



## Farm Show planning continues

Yes...it is October, but planning for the 2023 Farm Show starts now. The committee is meeting this Thursday, September 29, to discuss the theme for the 2023 Farm Show. More information will come later as plans are formulated.

Please know that your thoughts, comments, and suggestions are always welcome. Contact show chair Don Sanderson or another committee member. The committee would also welcome any new volunteers who want to help in planning.

Show dates are March 10-11. As always, we'll welcome members' help in set up, tear down, and the many tasks that go with the show.

## Upcoming Hub Club Events

- Farm Show Meeting—Thurs., Sept. 29, 11:45 a.m., Bank Midwest
- Board Meeting—Tues., Nov. 1
- Board Meeting—Tues., Dec. 6
- Board Meeting—Tues., Jan. 3
- Annual Meeting—Mon., Jan. 23, New Ulm Community Center

## A message from our president, Randy Schroeder

The Hub Club has had many successful and profitable activities in the past few years, thanks to the volunteer efforts of our members.

While it has never been our goal to accumulate wealth, somehow we managed to do that. The board has frequently deliberated what to do with our significant treasury. One common theme that has always surfaced is the education of the youth of this community. In past years we have regularly used funds for:

- scholarships
- library materials
- Family Night on the Dairy Farm
- bus transportation to SW Experiment Station
- donations to Brown & Nicollet County 4H Federations
- funding various items for the New Ulm FFA.

The New Ulm FFA has reciprocated with enormous "horsepower" when we've needed them, including set up of the farm show. Adult FFA advisors and alumni have also played a critical leadership role in the Hub Club.

We were recently approached by New Ulm Area Catholic Schools to consider the purchase of a table saw for their shop. It has advanced safety features including immediate blade stop if the blade comes in contact with skin.

After deliberation, the board approved this with the understanding that we will also consider ag-related education costs for the other two New Ulm high schools.

New Ulm Public High School has many worthwhile funding opportunities, including FFA and the new CTE center, which are technically available to the other schools, although it's often logistically difficult for students of other schools to participate.

MVL has more ag related learning than you might

think, including a several-acre plot where they experiment with variable inputs and ultimately use some of the produce in their lunch program.

The board envisions providing more funds directly to individual schools for projects like this, knowing that New Ulm has three exceptional school systems that are each strongly supported by our members. We expect to help each school, trying to keep a balanced approach that we believe will reflect the wishes of our members. We always appreciate member input, so please feel free to reach out to me or another board member with your ideas.

On the subject of spending our funds, Don Sanderson has spent countless hours with a sharp pencil and telephone, trying to figure out whether it makes sense for the Hub Club to buy pipes and drapes for backdrops for the farm show.

With the benefit of hindsight, we know now that we should have done this years ago, rather than renting them for the past 40 years, but that doesn't automatically mean that we should buy them now.

Don has been communicating with other organizations and businesses in New Ulm that may also have an interest in using and/or buying them. Ultimately the decision will probably boil down to the confidence level we have in the future of the various shows and events that may use them, including our own farm show.

While I know you can't make an informed decision without specifics, if you have general comments on this, please let me know and I will communicate with Don and the rest of the board. You may hear more about this in the future, assuming Don is willing to invest even more of his personal time on this!

Randy

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## Meeting Minutes — Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022; Don Sanderson's Office

President Randy Schroeder called the September 6, 2022 Hub Club meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. at Don Sanderson's State Farm Insurance Office. Also attending were vice presidents Jason Schroeder and Marie Guggisberg, secretary Ruth Klossner; directors Doug Schottle, Don Sanderson, Shannon Hillesheim, Justin Gode, and Julie Wilson.

The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Guggisberg and second by J. Schroeder; motion carried.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved, as published and summarized, on a motion by Gode and second by Guggisberg; motion carried.

Hillesheim reported a checking account balance of \$59,763.96. Her report was approved on a motion by Schroeder and second by Schottle; motion carried. No action was taken on a request from ProKinship for Kids for coats, as the request doesn't follow the ag promotion mission of the Hub Club.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. No report.

Public Relations. Sanderson reported that he has received no response from Park and Rec in regards to our letter about the Farm Show; he will follow up.

Events. R. Schroeder reported that the club successfully worked off the rent expenses for Bavarian Blast equipment storage by having club members work at grandstand events—and they had fun besides!

### OLD BUSINESS

Family Night on the Dairy Farm. J. Schroeder and Klossner reported that it was an exceptional event with a huge turnout. . .

just under 1,000! (985)

Bavarian Blast. Also a success. The Bavarian Blast wants our food stand back again next year.

### NEW BUSINESS

Fall Farm Safety Billboards. The board decided that it was too late to get billboards up this year.

Lamberton Field Day Busing. No requests had been received.

Day of Caring Breakfast. The event was sparsely attended last year. Board members felt that the attendance did not make it worthwhile for the work involved. The club will pass if asked this year.

Oktoberfest Food Stand. We decided to not participate in Oktoberfest this year. We felt our profit potential would be limited with three food trucks there. The Chamber said we'd be welcome again next year if we wanted to participate.

Farm Show Drapes and Pipes. Sanderson had done considerable research into whether it would be feasible for the club to purchase drapes and pipes for the Farm Show booths, rather than renting. Annual rental is \$3,000-plus. Concerns about cost, storage, rental to other groups, and more were discussed, with more thought to be put into the matter. Sanderson was thanked for his extensive work on the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on a motion by Hillesheim and second by Wilson.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 1. (No meeting in October.)

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary

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## Important Notice—First call for Service to Agriculture nominees

In order to give potential Service to Ag recipients time to plan for the event, the Service to Ag selection committee will meet in November.

The Service to Agriculture Award recognizes a person (or couple) who has provided outstanding service to the agricultural community in general and/or the Hub Club in particular.

Think about people who you consider deserving, then email or mail your nomination to Secretary Ruth Klossner

at cowladyruth@gmail.com, 34085 515 Avenue, Lafayette, MN 56054, or 507-240-0048.

Nominations are due Tuesday, November 8.

The award recipient will be selected by a committee of previous winners of the award. That group will meet by mid-November and the recipient will be notified soon after so that he/she can invite family and friends to the January 23 banquet.