

**2016 - 2017**

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**SPRING  
TRI-CLUB**

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**BYLAWS**

*It is the policy of Spring ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its Career and Technical Education programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.*

# SPRING TRI-CLUB BYLAWS

## Article I. Name and Purpose

- Section A. The name of this organization shall be "*Spring Tri-Club.*"
- Section B. The name of our show will be the "*Spring Livestock Show and Fair.*"
- Section C. Spring Tri-Club is a non-profit organization.
- Section D. The objectives and purposes of this organization shall be:
1. To encourage youth to become better students in the development of skills in practical agricultural and homemaking projects through personal achievement.
  2. To make better citizens and leaders for the community, state and nation through competitive achievement.

## Article II. Membership

- Section A. Membership in this organization shall be open to any person showing an interest in members of FFA, FCCLA or 4-H and who agree to abide by the Spring Tri-Club Bylaws, and General Rules of the organization.
- Section B. To be a voting member, a person must be a member in good standing. A member in good standing is defined as a person who has paid their annual dues in full the month prior to the Spring Livestock Show.

## Article III. Officers and Directors

- Section A. Officers
1. The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

2. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
  - a. The **President** shall be a permanent position occupied by an elected member. The President shall be an ex-official of all committees. He/she shall preside over meetings and perform other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the executive board and/or the Spring Tri-Club membership. He/she shall vote only in the event of a tie.
  - b. The **Vice-President** shall be a permanent position occupied by an elected member. He/she shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President and perform other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President, Executive Board, and/or the Spring Tri-Club membership.
  - c. The **Secretary** shall be a permanent position occupied by an elected member. He/she shall keep an accurate record of minutes of all scheduled meetings, special called meeting and Executive Board meetings. The Secretary's minutes shall be submitted and read at each scheduled meeting. In the event of the Secretary's absence, the President shall designate a Secretary pro-tem.
  - d. The **Treasurer** shall be a permanent position occupied by an elected member. He/she shall keep an accurate record of all income and expenses and pay all expenditures as they become due in a timely manner. A Treasurer's report shall be submitted at each scheduled Spring Tri-Club meeting. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report for the Spring Tri-Club annual show at the organizational meeting in May. The Treasurer shall certify the organizational meeting in May. The tenure of office of the Treasurer shall be a maximum of three (3) consecutive years.
3. The tenure of office for all elected officers, except the Treasurer, shall be one year, beginning on June 1<sup>st</sup> and ending May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Section B. Tri-Club Directors

1. The Tri-Club directors shall consist of twelve (12) members, six (6) elected from the Spring Tri-Club membership and one (1) from each of the six (6) organizations:

DEKANEY FFA	SPRING FFA
WESTFIELD FFA	WUNSCHE FFA
SPRING 4-H	SPRING FCCLA

2. The directors elected from Spring Tri-Club membership shall be designated as directors at large; one (1) through six (6) and the directors elected from the various organizations shall be designated as organizational directors.
3. The term of office for the six (6) directors at large shall be for two (2) years, beginning on June 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. Directors one (1), three (3) and five (5) shall be elected in years in odd numbers. Directors two (2), four (4) and six (6) shall be elected in years ending in even numbers.
5. The six organizational directors will be elected at the discretion of their respective organizations.

Section C. Should any officer or director at large be unable to complete their term of office (or become ineligible) the executive board shall appoint a replacement to serve the unexpired term. Should any of the six (6) organizational directors be unable to complete their term of office (or become ineligible) a replacement shall be appointed by that respected club to serve the unexpired term.

Section D. All officer positions and director at large positions shall not be allowed to remain vacant for a period greater than 45 days.

Section E. Organizational director positions that remain vacant after the November meeting shall be eliminated for the remainder of the Spring Tri-Club year.

Section F. An officer, director at large or organizational director, will become ineligible if he/she misses three (3) consecutive meetings.

Section G. All officers and directors must be members in good standing of Spring Tri-Club. (See Article II. Membership, Section B)

Section H. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the president for the purpose of presenting a slate of candidates for the officers and directors at large election. The nominating committee shall present its slate of candidates at the April meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor by the membership at the April meeting. In order to be nominated for an officer or board of directors position, a person must have attended three (3) or more scheduled meetings, and be a member in good standing at the time of the nomination.

Section I. The election of the Tri-Club officers and directors at large shall be accomplished at the organizational meeting in May of each year.

## **Article IV. Executive Board**

Section A. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the Tri-Club Officers, Directors at Large, and Organizational Directors.

Section B. The Executive Board shall meet as needed (decided by the officers) to discuss proposals and recommendations to be presented to the general membership for the benefit of the Spring Tri-Club.

