

**Niagara County Cornell Cooperative Extension**  
**2019 Joint Annual Meeting & Farm to Table Dinner**  
October 17, 2019

**Present:** John Sweeney, Brian Waters, Kate Brauen, Brad Marble, Paul Rockwood, Jesse Bieber

**Absent:** Shirley Urtel, Joe Kibler, Joe Fleckenstein, Dave Alt, John Syracuse, Renee Smith

Brad Marble called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. He introduced the CCE board of directors and dignitaries in attendance and other guests

Brad Marble introduced the 2019 4-H Royalty, Jennifer Reagan and Catherine Clark, for the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

John King, Niagara County Farm Bureau President introduced the NC Farm Bureau Board of Directors

Wayne Jagow led the Invocation.

**Program**

Brad Marble expressed his gratitude for the generous donation of the local food given for the meal and thanked staff for preparing the meal.

A moment of silence for John Hall

Introduction of Justin Rodger, CCE incoming executive director

The improvements to the grounds was highlighted including the WNY Food Incubator and upgrades to the grounds that were made possible through the NYS Fair Infrastructure funding.

CCE was awarded the Niagara USA Chamber the 2019 Industry Insider Award for Agriculture in the spring that was accepted by Brad Marble on behalf of CCE.

John King presented the Farm Bureau President's report providing details of the events Farm Bureau has been involved with. Jeanette Miller presented the budget and Kevin Bittner presented the local and state resolutions.

**Awards**

Tim Bigham reported on the Farm Bureau events that have occurred throughout the state in 2019. Tim recognized Farm Bureau members that have sponsored new members – Jim Bittner, John King, John Ohl, Elaine Barnett. Elaine and John also received a bag for signing up 3 or more new members.

Brad Marble presented a special award to Jim Fallon for his time being the Interim Director

Stacey Johnston presented the Walker Junior Leadership award to Katie Widmer, who is a member of the Northeast Herd 4-H club

Stacey Johnston presented the Red Jacket Citizenship Award to Catherine Clark, who is a 2019 4-H Royalty and a member of the Sanborn Stallions 4-H Club

Heidi Feltz presented the 4-H Leadership Award to Karen Drum, Dawn Gagola, Laurie Rowles, the 4-H dog leaders

Heidi Feltz presented the Gertrude Warren Award to Diana Smith, who has been a 4-H volunteer since 1990.

Heidi Feltz presented the Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award to Debi Sweeney

Bob Hall presented the Hall 4-H Family of the Year award to the Schroder Family

### **Election Results**

- President – John King
- Vice President – Jeremy Silsby
- Board members
  - Peter Russell
  - Rich Woodbridge
  - Jeff Freatman
  - Clayton Johnt

Jennifer Bieber presented the report from the CCE Nominating Committee regarding election results.

- Board of Directors – Lindsay Pyc, Jesse Bieber
- Agriculture Program – Phillip Banks, Paul Rockwood, Brian Tower
- Program Committee –
  - Bonnie Benton - 4-H position
  - Kate Brauen, Charlene Spoth - Human Ecology position
  - Ann Killian - Community Issues position
  - Catherine Clark, Jennifer Reagan - Youth/Teen position

Brad Marble recognized retiring board and program committee members. Board- John Sweeney, Jr., Program Committee- Debi Sweeney, Ag Committee- Dan Verratti

Jennifer Bieber presented the results for the 4-H Sponsor's Meat Raffle.

The evening ended with closing remarks by Bard Marble.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Henning