

SALINE STEER CLUB  
BY – LAWS

ARTICLE I

The name of this association shall be the Saline Steer Club.

ARTICLE II

A member must live within a 15 mile radius of the Washtenaw Farm Council grounds or be a student of Saline Area Schools at the time of the purchase of their animals. Any youth, who is 10 years of age or older as of January 1st, may be a member. The beginning of your senior year in high school will be the last steer(s) you purchase. A first-year member, regardless of age, has the option to have one or two steers. There shall be no dues.

ARTICLE III

The adult officers of the club shall consist of a Superintendent and Secretary / Treasurer. The Superintendent and Secretary / Treasurer shall have a 2-year term of office. The junior officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Historian. All the officers shall be elected at the “after fair” meeting by a majority vote of those members present. Any officer that does not follow the by-laws can be removed at any time by majority vote. **All members** (this includes junior and adult) must be present to vote.

ARTICLE IV

The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Club. The President shall also attend all meetings of the Saline Junior Livestock Association and represent the Saline Steer Club interests.

ARTICLE V

In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall have the same powers and duties of the President. In the absence of both, an adult officer shall be in charge.

ARTICLE VI

The Secretary / Treasurer shall maintain an accurate and up-to-date file on all member’s names, addresses, birthdates, all phone numbers and e-mail addresses. They will also keep a record of all proceedings of the club and handle all the correspondences and turning over to his / her successor in office, all books and papers belonging to the Club.

ARTICLE VII

The Superintendent shall attend all Saline Junior Livestock Association meetings on behalf of the Saline Steer Club. He / she shall be certain the Saline Steer Club has met all requirements of the Saline Fair Board.

The Secretary / Treasurer shall keep a debit and credit account of all money received and paid out by him / her for the club and gives a report of all amounts whenever called upon by the President at any meeting. The Secretary / Treasurer will also serve as chairman of the Buying Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The annual meeting shall be held in either January or February of each year.

#### ARTICLE IX

The Adult Officers will act in an advisory capacity with voting power available on all policy matters. They shall also check all steers at weigh-in. They also are responsible for checking the steers throughout the fair. In case of an emergency the animal emergency plan will be followed. If one steer needs to be re-weighed, then all steers are re-weighed – **IMMEDIATELY**.

#### ARTICLE X

Special meetings of the Club may be held on call from the Secretary / Treasurer (or Superintendent) by notifying each member at least twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting.

#### ARTICLE XI

Parents have voting rights and are always welcome at all meetings and activities of the Saline Steer Club.

#### ARTICLE XII

Any drug (including calf calm) may not be used unless administered by a veterinarian per **BOTH** adult officers.

#### ARTICLE XIII

Any club member whose steer dies before 30 days after being purchased will get the option to purchase the club steer and has to reimburse the person feeding the steer for the feed they have in it. The steer will not be eligible for rate of gain.

#### ARTICLE XIV

These By-Laws may be amended by the adult officers and passed by a two-thirds vote of those present, and then by a meeting of the membership at which time a three-fourths vote of those present is required for passing.

#### ARTICLE XV

Club superintendent will contact owner when any animal exhibiting signs of illness at the fair, to determine if animal will need to be checked by a vet at owner's expense. Vet will determine if animal needs to be removed or quarantined.

## PURPOSES

The Saline Steer Club was organized with the following objectives in mind:

1. To promote the educational features of the feeding projects for junior members.
2. To provide an organization to give assistance to individual members.
3. To assist in obtaining project animals.
4. To maintain project interest
5. To encourage leadership among junior members and provide adult supervision.
6. To promote shows and improve exhibit conditions.
7. To develop a marketing program.

## TOUR

At least one tour of the members' projects shall be held every year. The club shall decide the date and schedule.

## AT THE FAIR

All steers are required to be double tied (halter and a neck strap) while in the barn at the fair for safety precautions.

## THE SHOW

Each member in the Club is required to exhibit his / her own animal or animals at the Saline Community Fair and present each animal for judging at the time set. All animals are required to be prepared for the show and trained to handle properly. If a member's steer gets out of control - 2 times- they will be asked to leave the show ring and return to the barn by the superintendent. They will not be eligible for grand or reserve champion but will be allowed to sell at the end of the steer auction.

## CLASSES OFFERED

The classes offered will be light weight, medium weight, and heavy weight steers. There will be a Grand Champion Steer and a Reserve Grand Champion Steer. Class size will be determined by the adult officers after weigh in.

A Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship contest for members will be offered. **You must do Showmanship to sell in the auction.** Classes will be determined by the adult officers. First place showman of the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior classes will compete for a traveling Overall Champion Showman Trophy.

## AUCTION SALE PROGRAM

All animals in the Saline Steer Club must be sold at the auction (if shown).

No member will be permitted to sell at a private sale during the Saline Fair.

Upon the steer coming to the fair, after weigh-in, 2% will be taken off of the weight, to use for the sale weight.

The club will do everything possible to insure an honest sale. The payment of all animals is to be made to the Saline Steer Club or Saline Junior Livestock Association.

Both the purchaser and seller should check with the superintendent before leaving the sale grounds or before removing animals.

Any member receiving a premium at the judging, but fails to comply with the above-named consignment regulations will be denied all prize money, special awards, or further membership in the Club. The next animals lower in placing will each be moved up, replacing those withdrawn.

A note of appreciation (thank you note), with picture, will be sent, in a timely manner, to each of the buyer(s) by individual club member. Each club should remember to send thank you notes, with picture, to the list of volunteers, donators and sponsors (list provided by Junior Livestock), in a timely manner.

## DEDUCTIONS

If the Treasurer is notified of a lien held upon an animal for either the original purchase, feed or veterinary services, these will be deducted, and each creditor paid with proper receipts obtained and turned over to the members.

## TROPHIES AWARDED

The club will furnish the following trophies:

- Grand Champion Steer
- Reserve Grand Champion Steer
- Junior Showmanship
- Intermediate Showmanship
- Senior Showmanship
- Highest Daily Rate of Gain

Traveling Trophies will also be awarded for the following:

- Grand Champion Steer
- Overall Champion Showman (Best of Junior, Intermediate,  
and Senior Showman)
- Highest Daily Rate of Gain

All engraving bills will be paid by the Treasurer.

## RATE OF GAIN CALCULATION

The Highest Daily Rate of Gain will be calculated from the weights received from the day of weigh –in of the Saline Fair. The beginning weights are also used to determine the winner. The beginning weight will begin the day of purchase.

## CLUB STEER

The club steer will be purchased by the club in October, to be sold at the fair. A member of the club will raise the steer for the following year. For this, the member will be paid \$350.00 to offset part of the cost. Any veterinary bills for the club steer will be paid by the club after first being approved by the adult officers. Revised: Each year before the feed bill is paid – the cost of feed will be looked at. In the past year the cost of corn has gone up a great deal. It was necessary to adjust the amount of money paid for feed.

## REFUND

Should the Saline Steer Club disband, the adult officers shall determine what to do with any remaining funds.

## SPONSORS

Local individuals, merchants and groups in Saline, who are willing, may act as sponsors, to give aid to the members, such as: money to purchase the animal, supply feed, and encourage members during the growing period and exhibiting at the show and sale. In no way, may the sponsor interfere with the production practices which are adopted by the club.

## FEEDING AND CARE

Each member will be required to properly house and scientifically feed their animal.

## BY-LAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE

These By-Laws will be reviewed every four years by a committee appointed by the Superintendent.

Saline Steer Club was formed in 1948

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