

4-H Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 1:00 PM

Cobleskill Extension Center, Oneonta Rowe House & Virtual Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

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1. **Call to Order** – Steven Sinniger called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Members reviewed the agenda; no additions were requested.
2. **Roll Call** – Members present were Steven Sinniger, Lynn Dunn, and Debra Stanton. The staff present were Catherine Roberts, Teresa Adell, Kat Cordero, and Susan Salisbury. A quorum was present.
3. **Public Comments** – None
4. **Reviewed 4-H PAC Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2025** – Steven Sinniger asked for any corrections or additions to the prior committee meeting minutes. With no edits voiced, Debra Stanton moved to approve the minutes as distributed; Lynn Dunn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Program Updates:**
 - a. **Teresa Adell, Otsego County 4-H program report**
 - County Public Presentations were held on March 1
 - Three youth were chosen to advance to the district event, held on April 12 in Ithaca.
 - OC 4-H had multiple youth teams attend South Central District 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl competition, with 6 youth going on to attend the State event on April 26.
 - 4-H Tractor Safety Certification Course – Mondays from March 17 through April 14 and Saturday, April 19 in Oneonta, NY
 - A safety course for youth ages 14 and up. Any youth under the age of 16 must complete this program to receive a Certificate of Exemption for farm equipment and tractor operation. Classroom and driving skills instruction included.
 - 4-H Science Exploration Day at SUNY Oneonta – Saturday, May 3 from 1-4 PM
 - Youth will explore anthropology with the AJ Read Science Discovery Center. Featuring digging activities, interactives, and more!
 - 4-H Photography Clinic – scheduled for Saturday, June 21
 - 4-H Gardening Workshop Series – scheduled for Thursdays from June 5 through June 17
 - b. **Catherine Roberts, Schoharie County 4-H program report**
 - County Public Presentations were held on March 1
 - Four youth were chosen to advance to the district event - Catherine has been working with youth individually to prepare for this
 - District Public Presentations event was held on April 12 at Saratoga Co. CCE

- SC 4-H had 1 junior & 1 senior youth team attend the Capital District 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl on March 8
- SC 4-H had 1 beginner, 1 junior & 1 senior youth team attend the Capital District 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl on March 15, multiple youth will be going on to attend State event on April 26
- Youth are practicing and preparing for the upcoming district 4-H Livestock Skillathon & Judging contests to be held at SUNY Cobleskill on April 27
 - In addition to county wide practices, youth attending the NYS 4-H virtual Livestock Judging series held March 25-27
 - Youth also attended a tour of SUNY Cobleskill's meat processing lab on April 14
- SC 4-H Earn-An-Animal has 2 youth participants, earning 1 swine and 1 beef calf
- New club leader training – focus on 4-H dog
- Scheduling upcoming animal showmanship clinics & gardening clinic

c. Other National & State 4-H upcoming events:

- TSC Paper Clover fundraiser begins on April 18 and runs through May 5
- NYS 4-H STAR on May 2-4
- NYS 4-H Animal Crackers on May 3
- NYS 4-H Capital Days on May 18-20
- NYS 4-H Career Explorations June 25-27

d. Susan Salisbury, Schoharie County 4-H Afterschool report

- On Fridays, students participate in engaging STEM activities that encourage hands-on learning, creativity, and problem-solving skills
- Youth get to decide which clubs to participate in, as well as design and lead their own clubs
 - Clubs include Minecraft LEGO Building Club & Comic Book Writing Club

6. Next Topic – Welcome Kat Cordero to CCESO as the new Association Program Coordinator

7. New Business – None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM on a motion by Lynn Dunn, seconded by Steven Sinniger. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17th at 1:00 PM.