

# Maypearl FFA Booster Club Bylaws

## Article I – Name

The Name of the organization is **Maypearl FFA Booster Club, Inc.**

## Article II – Purpose

**Section 1** - The purpose of the organization is to support, encourage, and motivate the Maypearl FFA Booster members. The organization will distribute money, raised or donated, to the Maypearl FFA Booster members and provide scholarships for active Maypearl FFA seniors (members).

**Section 2** – The organization will be a non-profit organization under the Texas Non Profit Corporation Act.

**Section 3** – The Corporation shall be authorized as set forth in its Certificate of Formation to accept gifts of money and property, both real and personal, and do all acts authorized by law to carry out its purpose.

**Section 4** – The Corporation shall not have, or issue, shares of stock and members of the Corporation shall not be liable for corporate obligations.

**Section 5** – The initial Board of Directors named in the Certificate of Formation has held its organizational meeting at the call of most of the incorporators for the purpose of adopting bylaws and electing officers. At least three (3) days' notice of the time and place of the organizational meeting was given to each of the initial directors. The board of Directors finds these bylaws to best serve the purposes of the corporation until and unless amended in the manner provided by the bylaws.

## Article II – Membership

**Section 1** – Membership of the organization shall consist of a Board of directors and such other persons who voluntarily agree to be members. These will be people who are interested in fostering and promoting the function of the organization, who show a continuing interest in the organization, who contribute to the organization, and who are approved by the board of Directors.

**Section 2** – Application for membership shall be made in person or in writing to the

Board of Directors at a regular meeting thereof.

**Section 3** – Membership may be voluntarily terminated by a request of the member made in person or writing to the Board of directors at a regular meeting thereof. Membership may also be terminated by majority vote of a quorum of the membership at a regular or special meeting of the membership if written notice of the proposed termination is given to the member with the notice of the meeting and the member shows a lack of continuing interest in and contribution to the organization. Membership fee will be forfeited by member if terminated or withdraws membership.

**Section 4** – An official membership roster shall be kept current and shall be available at each meeting of the membership.

**Section 5** – An annual meeting of the membership of the organization shall be held at the beginning of the school year.

**Section 6** – Special meeting of the membership may be called by the Board of directors or a majority of the membership.

**Section 7** – Notice of annual meeting or special meeting of the membership will be in written/text notice stating the place, date, and time of the annual or special meeting.

**Section 8** – Ten members in good standing, represented in person, shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 9** – Each member, including the directors, shall be entitled to one vote for each position to be filled on the Board of Directors, and can be collected electronically. Each member, including the directors, shall be entitled to one vote for all other matters submitted to the membership by the Board of Directors, and votes must be collected in person. A majority of the votes by the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the adoption of a matter voted on by the members.

**Section 10** – Annual membership fee of \$25 per family is due upon application for membership. Membership applications and fees are due no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>. Membership to the Maypearl FFA Booster club, Inc. enables each family a voting voice and to benefit from fundraisers and donations from the Maypearl FFA Booster club. Exception for late membership would be only if member moves into district after October 1st.

## **Article IV – Management**

**Section 1** – The order of business shall be managed by a board of at least seven (7)

directors.

**Section 2** – Maypearl FFA Booster club Board of Directors will be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the membership at annual meetings of the membership, or through an electronic voting poll. Each member will be entitled to cast one vote for each position to be filled. The board elected will serve for two years. Directors may be elected to serve consecutive terms. Positions will be elected within the Board of Directors after election results are announced. A Board of Director must have served on the Maypearl FFA Booster Board at least 1 year prior to serving in the President position.

**Section 3** – The organization will hold regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. The time and day of these meetings can be changed with 3 days' notice. Meetings will be held at the Maypearl FFA building unless an alternate meeting place has been deemed necessary and will be communicated with 3 days' notice.

**Section 4** – Special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by a board member whenever deemed necessary for the competent management of the organization.