Section C. Minutes will be kept of all meetings held by the Executive Board and shall be reported at the next scheduled Spring Tri-Club meeting. Failure to do so will result in all decisions and/or recommendations made by the Executive Board becoming null and void.

Section D. Before any action may be taken by the Executive Board, a quorum of one more than majority of the Board members must be present.

Section E. All FFA and FCCLA Advisors, and 4-H Club Managers shall be considered as advisors to the Executive Board.

## **Article V. Meetings**

- Section A. There shall be a minimum of seven (7) scheduled meeting during each school year with any special meetings, or Executive Board meetings being called by the President as needed.
- Section B. The May meeting shall be designated as the organizational meeting. To vote at the organizational meeting, a person must have attended three (3) or more scheduled meetings, and be a member in good standing. (Article II Membership, Section B)

## **Article VI. Expenditures**

- Section A. All expenditures of Spring Tri-Club must be approved by the Executive Board and/or the Spring Tri-Club membership.
- Section B. The President shall have the authority to spend up to \$200.00 in an emergency with the approval of three Executive Board members. Any such expenditure shall be reported at the next scheduled Spring Tri-Club meeting.

## **Article VII. Committees**

- Section A. The President shall have the authority to appoint committees. All committee appointments shall be approved at scheduled Spring Tri-Club meetings by the membership and/or the Executive Board.
- Section B. There shall be standing committees in the Spring Tri-Club organization. These committees shall include the Bylaws and Rules Committee, the Livestock Committee, and the Buyers Committee.
- Section C. All committees shall report their activities at each scheduled Spring Tri-Club meeting.

## **Article VIII. Additions and/or Changes**

Section A. The President shall appoint a Bylaws and Rules Committee to review all proposed additions and/or changes to the Bylaws and/or general rules of Spring Tri-Club.

1. All proposed additions and/or changes to the Bylaws and/or general rules shall be submitted in writing to the Bylaws and Rules Committee no later than the second Monday in April.
2. The Bylaws and Rules committee shall review all proposed additions and/or changes and submit them in writing to the Spring Tri-Club membership at the May meeting. All proposed additions and/or changes to the Bylaws and/or General Rules shall be voted on at the organizational meeting in May.
3. All proposed additions and/or changes to the Bylaws and General Rules shall be voted on every year, unless authorized by State, Country or School to make changes and/or additions to the Bylaws and/or General Rules.
4. The individual who submits a proposed change to the Bylaws, Rules or Operating Procedures and Guidelines may have the opportunity to amend the proposed change during discussion and before voting.

Section B. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present is required to pass any proposed additions and/or changes to the Bylaws and/or General Rules.

Section C. All proposed additions and/or changes to the Operating Procedures and Guidelines must be approved at two scheduled meeting of Spring Tri-Club by a majority vote of the membership.

## **Article IX. Scholarships**

Section A. Spring Tri-Club shall award annual scholarships in an amount to be determined by the Scholarship Committee (based on the amount of money available, and the number of scholarships to be awarded).

1. At no time shall scholarships be less than \$500.
2. Each scholarship will be awarded in two equal payments, one payment per semester of the recipient's freshman year.

Section B. The Scholarship Committee's recommendations shall be voted on at the organizational meeting in May by the Spring Tri-Club membership.

Section C. Spring Tri-Club and/or its Executive Board, reserves the right to final interpretation of all rules and regulations and shall arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regards to or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Spring Livestock Show and Fair.

## **Article X. Supervision and Responsibility**

Section A. The Spring Tri-Club shall operate in accordance with the policies, guidelines and rules of the Spring Independent School District.

Section B. The Spring Independent School District and its officials and Spring Tri-Club and its officials, shall not be held responsible for accidents or personal losses occurring under any activities pertaining to Spring Tri-Club and/or Spring Livestock Show and Fair.

## **Article XI. Miscellaneous**

Section A. Spring Tri-Club and/or the Executive Board reserves the right to establish general rules for the operation of the Spring Livestock Show and Fair.

Section B. Spring Tri-Club and/or the Executive Board, reserves the right to establish operating procedures and Guidelines for the Spring Livestock Show and Fair.

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Section D. The Spring Tri-Club year shall begin on June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and end on May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

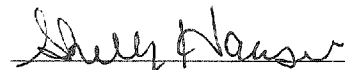
Section E. Annual dues shall be set by the Spring Tri-Club membership and/or Executive Board at the Beginning of each school year at a regularly scheduled meeting.

## Article XII. Adoption of Bylaws

These Bylaws of Spring Tri-Club were read, discussed and accepted by the membership at the May 9, 2016 meeting.



President  
Marsha Cook  
6/01/15 - 5/31/16



Secretary  
Shelly Harrison  
6/01/15 - 5/31/16