

October 26, 2025 7:15 PM Zoom meeting

4-H Rabbit Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 26th,
2025

Call to Order & Introductions

Recap on last Meeting -

Goals for our First Year

- Youth Showmanship Opportunities
 - Opportunities for Youth Development in Rabbits
 - Spring Rabbit Show

Discuss Explore 4-H Day

New Business -

What did people find on YouTube and other sources? What should we make videos on? Should we still make them? Who should make them?

Discuss our first workshop. What should it be on? When should it be? Where will it be? What materials should be prepared? Who should take the lead? Rabbits Present as opposed to not being present?

Should we Assign/Vote in Committee Chair Positions Right Now? Or Should we Wait?

Any Further Ideas/Feedback to Benefit the Committee

Adjourn Meeting *Hopefully Around 8:00*

Notes begin:

Call to order 7:15 PM by Elena Boss

Introductions made: Amy Barnes (York), Peter, Ellen and Micki (Washington Center), Grace and Sharon (New Glarus), Amanda and Jake, Elizabeth and Clara, Elena and Marci, and Heather and Joclyn (CCC) representing

Amy checking out committee for her club, notes and agendas shared

Peter: Where can we share our Youtube content research? In Chat:

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=qOxSjvlfZxY> (PETER)

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=IFqUpHyXIRo> (Peter)

Other content shared in conversation only, links shared on youth text group

This plus links to Agenda and notes complete Zoom Chat content

Recap of Goals for 1st year:

Youth Showmanship Opportunities through workshop or events

Youth Development in Rabbits through workshops by committee presented by video content

Spring Rabbit Show- Put to discussion at next meeting

Recap **Explore 4H day**

(Elena) How did Explore 4H day benefit the Committee and Explore 4H Day in Green County?

(Ellen) Robust rabbit table with variety of breeds and youth representing Rabbits. Likes where the rabbit display was set up in conjunction to the other areas of focus. Might start a new trend in regards to Explore Day flow as well as interest in the area.

(Elena) The most common question asked by interested youth and parents was, "What breed do you recommend to buy and then show?"

(Grace) Another most common question was, "Can I pet or hold your rabbit"

(Elena) Overall a successful day for rabbit interest

(Marci) Are there any notes for next year?

(Grace) Set up the same and include chart of breeds. (Ellen) office will provide updated chart upon publishing

(Peter) likes the questionnaire component related to workshops for feedback to committee

New Business:

Youth finds on Youtube and Sources for learning content

(Peter) Showmanship videos (links posted above) would like committee to recreate a similar video on Showmanship

(Micki) some videos are hard to determine level of skill, would like to make different Showmanship videos relating to different skill levels. Make the videos well labeled, as in the Title of video or About content

(Elena) Videos about how to tattoo your rabbit, though may not apply to all youth showing just for fair. Also videos for 5th and 6th grade level of showmanship was mentioned by 2025 Fair Judge to focus on teaching Showmanship content. Use Facebook page with questions and answers about Showmanship.

(Elizabeth) Poses of a rabbit, rabbit breed differences

(Marci) Has anyone read curriculum content from the UW extension on rabbits?

(Ellen) UW has rules for transcription and resourcing documents that we have to align with when producing some content. UW has curriculum games, being interactive with games
Grace, Clara, and Joc declined content to share

(Elena) Likes the idea of videos with different levels of Showmanship, beginner, intermediate, advanced like the categories youth fall into for our fair judging.

(Micki) Can we do them all together, separate, and schedule a time

(Peter) If we don't want to be on camera, can we participate in voice over, some committee members act, some voice over

(Marci) Meet for 3 hours in an afternoon to create a video or meet in sub groups to make several videos in that afternoon

(Micki) have youth in the age group participate in creating the level of Showmanship represented, Makes kids think "the kids are my age doing it, I can do it too"

(Ellen) I will look into finding a beginner age youth to participate

(Peter) nominates his brother

(Marci) will set up a doodle survey to find a time, timeline of production over the winter months

1st Workshop Brainstorming

(Elena) What do we want our first workshop to focus on?

(Joclyn) Breeds

(Elena) agree start early add on breeders and standard of perfection

(Ellen) What about supplies needed with the first rabbit?

(Grace) likes Ellen's idea

(Micki and Ellen) (Elena) Is breeds and supplies 1 workshop or 2; or in 2 parts?

Break a workshop into parts, 15 minutes of information, 10 break, 15 minutes of information totalling 45 minutes max time, or stations for workshop ideas at the same workshop with potentially working in the Standard of Perfection, or 2 rooms for different content at the same workshop. RSVP to determine the category of interest. Don't need rabbits at this workshop, can then hold at extension office meeting rooms

(Grace) like the idea of holding workshops at Extension office meeting rooms, no opposition

Workshops will be held at UW Extension office meeting rooms

(Elena) Offers the idea of making a slideshow of breeds.

(Ellen) brings up the question of are all breeds represented within the Fair Judging? Yes in classes 4 and 6.

Materials to use within workshops:

(Grace) Rabbit bingo cards, different ways to fulfill rabbit bingo cards interactively. Ask questions and get answers to check off bingo card. Tools category on rabbit bingo card

(The group then determines if Elena does in fact bathe her rabbits... she only spot washes with baking soda and vinegar)

(Ellen and Elena) volley ideas on how to incorporate games and supplies into workshop with BINGO and include references to the Premier Exhibitor Skillathon

(Micki and Elena) include catch phrases like "If you read this info, mark your BINGO card, and make different BINGO card content for different age groups, beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Scavenger hunt possibility?

(Group) approves of games, supplies, and pictures presented at workshop on breeds

(Peter) Matching card game?

(Ellen) Timeframe?

(Group) determines in discussion 3 workshops over the months of January (breeds), March (undecided), and June (show etiquette and showmanship) broken into subgroups led by a committee of 3.

Elena nominated and accepted to lead first workshop with Grace and Peter

(Ellen) will look for relevant content curriculum from Extension for each workshop

Next Meeting:

(Grace and Peter) suggest Sunday November 23 at 7:15, approved and Zoom only

Further meeting schedule: no December meeting, but schedule further monthly meetings around 4th Sunday of month as to avoid conflict with clun meeting scheduling heavy during 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. January will hold 2 meetings, making up for skipping December, likely 1st and 4th Sunday of January, approval will be in the November meeting of the monthly meeting schedule.

Appointing chairs pushed to November meeting

Adjourn 8:10 PM