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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

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Present: 82 citizens present, including Board of Directors.

Welcome: 6:00PM

Tim Ryan, President - Board of Directors called the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County's 110th Annual Meeting, held at Camp Brockway at Pratts Falls, to order at 6:00PM. Tim opened by welcoming everyone in attendance and offering the main reasons why this meeting is held, including to share the financial status of the association, give programming updates, and to elect new CCE Onondaga Board members for 2025.

Tim acknowledged current board members and noted guests, staff members, and volunteers. A special thank you was given to Onondaga County Parks for providing the historic meeting place location.

Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting was officially called to order at 6:02 PM by Tim Ryan, Board President.

Tim Ryan reviewed the voting procedures by enrolled members using the ballots on the tables. Odean Dyer Board Secretary, noted that copies of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes were provided digitally prior to the meeting and available at the door. A motion was made by Odean to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented in writing; seconded by Rob Hughes.

Onondaga Cooperative Extension Executive Director, David Skeval, introduced the Annual Program Report. He cited CCE's large number of projects and events completed in 2024 and thanked the volunteers and educators responsible for those accomplishments. David gave an overview and key projects for each of CCE Onondaga's four main program areas: Agriculture, Natural Resources, 4-H Youth Development, and Health & Nutrition. He closed by highlighting the great collaboration between program areas, volunteers, and program partners.

Tim Ryan, Acting Board Treasurer, presented the Financial Report. Since our last annual meeting, our Association has received a clean audit from the Bonadio group. CCE Onondaga has a 2023 budget of \$2.7 million with a cash to total liability ratio of 3.0 including accounts receivable the cash to liability ratio is 5.6 The cash flow decreased from January 1st through the end of August by \$21,255. The projected income and expenses are on target through August. In closing Tim notes that CCE Onondaga is in good financial shape.

Helping Put Knowledge to Work

Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO,
Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.

Tim Ryan introduced Nominating Chairman, Steve Kankus, who explained the process of voting for eligible association members, utilizing paper ballot cards distributed at registration. Steve then introduced the slate of candidates. He presented the introduction of new board nominees, including Isabelle Harris and John Russo. Steve then also introduced candidates for reelection including Catie Blacker, Derrick Dorsey, Odean Dyer, and Tim Ryan. No additional nominations were received. The recommended slate of candidates was unanimously voted in for their 2-year terms.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Tim Ryan noted the end of the business meeting. Tim moved to adjourn, and Odean Dyer seconded the motion. All present unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.

Program Meeting

David Skeval began the Program Meeting at 6:43pm and introduced CCE Onondaga Youth and Family Development Team Leader Scott Hudson who gave an overview of the year's greatest successes over the year.

Service Awards Program Cooperators Awards

David Skeval presented the following Association Cooperator Awards:

- Seara Haines and Bailey Coon: Agriculture & Food Systems
- Dave Simmons & Mark Folson: Youth & Family Development
- Amy Rotundo: Health & Nutrition
- Kevin Smith: Environmental

The following staff were recognized for their milestone years of service:

- Robin Bartholomew: 5 years
- Camille Marcotte: 5 years
- Hillary Chartron-Bartholomew: 10 years
- Anita Bono: 20 years

David Skeval and Tim Ryan thanked the Board Members who are finishing their terms, Robert Durr and John Neuburger. The evening closed with an appreciation of the staff and volunteers – thanking everyone for attending.

The program was adjourned at 7:16PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Catie Blacker

2025 Board Secretary