

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES

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Monday, July 27, 2015

Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds

PRESENT: Drew & Trevor Alpers, Keri Bancroft, Mike & Chris Barley, Wendy & Ryan Barker, Karla Blackmer, Jo Ann & Rose Bohrer, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Sarah Bristol, Carl & Diane Brown, Tyson, Melissa & Peyton Burch, John & Natalie Burns, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Deb, Spencer, Reece & Bella Canfield, Gwyn Carter, Kayce Caugh, Lori Cederquist, Carrie Chase, Stacey Clous, Barb Crosley, Jackie Davis, Michael, Leah & Hunter Delahanty, Mandy & Emma DePuy, Nancy Dow, Lyn Drzewiecki, Kathy Easter, Jeff Goodwin, Allison Fewless, Alisa Nowland, Kim Franke, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Hannah & Mariah Gaither, Vanja Griffin, Lynn Henning, Natalie & Lydia Heymes, Carl & Kelly Isenhardt, Kim Kelderhouse, Laura Kirby, Charles Kolbusz, Patti LaPointe, Tammy, McKenzie & Madison Leishman, Melissa Lindsey, Nikki Meredith, Rudy & Jan Neumann, Jill Noel, Julie Nowland, Katie & Jared Oosse, Sandi Pyle, Lisa Ralph, Kennedy Reffitt, Jozell Rexroat, Sharri Robertson-Craft, David Robinson, Gretchen Sauvage, Rebecca Schaub, Tina, Samantha & Kaylee Schaub, Jennifer Seitz, Janet & Stacy Sieffert, Christine Snow, Roger & Tara Steffens, Beth Stephens, Suzan Svec, Elaine & Andrea Taghon, Miranda Thompson, Candy Tiedt, Kay Wagner, Amanda Wilkins, Mary Ann Wilsey, Allison Wittkopp, Stephanie Wolf, Sonya Youker, Cory Young, Jodi Zenner

Welcome to: Emma DePuy-Wheelbarrow Bunch, Jodi Zenner-Rickety Ranchers, Tyson, Melissa & Peyton Burch-Sew, Grow, Show, Lauren Richmond-Muck boot Musketeers

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

TEEN REP: Ruth Svec, Heather Swinney

MSU 4-H STAFF: Susan Lee – Leelanau Co Extension / Karin Stevens – GT Co Extension

FAIRBOARD: Mike Barley, Mary Dennis, Scott Gray, Rudy Neumann, Cory Young, 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. 47 clubs were present & 12 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 Tom Bretzke, to accept the report. Motion carried. A new storage shed was purchased for the grounds to store all the Livestock Council equipment, the cost was \$3000.00. – the storage area was lost when the goat barn was built. \$1000.00 needs to be moved from the general fund to purchase pig waterers & other items to complete the barns for fair week use.

*A motion was made by Suzan Svec, seconded by Gretchen Sauvage to move \$1000.00 from the general fund for animal equipment. Motion carried*

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Susan Lee – Leelanau County MSU Extension

Karin Stevens – GT County MSU Extension

Carnival passes – will be available on Friday in the Rabbit barn. You will need to have a wrist band to get a pass. 4-H ride times are Fri. 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. & Sat, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

4-H Food booth – sign up to work the food booth Fair week. This is a fund raiser for GT County.

Blood drive – will be Fri. Aug. 14, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be 2 buses this year – 1 at the front gate & 1 at the back gate.

Final fair week schedule – will be printed on green paper.

CPR training – will be available for 4-H members on Friday, 11:00 a.m. in the Bingo tent. The class will be about 1 hr.

Cloverbud activities – are planned for Mon. – Wed. 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There may be a scavenger hunt on Thurs.

4-H appreciation party – the Fair will generously be sponsoring a thank you party for the 4-H members again this year on Sat. August 8 following the mandatory meeting.

Horse Camp – there are openings. The camp is Aug. 17 – 21. 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Inland Seas Sail on West Bay – Thurs. Aug. 20

4-H & DNR State Parks – are partnering to sell produce as a fund raiser in the State Parks.

