

4-H Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 2:30 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 2:35 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, and Kat Cordero. A quorum was present.
3. **Public Comments** – None
4. **Reviewed 4-H PAC Meeting Minutes from April 15, 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. **Report:** Board member Steven Sinniger reports –
 - a. Family Farm Day is August 23-24
 - b. CCESO Annual Meeting will be held possibly on October 21, or 22; at SUNY Cobleskill
6. **Program Updates:**
 - a. **Teresa Adell, Otsego County 4-H program report**
 - Finished up tractor safety program
 - New Holland dealership helped
 - Good volunteers, state police, NYCAMH did presentation
 - Catherine mentioned that there is a possibility of running a 2026 program in collaboration with SUNY Cobleskill
 - Steven said he could bring it up to Farm Bureau to help with expenses
 - 4-H Dog Program started at the end of April
 - Two classes: beginner and more advanced class
 - Livestock Skillathon - May 30th
 - First year Otsego County 4-H youth attended - they performed well
 - 4-H Horse Evaluations – June 18th
 - 11 youth showing horses this year with 15 horses
 - Career Explorations – June 25-27
 - One youth going from Otsego Co.
 - 4-H Together we Grow and Eat with Master Gardeners (Marcie Foster)
 - Did two classes so far, taking a break and then following up in July to see progress
 - 4-H Science Exploration Day at SUNY Oneonta – May 3
 - Animal Crackers – May 3
 - 4-H Beef Showmanship Clinic – May 17
 - b. **Catherine Roberts, Schoharie County 4-H program report**
 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser - April 18 - May 5
 - Capital District Livestock Skillathon – April 27 at SUNY Cobleskill

- Schoharie County 4-H also had youth attend Animal Crackers – May 3
- 4-H Garden Clinic – May 22 in partnership with SC Master Gardeners
- 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Clinic – May 23
- NYS 4-H Virtual Egg Judging Workshop – May 28
- 4-H Horse Evaluations – June 8
- 4-H Dog Fitting & Showmanship Workshop – June 12
- Sunshine Fairgrounds Workday – June 14
- 4-H Swine, Beef & Sheep Fitting & Showmanship Clinic – June 14
- 4-H Dairy Goat Showmanship Clinic – June 17
- 4-H Fair Entry Form Workshops – June 18 & June 24
- 4-H Canine Obedience Workshop – June 26
- 4-H Poultry Showmanship Clinic to be scheduled
- 4-H Woodworking Workshop – July 22
- Fenimore Farm Junior Livestock Show – July 6-8
 - 36 youth from Schoharie County 4-H registered
- Pre-Fair Dog Evaluations (to be eligible for dog show at fair) – July 10
- Save the Date: NYS Canine Expo – Sept. 27-28 at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fairgrounds. Will include a 4-H display and possible 4-H youth/dog demos

c. **Update on 4-H Afterschool Program**

- Due to insufficient enrollment, CCESO will not offer the 4-H Afterschool Program at the Schoharie Central School during the 2025-26 school year.

7. **New Business –**

- a. Two youth (enrolled in another county 4-H program) are potentially looking to enroll in Schoharie County 4-H. The youth have family ties to Schoharie County.
- The committee agreed that dual county registration is not an option. This would require a transfer of 4-H membership from the other county to exclusively Schoharie County 4-H.
 - Since both youth are currently enrolled in 4-H in another county, if they would like to transfer membership, they may do so in the upcoming year before the enrollment deadline.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM on a motion by Debra Stanton, seconded by Lynn Dunn. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7 at 1:00 PM.