

4-H Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 9:30 AM

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 9:42 AM. 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 Liz Callahan, Catherine Roberts and Kat Cordero. A quorum was present.
3. **Public Comments** – None
4. **Reviewed 4-H PAC Meeting Minutes from June 17, 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. **CCE Board Report:**
 - a. Association Annual Meeting will be on Oct. 21st.
 - A vote to change the structure of board – moving from mixed model to fully at large board; board can focus on fund raising.
 - b. SNAP ED program, difficult time funding it – hopefully we can get it through to next September, otherwise it will end.
6. **Program Updates:**
 - a. **Teresa Adell, Otsego County 4-H program report**
 - Teresa is on leave
 - Kat to cover immediate program needs with assistance from Liz and Catherine
 - b. **Catherine Roberts, Schoharie County 4-H program report**
 - 77th annual Fenimore Farm Junior Livestock Show - July 6-8, 2025; 80 4-H members attended between both Schoharie and Otsego Counties.
 - 4-H Poultry Showmanship Clinic – July 13, 2025 at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds; very well attended.
 - 4-H Woodworking Workshop – July 22, 2025 at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds
 - Toolbox materials donated by Curtis Lumber
 - Fairgrounds staff helped to facilitate
 - Great turnout
 - Several projects were exhibited at the county fair, and one went to state fair
 - County Fair Numbers (Otsego & Schoharie)
 - Over 250 4-H youth participated between both fairs
 - Over 2000 4-H projects between both fairs
 - Schoharie County Fair – August 5-10, 2025
 - According to Catherine’s records, 138 4-H youth at 2025 Schoharie County fair (up from previous years!)

- According to Catherine's records, 466 non-animal 4-H projects on display within Progressland Building
- Public presentations on 4-H stage during the fair
- According to Catherine's records, 462 4-H animal projects at fair (not including animal showmanship)
- Overall great fair!
- Big plans for next year as it will be 150th fair and America's 250th birthday; Patriotic themes.
- State Fair – August 20 through September 1, 2025 (Schoharie County 4-H participation)
 - Had 22 non-animal 4-H projects evaluated/on display
 - 12 4-H youth at state fair showing dairy cattle, 1 showing rabbits, and 2 showing beef cattle
 - Numerous participants in animal contests. Dairy cattle judging and dairy challenge were well attended.
- NYS Canine Expo – September 27-28, 2025 at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds
 - 4-H hands-on educational activities booth and display both days
- September 30th – end of 4-H calendar year
- **UPCOMING**
 - 4-H Information Night – tonight, October, 7, 2025 at Cobleskill Extension Center; Several families are signed up.
 - NYS 4-H Agri-Business Career (ABC) Conference - October 16-17, 2025 @ SUNY Cobleskill
 - 4-H Achievement Night – tentative date of November 21, 2025.
 - 4-H Shooting Sports: Archery Workshop – November 22, at the Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club; registration is now FULL! (15 youth).
 - Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Sale - November 28 through December 14, 2025.
 - 4-H Arts & Crafts Workshop – scheduled for December 6, 2025 at the Cobleskill Extension Center. Holiday themed crafts, still work in progress for event flyer.
 - Catherine to meet with SUNY Cobleskill faculty about possible Tractor Safety Certification Course in 2026.
 - Catherine shared with committee members a chart showing Schoharie County 4-H Community Youth Member Enrollment over the last 10 years.

7. **New Business** – None

CCE Annual Meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 6:00 PM at SUNY Cobleskill, Upper Champlin.

Next 4-H Advisory Meeting: CCESO Kick-Off Meeting to be held in January 2026.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM on a motion by Steve Sinniger.