

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES

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Monday, February 2, 2015

Civic Center

PRESENT: Drew & Trevor Alpers, Keri Bancroft, Heather Barley, Wendy & Ryan Barker, Karla Blackmer, Jo Ann & Rose Bohrer, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Sara Bristol, Diane Brown, Riley Burch, Dan Campbell, Gwyn Carter, Kayce Caugh, Lori Cederquist, Stacey Clous, Jackie Davis, Mandy DePuy, Nancy Dow, Lyn Drzewiecki, Kathy Easter, Sherri Forton, Amanda Franke, Katherine Franke, Robin Gildner, Archie, Katie & Cyrus Graham, Scott Gray, Vanja Griffin, Lynn Henning, Renee Hobbins, KayLeigh Johnson, Kim Kelderhouse, Laura Kirby, Mylia LaPointe, Tammy, Madison & McKenzie Leishman, Milt & Iva Lewis, Nicole Meredith, Diane Moyer, Rudy & Karin Neumann, Julie Nowland, Sandi Pyle, Kelly Renshaw, David Robinson, Sawyer Robinson, Gretchen Sauvage, Tina Schaub, Birdie Schweikart, Jennifer Seitz, Rosile Shaffer, Christine Snow, Roger, Tara & Hannah Steffes, Suzan Svec, Heather Swinney, Miranda Thompson, Kay Wagner, Amanda Wilkins, Allison Wittkopp, Stephanie Wolf, Sonya Youker, Pam Zientek

OFFICERS: Darrel Robinson, Mark Barley, Angie Walker, Kelly Kraeft, Nancy Schroeder,

TEEN REP: Riley Burch, Heather Swinney

MSUE 4-H STAFF: Karin Stevens –G.T. County

FAIRBOARD: Scott Gray, Milt Lewis, Rudy Neumann, Sonya Youker

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledges were recited. Sign-in sheets were passed around. 37 clubs were present & 20 clubs were not represented.

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Angie Walker presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Gretchen Sauvage, seconded by Jackie Davis, to accept the report. Motion carried. Next month you will see 3 updated forms – they will be new to all of us so please ask any questions that you have. At the Livestock meeting the reports will be "unreconciled" since bank statements aren't completed until the 15th of the month.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Karin Stevens –G.T. County Extension

Michigan Vet Science – Feb 27-28 at Kettunen Center

Beef, Sheep, Swine – Feb 28 – March 1 at Kettunen Center

These are both very beneficial to any involved in the program & any interested are encouraged to attend. Scholarship funds are available.

State Goat Expo – Sat. April 25, 2015 at MSU

4-H Companion Animal Camp – May 30 – 31. Camp Tuhsmeheeta, Greenville

W-9 forms – need to be filled out for any 4-H clubs selling things.

Leaders – will hopefully be registered online by April

Children's Art Exchange – will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, 11:00 a.m. at the TC District Library.

Exchange "visual letters" with children in China

Clover Market Farm Stand Project – bring farm markets to local State parks

Environmental & Outdoor Educational Workshops – March 9, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. Fee is \$20.00

Renewable Energy Camp – July 6-10, MSU

Animal Vet Science Camp – June 15 – 19, MSU

EDUCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT:

Greg Dreves, GT County Farm Bureau President & Autumn Rector, Young Farmer chair person with Farm Bureau attended the meeting & discussed the responsibilities of Farm Bureau. For example:

- Educate legislature. Vote of State policy

- They are a lobbying group
- Educate on agriculture policies
- Public education – Where food comes from
- School Ag programs
- Provide career opportunities for farming
- Partners with 4-H on Capital Experience
- Review 4-H record books – usually 75-80 books. They look for books that are thorough & they want pictures
- Meetings are the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to attend call the office & your name will be added.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auction Committee – will be meeting Tues. Feb. 17. Save the dates magnets have been ordered & will be sent out in May to the past 3 years buyers. The auction line-up has been set

Buyer Luncheon – Two by Two has stepped down from the Buyers lunch. Rowdy Ranchers had volunteered to shadow but has a small club & will need help.

Cherry Festival Parade – will be July 9. The theme is Michigan Made. Please participate. The public loves to see the kids, animals & tractors

Fair book updates – are being done now

Photography – the backdrop needs to be redone. If you have ideas call Karin Neumann 231-668-2745 or Karin.neumann@hotmail.com

Technology Team – Wendy & Ryan Barker are improving the website. If you have questions or are interested in helping call Wendy 218-5509 or aenigmaz@gmail.com

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – 53. Tagging will start soon. Keep an eye on water so it doesn't freeze. In the cold weather keep feed in the mangers.