Interlochen State Park in July & Traverse City State Park in October

4-H window decals – are available for \$1.00

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Auction Committee.

- Auction ring spotters are needed – volunteers will be trained Wed. p.m. If interested please contact Greg or Keri Bancroft.
- Auction brochures are available – use for new buyers & place in area business's
- Buyer invites – have been mailed
- Buyer letter – will be available on the website to include with letters that are mailed.
- TCSB pre-registration – will be offered in advance & you can register on the grounds Wed. p.m.
- Buyer packet – will be available Wed. p.m.
- Auction Committee volunteers will be wearing red shirts
- Poultry will be sold by the pen
- Buyer receipts will be given to Specie Chairs Wed. p.m.
- Announcers – will be helping the auctioneers with buyer numbers

Auction refreshments – will function as it did last year. 2 serving areas will be organized – Proclites camp area serves the Haberlein arena & Twin Lakes camp serves the Rosa arena. A sign up sheet will be sent out at the next meeting for clubs to volunteer for 1 hour slots. 1 -2 older members from each club are needed to serve as bank runners – please have them report to the clerking table. Each club is asked to please donate a wrapped snack & a case of water.

Buyer Luncheon – market 4-H members will be served lunch. A prepared box lunch will be served. Sunshine Acres has volunteered but is a club with 9 Cloverbuds, they will need help on Thursday.

Cherry Festival Parade – thank you for those who participated. We had a good turn out & fun was had by all.

Cloverbuds – there are 223. Activities are planned Mon – Wed. 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There may be a scavenger hunt on Thurs. An adult, age 18 or older will need to be with a Cloverbud during their show. There will be a parade on Sat. Volunteers are needed

Differently Aabled – the show is Sun. at 10:00 a.m. If you know anyone who may be interested in the program please have them contact Angie or Nancy Dow – it is not too late.

Exhibit Building – planning forms are available tonight or they can be emailed. Display areas are 5 x 5. Building set up will be Fr. 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fair week entertainment – movies will be shown on Mon, Tue, Fri & Sat nights in the Haberlein arena – bring chairs

Ice – will be \$4.50 for a 22 lb bag. Clubs close to the ice chests will have money boxes & keys

Photography – there will be 2 photographers – North light Photo & Windborne. The price will continue to be \$8.00 per photo pack. Sunday=dog photos during & after the show. Wed=swine photos beginning at 8:00 a.m. Thurs=auction photos, small animals & Cloverbuds 9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. Fri=horses 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. & large animals 12:00 p.m. & makeup's. Contact Karin Neumann 231-668-2745 or [Karin.neumann@hotmail.com](mailto:Karin.neumann@hotmail.com) with questions/concerns

Radio/Advertising – interviews have been set up. If interested contact Stephanie Wolf.

Responsibility at the Fair – there is a clean up tomorrow 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be no make up dates this year.

Senior/Special awards – 53. Windy Acres volunteered to do the awards. Please send in the number of seniors you have in your clubs & their names to: [ldelahancy1974@hotmail.com](mailto:ldelahancy1974@hotmail.com) or 360-8525. Specie chairs need a 5x7 senior picture & a bio for seniors in your clubs

Technology Team – Wendy & Ryan Barker are improving the website. Looking for volunteers to help who are 13 y.o. or older. If you have questions or are interested in helping call Wendy 218-5509 or [aenigmaz@gmail.com](mailto:aenigmaz@gmail.com)

Thank you Ad – may go back in the Record Eagle. The Insider has been sold to a different company.

#### SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

##### REQUIRED FOR ALL CATTLE

*The State of Mich. Dept. of Agriculture requires an official RFID (radio frequency identification) ear tag prior to moving cattle from a premises.*

Steer – 50. Arrive 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Enter gate 3. RFID tags are required. Pens are ready, plywood is down & eye bolts have been placed in each pen for water. Handling practices are Sun & Mon. Pictures & bios are needed for seniors.

