



Itasca County 4-H Federation Meeting

DECEMBER 7, 2020—MINUTES

Prior to the meeting, Courtney Johnson, Local Extension Educator, led the group in a game resembling Jeopardy using a program from Factile. All game questions pertained to Officer Training.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by president, Isaac L.

Shara V. made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as published and the treasurer's report as given by Madilyn A, Hope M. seconded the motion. The vote was taken and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Livestock

- **Next General Livestock Mtg. January 19@ 6:30**
- **Project Bowl:** In 2021, the 4-H Project Bowl program is going virtual! Each species will compete online on a separate day in a fun team trivia contest. Teams of 3-5 members (still competing in the separate grade divisions) will work together to answer the questions. Top placing teams will be eligible for national competition opportunities if available. There won't be a State Project Bowl in 2021.
 - March 6: Dairy and dog
 - March 13: Horse and wildlife
 - March 20: Poultry and rabbit
 - March 27: General livestock and llama/alpaca

Online coaches training on Jan. 5 to show coaches the new contest layout. Contact Rebecca Rasmussen if you would like to coach/participate this year.

Horse

Next Horse Project Meeting—Tues., February 16 @ 6pm

- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://umn.zoom.us/j/95484349305?pwd=aDY0eVJHdnRIWWFUbWhqVVBWRHdmdz09>
- **Report** – November 18 mtg.

Dog

- **Next Unleashed Dog Project Club Mtg. Tuesday, January 7, 2021 @ 6pm**
- Report: November 2 mtg.

Science & Robotics

- Nothing to report in December

Shooting Sports & Wildlife

- Next SSW mtg. **April 19 @ 6pm**

County Ambassadors

- Next meeting— **Sunday, December 20 @ 5pm Via Zoom: Cookie baking & Decorating**
- Report: November 22 mtg

OLD BUSINESS

- **4-H Meetings:**

In Person events- If occurring indoors you can have up to 15 people in a room. All must be masked and follow social distancing policies. All adult leaders attending must have taken the online safety volunteer training <https://4-h-volunteer.extension.umn.edu/train>. If occurring outdoors there is a maximum of 15 people per pod in attendance and social distancing guidelines must be followed. No sharing of food. All in person events must be granted permission to happen by notifying Rebecca Rasmussen, Local 4-H Extension Educator, of your event, your safety plan, date of meeting. She will apply for an exemption on your club's behalf. Following the meeting, your club attendance at the event needs to be sent to Rebecca.

Zoom Meetings- Require two screened adults attend the meeting. Safety of Minors policies still apply. Rebecca will schedule meetings for you on the secure 4-H Zoom site and publish on the 4-H calendar. Meeting promotion is the responsibility of the 4-H Club Leaders.

- **Clubs/members are encouraged to join in these virtual December activities or use the recordings for project meetings:**
 - **Healthy Sprouts Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 pm** z.umn.edu/healthysprouts
 - **Winter Shutterbugs 4-H Photography Event Thursdays, Dec. 3,10,17 6:30-7:30 pm**
z.umn.edu/shutterbugs
 - **Cultural Creations Mondays, Nov. 30, December 7,14 6:30-7:15 pm**
 - **4-H Woodshop Sundays, December 6, 13,20**
- **Re-enrollment Challenge:** The Club with the highest percentage of Re-enrolled members by January 1, 2021 will win a DQ Dilley bar for each of it's members! Club re-enrollment as of 12/3:
 - Blackberry 72%, Ambassadors 67%, Dog Project Club 43%, Swan River 42%, Horse Project Club 32%, Spang 28%, Crystal McKinney 23%, SSW Project Club 20%, Deer River Northern Stars 19%, Livestock Project Club 15%
- **Thank you cards requested for area Veterans that are entering hospice. Challenging each 4-H member and volunteer to write a card of thanks. We will continue to collect cards. More information** <https://local.extension.umn.edu/local/itasca/4-h/article/cards-area-veterans>