Dairy feeder – possession date is March 1. Be looking at least 90 lb calves. RFID tags are required. If your calf has not been vaccinated do it as soon as you get it home. Keep calves out of drafts. Supply good, dry bedding. Supply fresh water. Hang a calendar in your barn to keep track of your feed.

Dairy veal – calves need to be born in April. Possession date is May 1. Calves are not fed any grain or hay. Bedding needs to be wood chips or sawdust. Veal is shown as dairy not as beef. If you have questions call Amanda

Jr. Beef – possession date in May 15. Expect higher beef prices this year.

Swine – PQA certification will be required & clinic dates are planned. USDA 840 ear tags will be required. If your pig does not have the tag it can be tagged at the fairgrounds or tagging can happen at breeders if many are being purchased. When planning your decorations they can't be heavy or hang down into the pens. Plastic Lattice works well for air flow. A breeder list has been posted. Leaders please contact Stacey with a "pre count" number – space will be very tight.

Goat – expecting 12-13 market goats. Now is a good time to purchase a meat goat. Goats require a scrapie tag (this needs to be done by the breeder) / tattoo – the exception is pure breed registered goats. This is pneumonia season – watch for snotty noses.

Rabbits – Check your water for freezing. Use heat lamps in the frigid weather. Contact Denise if you are looking for breeders.

Lamb – April Expo registrations due. May 1 possession date. A breeder list is available

Poultry – production hens & dual purpose birds should be in possession the 1st wk of Feb. Turkey & geese need to be in possession by April 20th – 30th. Meat chickens & ducks need to be in possession the week of June 8th & June 12th. Place your orders early to ensure you get your birds on time. Order extra birds to ensure you have selection for a market pen. Check the Guidebook for all requirements. Call Lynn Henning with questions 231-357-5132 or Hennhouse 2014@gmail.com

Horse – the barn project has begun! March 7th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. there will be a Horse & Pony tack sale & at 12:30 p.m. consigned items are for sale at the Grand Traverse Academy. ½ the proceeds come back to the horse barn. A boot camp is being planned for May & Open shows

start in July. The State Horse Show will be the 1st weekend of Fair so arrangements will need to be made for those who are participating. Looking for kids to be on the 4-H Horse Council – there will be a meeting at Big Pappa's Mon. Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nancy Dow – deserves many thanks for writing a grant to the Schmukal Foundation that resulted in \$15, 000.00 to wards the new lamb barn. Look what great volunteers can achieve! Thank you so much!

PQA dates – & 4-H members in the Livestock program are required to attend. Leaders & parents are encouraged to attend too. Age 11 & under receive 1 yr. certification. Age 12-19 attend the class, take a test & if it is passed they receive a 3 year certification depending on the age. If the test is not passed a 1 year certification is given. The fee will be \$3.00 per youth.

March 8 th	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Traverse City Civic Center
April 12	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kingsley High School
April 26	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Leelanau County Government Center Community Room
May 3 or 4?	?	Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds

Registration Expo – is planned for Mon. April 13, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The copying of paperwork has changed to avoid lines. You are encouraged to bring copies along with you. 1 for the Livestock council & 1 for each Specie the member has signed up for

Teen Reps – we are fortunate to have 5 Teen Reps this year! They are – Shayna Brooks, Riley Burch, Ruth Svec, Heather Barley & Heather Swinney. Thank you for volunteering!

Explore Educational Clinic – is being planned for May 2-3 at the fairgrounds. This will be a large clinic with many outstanding speakers & will be open to other counties in the state to attend. The fee will be \$10.00 for Livestock members with a family rate of \$40.00. Outside our area will be a \$15.00 fee not to exceed \$50.00. Lunch will be provided by food vendors. Camping is an option for \$20.00. A bonfire, movie night & tack sale are being planned. Sponsors of the clinics will have banners & name printed on flyers etc. Kayce Caugh has volunteered to organize the clinic – thanks so much!

GT County Deputy Sheriff Dept – has a program for new 4-H market participants in GT County. Submit and essay by April 13.

Auction Line-up

<u>Haberlein</u> 9:00 a.m.	<u>Rosa</u> 12:00 p.m.
Swine	Goat
Dairy Feeder	Rabbit
Steer	Turkey
Jr. Beef	Production Hens
	Meat birds
	Duck
	Geese
	Cornish hens
	Dairy veal
	Lambs

2015 Fairground Work bee dates:

April 26	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
May 16	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
June 2	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
July 12	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
July 25	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Next meeting – will be Thurs. February 12, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office

Tick Tock – 186 days till fair!

2015 Fair theme – Barnyard Beach Party