Dairy feeder – 20 Market, 2 Showmanship, 7 Cloverbuds. Arrive 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Enter Gate 3 – unload in front of the barn. Have the 4-H member come with the animal. RFID tags, proof of vaccinations & health records are required. Minimum weight is 350 lbs. Prepare your pen – some plywood is available. If it has a name on it please don't use it. Ply wood will need have to holes for drainage. If you will be late please send Amanda a text. Bring supplies & feed – will need something for water, neck tie, boots, show sticks. The barn meeting will be 5:30 & wrist bands will be applied. Green & white cards need to hang above your pen or plain green for show. Cloverbuds will need to have a parent or someone over 18 helping them when with an animal. Use soap sparingly & don't use real cold water when bathing.

Jr. Beef – 26 Market, 24 Cloverbuds 3 Showmanship. Arrive 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Enter Gate 3 – unload in front of the barn. Have the 4-H member come with the animal. RFID tags, proof of vaccinations & health records are required. Minimum weight is 350 lbs. Prepare your pen – some plywood is available. If it has a name on it please don't use it. Ply wood will need have to holes for drainage. If you will be late please send Amanda a text. Bring supplies & feed – will need something for water, neck tie, boots, show sticks. The barn meeting will be 5:30 & wrist bands will be applied. Green & white cards need to hang above your pen or plain green for show. Cloverbuds will need to have a parent or someone over 18 helping them when with an animal. Use soap sparingly & don't use real cold water when bathing.

Swine – 293 Market, 66 Cloverbuds, 20 seniors. Arrive 6:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Enter Gate 2. USDA 840 ear tags & health records required. If ear tags need to be replaced contact Stacey. Senior pictures & bios are needed. Pen assignments will be posted soon. Decorating can be done Wed. 8/5. Have your pen ready for your pig to arrive & know your pen #.

Goat – 22 Market, 39 Cloverbuds. Arrive 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Walk in Gate 2 7 enter the back of the barn. Scrapie tag / tattoo, CD & T are required – the exception is pure breed registered goats. Bring supplies/feed that you need for the week. Pen assignments will be done soon. Canvas hay bags can be used. Arm bands will be applied. Raffle tickets are available for \$5.00 for hot dogs, summer sausage & goat products– the drawing will be the last Sat. of fair. There will be a goat costume & talent class Mon. Aug. 10 – choose a Disney themed costume. Contact Tammy Leishman 231- 499-7370 or [TCALLSTARSELITE@YAHOO.COM](mailto:TCALLSTARSELITE@YAHOO.COM)

Rabbits – 1 Market, 118 Breed, 45 Cloverbuds, 7 seniors. Arrive 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Enter gate 2. Tattooing will be done July 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Bring supplies/feed that will be needed for the week. Bring a clean rabbit but don't bath with soap.

Cavy – 7. Arrive 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Enter gate 2. Bring supplies/feed needed for the week. If it is cold plan on taking your animal home.

Lamb – 73 Market, 3 Breed, 19 Cloverbuds. Arrive 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Walk in Gate 2. Scrapie tag is required. Final sheering is August 1, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. & is \$10.00. Pen assignments will be up soon. Notify Jackie off pen mates to help with assignments. Senior pictures & bios are needed.

##### IMPORTANT TO ALL WITH POULTRY PROJECTS

*Due to Avian flu the State of MI will not allow birds at fairs. Alternatives for showmanship & the auction are being planned. The goal is for all in the program to have a good educational experience.*

Poultry – 15 Cloverbuds, 4 seniors. 12 Production hens, 6 Turkeys, 1 goose, 14 Meat chickens, 4 ducks & 1 Cornish Hen. Arrive & check in at barn 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Receipt & pullorum certification are required for market projects. Call Lynn Henning with questions 231-357-5132 or Hennhouse [2014@gmail.com](mailto:2014@gmail.com)

- Decorating can be done Fri. 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Bring an 8x10 picture of your project. The leg band should be showing in Market projects.
- Barn duty & Skill-a-thon's will be required.
- Barn will be open daily 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Sign up for 2 mandatory clinics – Sun. & Mon. 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Bring beach items to decorate the duck pond.
- Poultry will be sold by the pen
- Pen assignments will be posted Fri. 8/7
- A video of 4-H members with projects will be showing in the barn.
- If you should bring your own electronics please watch them closely.

