



Farm City Hub Club annual meeting to be held online

With the current lockdowns and concern about Covid, the Hub Club board has decided to hold our annual meeting by Zoom on Monday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m..

All members will be invited to take part. An official invitation will be emailed to those who have email; it will have the link to hook up.

Meeting materials—including last year’s minutes, the treasurer’s report, and an officer ballot—will also be emailed. That information will be mailed to those who do not have email.

Members who are not able to take part by Zoom may mail their completed ballots ahead of time.

Proposed officer slate for election

The 2021 Hub Club officer slate is partially complete, but one position needs to be filled.

Second vice president Denny Sjogren has opted not to move up to first vice president.

Randy Schroeder is willing to take the first vice president slot.

Garrett Freeman has agreed to be the new membership chair, taking over Randy’s former duties.

Additional proposed officers are Julie Wilson of rural New Ulm, president; Ruth Klossner of Lafayette, secretary; Shannon Hillesheim of New Ulm, treasurer; and Christina Schwab of rural Gibbon, director for a one-year term. Additional nominations for all positions may be made during the annual meeting. (The second vice-president position is still open.)

Continuing directors are Don Sanderson, public relations; Justin Gode, events; and Marie Guggisberg and Doug Schottle, directors-at-large. Ken Reckard is completing his service to the board as a director the past year and president before that. Thank you, Ken.

Zoom annual meeting

This is the information to access the January 25 annual meeting. It will also be emailed or mailed to members about the middle of January.

Topic: Hub Club Annual Meeting
Time: Jan 25, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time
(US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76717488773?pwd=Z1JjQzAxXzA2QmljalRpN251ZUhEZz09>

Meeting ID: 767 1748 8773
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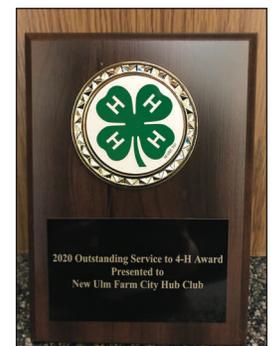


4-H Federations honor Hub Club

Both the Nicollet and Brown County 4-H Federations recognized the Hub Club for helping to make the county 4-H livestock showcases a success this past summer. The club furnished about 25 volunteers to help the county 4-H programs hold the showcases.

Makayla Moline, a Nicollet County 4-H Federation officer, attended the club’s December board meeting to present a Friend of 4-H plaque to Ruth and Christina.

Brown County 4-H also presented a Friend of 4-H plaque to the club.



A message from our president, Christina Schwab

My term as club president has come to an end. While I was looking forward to working with many of you at our usual events this year, 2020 had another thing in store for us.

As I turn things over to Julie Wilson, we all hope for

a more event-filled 2021, and even have our sights set on how great we can make the Farm Show in 2022.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve as your club president, and I look forward to new opportunities within the club.
Christina

Contact information for 2020 Hub Club Officers & Directors

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Events Director	Justin Gode—Phone: 507-228-8283 (W) or (507) 276-6597 (Cell); Email: jgode@citizensmn.com
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Director-at-Large	Doug Schottle—Phone: 507-217-6186; Email: dschottle@ummc.co
Director-at-Large	Marie Guggisberg—Phone: 507-276-8615; Email: marieg@nutelecom.net

Meeting Minutes

New Ulm Farm-City Hub Club

Tuesday, December 1, Don Sanderson's State Farm Office

President Christina Schwab called the December 1, 2020 Hub Club meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. at Don Sanderson's State Farm Insurance Office. Also attending were vice president Julie Wilson, treasurer Shannon Hillesheim, secretary Ruth Klossner, directors Doug Schottle, Marie Guggisberg, Randy Schroeder, Justin Gode, Ken Reckard, and Don Sanderson; and guests Nicollet County 4-H Federation officer Makayla Moline and her dad Rob.

Makayla presented an "Outstanding Friend of 4-H" plaque to the club for its assistance at the 4-H livestock showcases held in August when the county fair was cancelled.

The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Schroeder and second by Guggisberg; motion carried. The minutes of the December meeting, as published, were approved on a motion by Wilson and second by Reckard; motion carried. Hillesheim presented the treasurer's report that showed a checking balance of \$43,611.20. The report was approved on a motion by Schottle and second by Sanderson; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. Schroeder reported that there are 140 paid memberships at this time. Membership renewal for 2021 will begin with the January newsletter; it may be more difficult to do, since there will be no banquet (with which renewal was tied).

Public Relations. Sanderson reported that nothing can be done at this time on website advertising.

Events. Other events are on hold.

OLD BUSINESS

Ag Books for Libraries. Schwab has ordered books for 11 school and public libraries and has spent \$599 of the \$600 budgeted. (Now that's efficiency!) The books will be delivered once schools are again in session.