**Section 5** – A majority of the number of directors fixed by the bylaws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 6** – Each director shall be entitled to one vote in matters coming before the board of Directors. Proxy votes shall not be allowed. A majority of the votes cast by the directors shall be the action of the board of directors.

**Section 7** – Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office for unexcused absences from three meetings or for other causes by a majority vote of the total membership as opposed to a majority vote of a quorum thereof. Written notice of the proposed removal and the cause thereof must be given to such director at least ten days prior to the date of the regular or special meeting at which such removal will be voted upon.

**Section 7a** - Any Board of Directors that is found to have committed/participated in unethical or unlawful practices at a Maypearl Booster Club event or other function such as; stock show, fundraiser, or other school events that would damage the integrity of the Booster Club will be asked to step down by the Board of Directors. If the board member refuses to step down voluntarily, then the Board of Directors will vote and the majority vote of the board of directors will be the final decision. In these extreme circumstances no advanced notice will be given to the board member in question.

**Section 8** – Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of the death, resignation or removal of a director shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Such appointee shall serve during the unexpired term of the director whose position has become vacant.

**Section 9** – The Board of directors shall have the power to decide matters not otherwise entrusted to the membership by these bylaws and shall endeavor to solicit view from and provide information to the membership relative to issues and decisions.

**Section 10** – No member of the board of Directors shall be compensated for his/her service as a board member of the corporation.

**Section 11** – Purchases of materials or services from a member of the Board of directors must be on a competitive basis and at the best possible price, taking into consideration of the quality of the goods or services purchased. No loans shall be made by the organization to its directors.

## **Article V – Miscellaneous**

**Section 1** – These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the board of Directors or of the total membership, as opposed to a majority vote of a quorum thereof, at a regular or special meeting thereof.

**Section 2** – The Board of Directors will vote on approval of spending. No reimbursements for purchases will be made without an original receipt.

**Section 3** – Banking arrangements are made to require one signature on all checks.

**Section 4** – For an active Maypearl FFA student to receive funds from the Maypearl FFA Booster Club, they (family) must be an active member of the Maypearl FFA Booster Club, current school year. Maypearl FFA students must participate in Maypearl FFA Booster approved fundraisers in order to receive funds from Maypearl FFA Booster Club. For sponsorship consideration, applicants (family) must be active members of the Maypearl FFA Booster Club and fulfill the requirements of the Sponsorship Application. A senior must be an active Maypearl FFA student, an active Maypearl FFA Booster Club member (family), have a minimum of 20 hours or 50% of the volunteer hours (whichever is smaller) offered in the current school year from Maypearl FFA Booster Club events and complete the scholarship application and its requirements, to be considered for the Maypearl FFA Booster Club Scholarship\*If a parent chooses not to be a member of the Maypearl FFA Booster Club, an active Maypearl FFA senior may be considered if they have a minimum of 30 hours or 75% of the total offered volunteer hours (whichever is smaller) for the year from Maypearl FFA Booster Club events within the current school year and fulfill all other requirements of the scholarship application. \*\*A

Maypearl FFA Booster Club Event is defined as an Event or Activity that has been approved and

presented as a volunteer opportunity by the Maypearl FFA Booster Board. Active Maypearl FFA students must enter and show their project entry under Maypearl FFA at the Ellis County Youth Expo (not a Major Stock Show)(not under another club example: 4-H or another FFA Chapter) and be an active Maypearl FFA Booster member (family) to receive add-on funds at the Ellis County Youth Livestock Show (add-on entry categories: animal species, ag mechanic).

**Section 5** – In the event of dissolution of the corporation, no member shall be entitled to any distribution or division of all money and other property received by the corporation from any source, after the payment of all debts and obligations of the corporation, shall be used or distributed exclusively for the purposes within the intent of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the same now exists or as may be amended from time to time.

**Section 6** – All forms and documents including but not limited to: Fund Disbursement Structure, Teacher Purchase Order Request Form, SAE Grant Application Form, Scholarship Application Form, etc....shall be added at the beginning of each term year as addendums to this document. These forms and procedures shall be voted on and adopted by the board of directors at the start of each school term.