



Itasca County 4-H Federation Meeting

JANUARY 10, 2021—MINUTES

Sledding & Snow Sculpting activities took place from 1-2 pm at the Itasca County Fairgrounds. Social Distancing protocols were practiced.

The meeting was called to order by president, Isaac L. at 2:00 p.m.

There was no secretary or treasurer's report given.

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. There will be General Livestock and Poultry teams for Itasca this year. Contact Liz Lignell, Becky Windt and Libbe Johnson if you are interested.

- March 6: Dairy and dog
- March 13: Horse and wildlife
- March 20: Poultry and rabbit
- March 27: General livestock and llama/alpaca

[Registration for Project Bowl or Bowling 101](#)

Horse

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

- **Project Bowl Team:** There is interest in forming a Project Bowl Horse Team. Contact Becci if you are interested.

Dog

- **Next Unleashed Dog Project Club Mtg. Tuesday, January 7, 2021 @ 6pm**
- Report: January 7 meeting on dental health & project bowl
- **Dog Project Bowl Team:** There will be a team this year. Contact Steph Lidholm if you are interested. Practices will be held on Thursday's from 6-7 pm at the Itasca County Courthouse beginning January 21.

Science & Robotics

- Nothing to report in January.

Shooting Sports & Wildlife

- Next SSW mtg. April 19 @ 6pm

County Ambassadors

- Next meeting— **Sunday, December 20 @ 5pm Via Zoom: Cookie baking & Decorating**
- Report: December cookie decorating
- Any Other Business

OLD BUSINESS

- **4-H Meetings:**

In Person events- If occurring indoors you can have up to 10 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.

- **Re-enrollment Challenge:** The Clubs with the highest percentage of Re-enrolled members by January 1, 2021 were: **Blackberry & County Ambassadors with 100%**, Swan River 75%, Spang 72%, Dog 71%, Horse & Livestock 62%, Federation 60%, Crystal McKinney 43%, Deer River Northern Stars 32%,SSW 30%
- **Report on The Great 4-H Wreath Race:** Two entrees. Congratulations to Sarah and Adisyn!
- **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,

NEW BUSINESS

- **Animal ID Deadline for 2021**
 - **February 16: market beef** (beef steers, market heifers and dairy steers).
 - **May 17 for beef, dairy, dairy goat, dog, horse, llama-alpaca, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine**

In person showcase events are the goal for this year. We need a committee to start planning. If you are interested in being on the committee contact Becci.

- **BLU & TEAL 2021: Leading Through Change – Itasca County 4-H Federation will reimburse 50% of the registration cost upon completing attendance of BLU or TEEL.**
 - Building Leadership & Understanding, or BLU, is a workshop for youth in grades 6 - 9.
 - BLU will be held virtually on two different dates. Youth in grades 6-9 can attend on Saturday, February 6th or Saturday, February 13th.
 - At BLU youth will learn how to tell their 4-H story, build leadership skills, form relationships with other youth, and much more!
 - The registration deadline for BLU is Friday, January 22nd. To learn more and register for BLU please visit z.umn.edu/4-HBLU.
 - Teens Engaged in Emerging Leadership, or TEEL, is a workshop for youth in grades 10+.
 - TEEL will be held virtually for youth in grades 10+ on Saturday, February 27th.
 - At TEEL youth will connect with peers from other counties and regions while developing valuable leadership skills. Large and small group discussions are designed and facilitated by a team of older youth and young adult leaders. This workshop builds on the leadership skills older youth have developed at BLU and through their lived experience.
 - The registration deadline for TEEL is Friday, January 29th. To learn more and register for TEEL please visit z.umn.edu/4-HTEEL.
- **Federation Secretary Needed. Jessalynn F. has agreed to serve as secretary.**
- **WINTER VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**
 - [4-H Science of Snow](#)
 - [4-H Hooked on Fishing](#)
 - [4-H Star Gazers](#)
 - [NE Livestock Series: Part 1-Choosing Your Animal](#)
 - [4-H Beyond the Picture](#)
- **January Club Meetings:**
 - Blackberry – Monday, December 21 @ 6pm
 - Crystal McKinney – Thursday January 14 @ 6:30 via Zoom: Cooking with Becci
 - County Ambassadors – Sunday, January 17 @ 5pm Ice Skating @ Portage Park
 - Deer River Northern Stars – January 18@ 1pm @ Blueberry Hills: Sledding
 - Dog Project Club – Unleashed: January 21 Project bowl meeting 6pm @ courthouse
 - Horse Project Club – No January Meeting
 - Livestock Project Club – January 19 @ 6:30 pm
 - Spang 4-H Club – No January Meeting
 - Swan River 4-H Club – No January Meeting
- **February Federation Meeting: Owl presentation by Eben Spencer via Zoom @ 6 pm, February 1** <https://umn.zoom.us/j/92933418498?pwd=ZTdrUVh6bS90K0M5Q3FwcGQzaXZQU09>

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