

# Motion Potion

The FUN way to learn Parliamentary Procedure!!

## Potion Ingredients

- You will need a variety of ingredients that you would use to make Chex Mix or Trail Mix. This could include: Cheerios, Chex cereal, M&M's, Raisins, Dried Fruits and Pretzels. (Almost anything will work)
- You may also want to pick up some items you know they won't like this could include Raisins, Dried Fruits, Dates, Honey, Strawberry syrup, etc.
- You may also want to include some controversial ingredients like nuts, chocolate chips, sugar, etc. Be creative.
- You will need two large bowls, two big spoons and something to serve the mix in, small bowls, cups or Ziploc bags.

## Mixing the Potion

1. Call on the President and the rest of the officer team to help mix the potion. The President will call for motions and lead the mixing, have the other officers help put ingredients together.
2. The President begins asking if anyone is allergic to any ingredients. (If someone is allergic to peanuts you can use the second bowl to make a potion without peanuts)
3. Have the President say, "Is there a motion to add ingredients to begin making our Trail Mix?"
  - a. Motions are made to operate club business
4. A motion is moved, seconded and passed or failed before another ingredient can be added.
5. If the game gets longer than expected, youth can add two ingredients at a time.

A motion is in order.....

- Always rise when making a motion.
- Always address the president by saying, "Madame President, or Mr. President, President James, or President Betty." The president then says, "John" or "Susan." A member may not make a motion until recognized by the president.
- State your motion as follows: "I move that...."  
Motions must be seconded or they will be lost for want of a second. It is not necessary to rise to second a motion.
- To second a motion means you feel it is something the 4-H Club needs to discuss, it may not necessarily mean that you agree with it.
- After being seconded, the motion must be stated in full by the president as follows: "It has been moved and seconded that (such and such be done). Is there any discussion?"
- After the discussion, the vote is taken.

If there is a motion before the club, no other motion can be entertained except its amendment, the previous question, or a motion to adjourn, until the one before the club has been voted upon. Only members are entitled to make motions, to vote or hold office. In cases of a tie vote, the president votes and decides the motion.

6. Have a member or an officer move to add a 'yucky' ingredient to the mix. There are several ways to work with this 'yucky' ingredient.
  - a. If it is moved and not seconded, it will die due to a lack of a second
  - b. If it is moved and seconded, it can fail by a vote of the members
  - c. If it is moved and seconded, it can be amended.

To amend a motion.....

A motion may be completed or changed when the chairman calls for discussion by means of an amendment. A motion may be amended in three ways:

1. By inserting or adding a word or phrase
2. By striking out a word or phrase
3. By substituting a word, phrase or entire statement.

To amend a motion Example.....

This motion is before the house for discussion. "I move that a committee be appointed to arrange the canned food exhibits at our local Achievement Day." It might be amended in any of these ways:

1. I move to amend by inserting 'of five' after committee.
2. I move to amend by striking out 'canned foods'.
3. I move to amend by substituting this statement 'that a standing committee be appointed to arrange the club exhibits' for 'all events this year'.

The amendment to a motion, if seconded, must be voted upon before the original motion. If the amendment to the motion is carried, the original motion must be voted upon as amended. On the other hand, if the amendment is defeated, the motion is voted upon as originally stated.

In case of an amendment to an amendment the last amendment is always voted on first. If it is carried, the preceding amendment is then voted upon as amended.

7. In that case that a member wants to withdraw their motion. This may be done anytime before the motion is voted on. If the motion was seconded, they may need to get consent from the person who seconded the motion. They may state, "I withdraw my motion." This is not seconded or debatable.
8. Nothing can be approved in a 4-H Club until there is a motion. To practice this: the President/officer says, "Is there a motion to stop adding ingredients to the mix." Then they can ask, "Is there a motion to stir the mix," "Is there a motion to approve the mix and to begin serving,"
9. **TIP:** If the youth are shy about making the motion or you have a young group of 4-Hers put the motions on index cards or use cue cards that have "I move that we....." Then they can finish the statement with whatever they want to add to the mix.
10. Congratulations you made MOTION POTION!!!!!!