Farm Show 2021. Sanderson reported that the Farm Show Committee had met, discussed the problems of trying to hold a show, and recommended not holding the show. The board agreed. Klossner motioned and Guggisberg seconded not holding a 2021 show; motion carried. Sanderson will try to confirm 2022 dates with New Ulm Park & Rec.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting. By consensus through email, the board cancelled an in-person annual meeting prior to the board meeting. The meeting will be held by Zoom Monday, January 25 at 7:00 pm. Last year's minutes, the treasurer's report, and an officer ballot will be emailed to members ahead of time.

Service to Ag. Will be delayed until later in the year and appropriate plans made.

Officer Slate. The board is still seeking a candidate for second vice president. Schroeder would be willing to take the spot if a Membership Director can be found.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on a motion by Sanderson and second by Gode. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 5.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner

Upcoming Events

- January Board Meeting—Tuesday, January 5, 5:15 pm., Don Sanderson's State Farm Insurance Office
- Annual Meeting—Monday, January 25, 7:00 p.m. by Zoom
- February Board Meeting—Tuesday, Feb. 2, 5:15 p.m., Don Sanderson's State Farm Insurance Office

Hub Club scholarship applications due March 15

The Hub Club will award five or six scholarships—with a total cap of \$5,100—to students who are currently seniors at NUHS, NUC, or MVL, or the son or daughter of a Hub Club member (attending any school), and planning to study ag, ag business, or natural resources at the post-secondary level. Students must have a 2.0 GPA.

Applications are available from Duane Laffrenzen at Citizens Bank (DLaffrenzen@citizensmn.com) or from secretary Ruth Klossner (hubclub@newulmtel.net). Applications are due March 15.

2021 Hub Club dues payable now

It's been an unusual year, no matter how you look at it. Through it all, the Hub Club has been there, ready and willing to help where we could.

We held our annual Farm Show—"The last show in town"—before the Covid lockdown. We awarded college scholarships, we stepped up to help the 4-H programs in both Brown and Nicollet Counties, we're in the process of purchasing ag-related books for area school libraries.

True, we weren't able to do other things in 2020—Ag Day parade, Bavarian Blast, pancake breakfasts, brat stand, Autofest—but we are making plans to get those things up and running again, as soon as we can.

With that said, it's time for membership renewal. Hub Club annual dues are \$25.00 per membership (couple, single, or business).

We've usually made our first push for dues renewal in conjunction with the annual meeting. Since we aren't having an in-person meeting, we're asking that members mail dues to the Hub Club mailbox, PO Box 372, New Ulm, MN 56073. When sending your check, please include name, mailing address, email address, and phone number.

Thank you!

2021 Farm Show cancelled; plans for 'bigger/better' event in 2022

The Farm Show committee met earlier this fall to review take aways from the 2020 Farm Show and to prepare for the 2021 Farm Show. Following are notes from those meetings.

2020 Farm Show—The committee acknowledged that this show was one of the most successful shows in club history as it highlighted Farm Safety and, most specifically, had live demonstration of grain bin safety. With the many grain bin accidents and deaths in the months prior to the show, the topic was on the mind of many farmers. Their attention was focussed on knowledge and skills to prevent and mitigate farm accidents involving grain bins. There was also the opportunity for fire department training on extricating a victim from a grain bin accident. The club also benefitted with its most successful financial returns from a Farm Show with net revenues eclipsing \$15,000.

2021 Farm Show—Planning for the Farm Show always begins in late September or early October and this year was the same, except for one reason, COVID 19. It was our early desire to build off of the momentum received from the 2020 Farm Show (the last major event in New Ulm in 2020) and present new ideas and opportunities to our farm families and businesses; but COVID 19 presented new challenges. An extensive survey of 2020 vendors revealed that there would be only 50% participation and—along with other issues including managing public safety, no food sales, no seminars, added costs, Hub Club volunteer safety and realizing all other events scheduled before or after our show had already cancelled—the committee presented their findings to the board which decided that in best interest of all involved—club, vendors and public—that the 2021 Farm Show would be cancelled.

Dang, but it is the right decision based on current information.

Well, that means that our 2022 Farm Show will be a barn buster and we have the right people on the committee to make that happen.

Speaking of the right people on the committee. I would like to thank the individual members of the committee for their continued hard work, intelligence, and acumen to create successful shows. I consider each Farm Show committee member to be a Rock Star—

- Michele Schroeder (seminars, volunteer assignments, poster coordinator, ideas and theme dreamer, etc.)
- Dennis Sjogren (seminars)
- Ruth Klossner (secretary, advertising, thought provoker, idea creator)
- Jenny Eckstein (chamber liaison, vendor coordinator, layout creator)
- Shannon Hillesheim (finance manager)
- Mary Struss and Delbert Fischer (food stand)
- Bob and Sharlene Ahlers (hospitality room for vendors)
- John Luepke (booth set-up and tear down)
- Joe Maidl (farm safety give away and drawing gifts)
- Club president (each year's club president is also a part of that year's committee)

Also, a special "Thanks" to every club member, FFA member, and friend of the club who volunteers their time and talents before, during, and after the show. We appreciate your help.

Don Sanderson
Farm Show Chairperson