NEW BUSINESS

- **The Great 4-H Wreath Race:**

- Each 4-H family or youth makes a holiday wreath
- Each family uses supplies they have at home (or they go buy stuff if they want), but the wreath can be any size they choose.
- Once the wreath is completed, they take a nice picture of it and send it Rebecca for collection. The pictures will be collected and prepared to be displayed to all 4-Hers (online: FB, Instagram, etc) A vote for placings will take place at the January Federation Mtg.
- Each wreath will be donated to a public place (nursing home, hospital, gov't offices, or others "in need")
- The challenge begins asap and runs through December, each person at the January mtg gets to vote for the best wreath in the challenge.
- Winners: Prizes will go to the top three placings.
Shara V. made a motion and Brekke L. seconded the motion to hold The Great Wreath Race for Itasca County 4-H Families. The vote was taken and passed.

- **Federation Charter/Budget:** Proposal from Extension Committee to leave accounts as they stand now and revise the budget in the spring if/when in person gatherings start to occur for county/state events. Abby B. made a motion to accept the charter and budget as recommended. Shara V. seconded the motion. The vote was taken and passed.

- **James W. Tracy Scholarship Eligibility:**

- Must be a resident of Minnesota
- Must be enrolled or plan to be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary school in the U.S.
- Must plan to pursue an academic award (certificate, diploma, or degree) in agriculture or animal husbandry

Scholarship Criteria: New this year: \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria: (full details can be found on our website [here.](#))

- Leadership, involvement, and agriculture interest
- Three Essay questions: limited to no more than 500 words.
- Two letters of recommendation. Letters must be from non family members. One letter must be from someone who has worked with the student over the last 12 months.
- Upon completion of their Fall 2021 semester at a post-secondary school, the scholarship recipient will need to send a transcript (copy acceptable) to the MN FFA Foundation showing satisfactory progress. Once transcript is received by the MN FFA Foundation, a check will be sent to the scholarship recipient.

Scholarship Timeline

- Applications are due on or before February 1st, 2021
- Scholarship recipients will be announced by May 1, 2021

- **In Person Mtg. suggestions:** snow sculpting/snowman building @ Old Central School, Quinzee Building, Tubing @ Mt. Itasca, Sled dog rides, Sledding @ Murphy Hill or Blueberry Hill, Wreath Making Day, X Country Ski day/night, Snowshoeing, ice fishing, geocaching, , snow shoveling for those in need, outdoor cook out, Winter Fun Event in rotation of clubs or schedule as to not exceed the current gathering limit.

Virtual Mtg. suggestions: Puzzle Derby, Open Mic Night, Popcorn & Paint, Digital Caricature, Online art classes: string art, Pin art, pointillism

Possible meeting locations: Scenic State Park, Portage Park, Camp Northome, Fairgrounds,

- **December Club Meetings:**
 - **Blackberry – Monday, December 21 @ 6pm**
 - **Crystal McKinney – Thursday December 10 @ 6:30 via Zoom: Holiday Games**
 - **County Ambassadors – Sunday, December 20 @ 5pm via Zoom: Cookie Baking/Decorating**
 - **Deer River Northern Stars – No December Meeting**
 - **Dog Project Club – Unleashed: No December Meeting**
 - **Horse Project Club – No December Meeting**
 - **Livestock Project Club – January 19 @ 6:30 pm**
 - **Spang 4-H Club – Monday, December 21 @ 6 pm Cookie Decorating**
 - **Swan River 4-H Club – Monday, December 21 @ 6:30 pm Zoom**
 - **SSW Project Club – No December Mtg.**
- **January Federation Meeting – Sunday, January 10 @ 1pm Itasca County Fairgrounds**

SLEDDING

Abby B. made a motion and Samantha B. seconded the motion to have a sledding/ winter activity for the January Federation Mtg. The vote was taken and passed. Bring your own sled, wear warm clothes and plan to enjoy an afternoon of winter fun. Sledding, ice fishing and snow sculpting will take place at 1:00. Plan to stay in family groups and social distance. Activities will begin at 1 pm. Federation mtg. will take place at 2:30 pm

Hope M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Abby B. seconded the motion. The vote was taken and passed. President, Isaac L. adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shara V., volunteer secretary

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