If you haven’t re-enrolled yet, do so NOW!

Itasca County 4-H Federation Minutes

February 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Aaron Hill. Introductions included name, club, and a favorite winter activity.

The motion to accept secretary’s report, which was printed in last month’s newsletter, was made by Moriah A. and seconded by Samantha L. The motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Kali Janssen. Grant J. made a motion to accept it, which was seconded by Sarah K. and passed unanimously.

Project Fun Hour this month included planning for a few of the upcoming events, including REDD and Project Fun Day. A lot of good input and good ideas were given.

General Announcements:

Animal ID forms – All 4-H members intending to exhibit dog, horse, lama, or any livestock projects in our county fair 4-H classes or any 4-H event, will need to complete the 4-H animal ID paperwork. If you do not own an animal, lease agreements can be used for most situations (may not use for market steers or other market classes that are considered a terminal project). Complete the process on your www.4honline account, or get paper forms online or from the 4-H office. There is no wiggle room on due dates! Most forms are due May 15.

Market Beef is due Feb. 15 for finished beef & dairy market ready steers and heifers.

Committee Reports

General Livestock

- The January PDC meeting was held on January 25. The meeting included discussion on revamping the BBQ contest at the fair. The new plans would allow for a greater range of recipes to be prepared. Farm Bureau received a grant to be used to make agriculture education totes that our PDC will work with.

⇒ If anyone is interested in participating in a livestock judging team, please let Robbie know. The team would include three to four 4-Hers in grades six and up. Kirby Schmidt is willing to coach if a team is formed—start up in May.

- The Itasca LQA&E training will be Thursday, May 5, 6-9pm at the courthouse. Remember, this must be taken every three years to exhibit 4-H livestock!

- The next General Livestock PDC meeting will be Monday, March 14, 6pm, at the courthouse. The meeting will include working with Mr. Nelson on putting together the agriculture education totes.

- Remember to order chicks and market beef animals now!

Horse

- The January 26 meeting involved working with Dr. Trychel to learn horse first aid and make first aid kits.

⇒ The next Horse PDC meeting will be Tuesday, February 23, 6pm at the courthouse. Jenna Benes will be presenting on horse massage and therapeutic oils.

⇒ There will be a three day training at Hearts and Hooves June 22-24. The training will include both obstacle course work and general riding. The training is open to those in both Itasca and North St. Louis counties and is limited to 15 participants. Final cost will be determined at the next PDC meeting.

Dog

- The last PDC meeting was on January 11. Cindy Bender presented on Dog first aid and provided kits for those in attendance.

⇒ The next Dog PDC meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 6pm, at the courthouse. There will be a program on how to teach others to approach dogs properly to avoid being bitten.

Science & Robotics

- The January meeting was on January 28. The meeting included discussion of ideas for REDD, field trips and ideas for future meeting activities.

⇒ The next Science & Robotics PDC meeting will be Thursday, February 25, 6pm, at the courthouse. ICC Engineering students will be presenting and have an activity.

Shooting Sports & Wildlife

- The next SSW PDC meeting will be March 6, 12-5pm, at Itasca Gun Club. The firearms coaches will be there, and an opportunity to shoot in the indoor range will be available. All are welcome, even those not in the project, to come and shoot.
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- There will be a coach training in Mora April 22-24. Archery and wildlife coaches are especially needed!

Old Business

◊ Medieval Quest, the regional leadership retreat, was on January 23-24. Sarah K. said that it was really fun and that they played a lot of games that worked on leadership skills. She also added that there were many interesting activities including making a leather book, skating, and a candle-lit dinner. Pictures from the event can be found on the county 4-H Facebook page.

◊ Remember to re-enroll to be included in all events & mailing lists!

◊ Upcoming Events:
  - Freezin’ Fun will be Sunday, February 21, 1-3pm at Portage Park in Cohasset. There will be wagon rides, ice skating, bonfire, snow games, hot dogs and s’mores! The cost is a donation of a dry food or money for the food shelf. Please bring a snack to share. Volunteers are still needed and RSVP by February 16!
  - Communication Arts, or Learning Out Loud, will on March 7, 5:30pm, at the Courthouse. Suggestions for judges are needed. Registrations and paper submissions must be made by February 29.
  - REDD, an activity for K-5, will be on March 4th from 6-8:30pm at the courthouse. There will be a variety of hands-on activities involving science, crafts, and food.
  - Project Fun Day will be Saturday, April 9 at the Fairgrounds. All clubs should try to sponsor a 50 minute session. Help is also needed with the Cloverbud session.
  - The Children’s Fair is on April 30 from 9-1pm. Volunteers or a club are needed to help out with a booth. The activity would need to be geared towards pre-K through 3rd grade.
  - BLU will be February 27-28 at the Long Lake Conservation Center in Palisade. Many from our county will be attending, and the event is sure to be a lot of fun!
  - GREAN will be Friday 5:30pm-Saturday afternoon on February 5-6 and April 1-2.

New Business

◊ Nanette Berg Stevens is a speaker on drug avoidance and peer pressure. She is available to speak to clubs and other youth organizations. If you would like her to come to your club, contact Robbie.

◊ County Fair:
  - Registration and judging results will be online this year. Paper copies are still available if necessary. A motion was made to send one paper copy of the 4-H Fair Guide to each family by Grant J. and seconded by Senja A. The motion passed unanimously
  - Any input on the new projects from this past year or new ideas for this year should be brought to the April Project Fun Hour.

