

## **President's Guide to Conducting Business Meetings**

*Use these phrases to conduct a 4-H Business Meeting.*

### **AGENDA ITEM .....PHRASE**

- Call to Order ..... "The meeting will come to order."
- Pledge to the Flags ..... "Name and name will lead the pledges."
- Roll Call ..... "The Secretary will please call the roll."
- Reading of the Minutes ... "The Secretary will read the minutes of the last meeting."
- Approval of the Minutes ... "Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes?" If not, "The minutes stand approved as read." OR "Is there a motion to approve the minutes?"
- Treasurer's Report ..... "The Treasurer will present the treasurers report." Does not need a motion to approve.
- Committee Reports..... "The \_\_\_\_\_ Committee will report."
- Leader's Report (Optional)  
Project Reports (Optional)
- Unfinished (Old) Business..Present any old business you know about.(You have that information from the secretary) Then ask, "Is there any more old business?"
- New Business ..... Present any new business you know about. Then ask, "Is there any more new business?"
- Adjournment ..... "Do I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?"
- Take a vote and declare the meeting adjourned if the motion is passed
- Voting ..... Repeat the motion and call for a vote.  
"It has been moved and seconded to..."  
"All those in favor say 'Aye'."  
"Those opposed, 'Nay'."  
State the motion again and add,  
"The motion passed." or "The motion carried." Or "The motion is defeated."  
or "the motion did not pass."

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