 =	\$		
Fifties		@ \$50.00 =	\$		
Hundreds		@ \$100.00 =	\$	Total Currency	\$
				Total Cash	
	1	1	1	1	<u> </u>
Counter #1			Counter #2		
	Print Name			Print Name	
	Signature		-	Signature	
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### **Committee Activity Finance Report**

This form is to be turned in at the end of an approved committee activity that utilized funds. All supporting financial documents including invoices and receipts should be attached.

Event				
Date				
Income (N	lame & Check #)	Amount	Expense (Name & Check #)	Amount

Total Income: Total Expenses:

**Ending Balance:** 

# **Financial Review Report**

Da	te financial review conducted:		
Fir	nancial Review Committee Checklist:		
	Council budget	П	Bank statements
	Receipts for all income		Record of Council Finances
	Check register		Secretary's minutes
	Bills for all expenses		Yearly Financial Summary
Th —	e Financial Review Committee found the fol	lowing cond	litions in the club's financial records:
Th	e Financial Review Committee makes the fo	llowing reco	ommendations:
	he Financial Review Committee must report the secretary's minutes. Date report given.		club meeting and have the report recorded
Fi	nancial Review Committee members:		
	Printed Names		Signatures
_			