Reminders

◊ Members need to re-enroll to remain active on club membership and mailing lists. www.4hOnline.com
◊ Members must have attended 6 4-H meetings/events and working a minimum of 4 hours (2 for Cloverbuds) at the 4-H Food Booth to qualify for Federation scholarships
◊ Be sure to check out the Itasca County 4-H website: http://z.umn.edu/nu6 and the online Clover Update after the 1st of every month

The motion to adjourn was made by Senya A. and seconded by Moriah A. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Month | Bulletin Bd & Fed. Scrapbook | Project Fun Hour
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March | Swan River | Learning Out Loud - Communication Arts Event - Spang will emcee
April | Spang | Fair Ideas
May | ?? | Running Rapids
June | Crystal McKinney | none
July | Horse PDC | fair topic
Aug | Bigfork North Stars | Demonstration event? 4-H Bldg. clean-up
Sept | Running Rapids | none

Minutes recorded and submitted by Cari Janssen, Itasca County Federation Secretary
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**REDD for K-5th grade Members**
Friday, March 4, 6-8:30pm, Fairgrounds

REDD - Real Exciting Day of Discovery! Last year’s event for our 4-H’ers grades K-5 was a big hit, so we are doing it again.

Friday evening, March 4, from 6-8:30pm we will meet at the Trailhead Building at the fairgrounds for an evening of discovering fun with science, crafts, games, food, and friends.

Flyers will mail out to enrolled 4-H members currently in grades K-5 later this month.

**Register by Tuesday, March 1** - T-shirt size and parent/guardian contact phone during the event needed. Complete form on mailer, print from website: [http://z.umn.edu/nu6](http://z.umn.edu/nu6), or contact Amber: 327-7496.

Event helpers needed!

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**Itasca 4-H Calendar**

**February**
1. Project Fun Hour & Federation Meeting
5/6. GREAN
8. Dog PDC meeting
15. Market Beef Animal ID due
21. “Freezin’ Fun”
23. Horse PDC meeting
25. Science & Robotics PDC meeting
27/8. BLU

**March**
4. REDD
6. Shooting Sports PDC
7. Communication Arts: Learning Out Loud & Federation Meeting
14. Livestock PDC
15. Dog PDC
19. Regional Project Bowl
22. Horse PDC

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**4-H Horse Project Meeting**
Tuesday, February 23, 6:00 pm, Courthouse

Better health is just one of the benefits of equine massage. Jenna Benes will teach us some basic massage techniques and how to incorporate essential oils.

We will also learn more about some of the great workshops and learning opportunities avail to our 4-H Horse Project members. Get in on all of the fun - join us Tuesday, February 23, 6:00pm, at the Courthouse.

*All 4-H families welcome!*

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**4-H Dog Project Meeting**
Monday, February 8, 6:00 pm, Courthouse

Learn how to approach and work with dogs safely—and how to teach this skill to others!

Cindy Bender will share the NO Bite class with us at our 4-H Dog Project meeting on **Monday, Feb. 8, 6:00 pm, at the Courthouse.**

We will also talk about the White Oak sled dog race and other fun dog opportunities.

*All 4-H families welcome!*

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**4-H Science & Robotics Project Meeting**
Thursday, February 25, 6:00 pm, Courthouse

ICC Engineering students will bring us a look at engineering careers and some fun hands-on activities!

We will also work more on our Design It Challenge, patterned after the food show *Chopped*, to be held at our April 28 meeting.

All are welcome to join the fun on **Thursday, Feb. 25, 6:00 pm, at the Courthouse.**

*All 4-H families welcome!*

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**VIP - Discuss at Your February 4-H Club Meeting**

**Bring your Club’s thoughts on these topics to the March 7 Federation meeting:**

- **Project Fun Day** is set for Saturday, April 9, 9am–noon, at the Fairgrounds. This event is successful if YOU help make it so! Each club is asked to sponsor a 50 minute session by providing a guest presenter, or a club members(s) leading it.

  Talk it over - *what hands-on learning would YOU like to participate in?* There will be a Cloverbud track, and a one for general 4-H.

  **Let Robbie know what your club will host by March 9.**

- **Start thinking County Fair!** We need to get our 4-H Fair Guides posted online and to the printer by early May.

  ◊ What classes would make fun club entries?
    EX: recycled sculpture....
  ◊ What would make a fun individual class?
    EX: Duct tape craft, Cloverbud milk jug sculpture
  ◊ Itasca Co. is 125! How about a historical theme for our Club Booths?
  ◊ What would add fun & interest to our 4-H Exhibit Building? EX: photo station

We will make **final** fair plans at our April 4 Project Fun Hour.
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Freezin’ Fun!
A skating & snow fun party at Portage Park

Sunday, February 21, 1—3pm
Portage Park, Cohasset

Lots of fun options for all 4-H family members:
* ice skating * sledding * x-country skiing * snow fun activities * smooshing races * bonfire * hot dogs & s’mores * horse-drawn hayrides

Some skates & x-country ski gear available to use, bring your own if you can.

Cost: a donation of dry food goods or money for Food Shelf. Please bring cookies/bars to share

RSVP no later than Monday, February 15, to plan for food, etc.

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See this month’s insert for information about Learning Out Loud!
Monday, March 7th