Horse – 46 with 11 Cloverbuds, 6 seniors. Arrive 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Enter gate 3. Use the campground gate as an exit. Proof of Coggins is required. Trailers will need to be moved away from the barn ASAP – there is parking by the power line. The new barn will be open & it is beautiful. Stalls will be assigned. There will be stalls for tack & feed. Ribbon cutting for the new barn will be Sat. after the mandatory meeting.

Llama/Alpaca – barn is full. Arrive 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Walk in Gate 2. Should be wormed & up – to – date CD&T.

Dogs – 50, 7 Cloverbuds, 7 seniors. The fun match was a success, about 20 kids attended. Thank you to the Peters for hosting a great day!

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Open Executive Board & Specie Chair positions – are Treasurer & Vice President & they are 2 year terms. Angie will not be running for the Treasurer position.

4-H arm bands – for 4-H members, siblings & Cloverbuds will be applied by the Specie Chairs.

Banners – will be printed for entry gates

Lamb barn gear – Jan has a blue blanket for sale that would be a great buyer gift. Proceeds go towards the new lamb barn – lets make this the year that we pull this off!

#### Auction Line-up

Haberlein 9:00 a.m.

Swine  
Dairy Feeder  
Steer  
Jr. Beef

Rosa 12:00 p.m.

Goat  
Rabbit  
Turkey  
Production Hens  
Meat birds  
Geese  
Cornish Hens  
Ducks  
Lambs

2015 Fairground Work bee dates: Cloverbuds are not required to work.

July 28 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Scales – have been certified

North gate – behind the camp hosts will be a pedestrian gate from the parking lot.

7:30 AM meetings – occur daily during fair week at the Rosa arena – coffee will be provided – if clubs would like to take turns donating donuts that would be great! These meeting are informative with any updates; changes etc. & concerns/issues can be discussed.

Community picnic – will not be held this year.

Proper clothing – boots or sturdy shoes will be required when working with livestock. Do not wear flip flops. Please use good judgment with clothing – the public is watching & let's set a good example.

Greenstone Farm Credit – will be having an essay contest.

Pen boards – that are used to sit on across the pens must be carpeted.

Logo gear – will be for sale

Zero Tolerance – a policy is in place & will be enforced. If you are aware of issues please contact a leader or officer.

Parking – there will be no parking within the grounds. All vehicles need to be moved from the grounds to appropriate parking area after the mandatory meeting Sat. p.m. If vehicles need to enter the grounds they need to have a walking spotter along side the vehicle.

Parking lot – the main lot is for our paying guests. 4-H families will not be allowed to park in the lot. Parking will be available along Blair Townhall Rd. in Bloxsom's Roofing parking lot & in a lot by the power line.

4-H Appreciation Party – the Fairboard will be hosting a thank you party for 4-H members Sat after the mandatory meeting. Pizza, sno cones, root beer & crème soda floats will be provided. Thank you so much!

#### FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Next meeting – will be Thurs, July 30, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office. This will be the last meeting prior to fair.

Fair office hours – are 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

4-H Appreciation Party – the Fairboard will be hosting a thank you party for 4-H members Sat after the mandatory meeting. Pizza, sno cones, root beer & crème soda floats will be provided. Thank you so much!

Campers – can be brought to the grounds Wed. August 6 after 4:00 p.m. Look for a Fairboard member to show you your spot.

Parking – there will be no parking within the grounds. All vehicles need to be moved from the grounds to appropriate parking area after the mandatory meeting Sat. p.m. If vehicles need to enter the grounds they need to have a walking spotter along side the vehicle.

Parking lot – the main lot is for our paying guests. 4-H families will not be allowed to park in the lot. Parking will be available along Blair Townhall Rd. in Blossom Roofing parking lot & in a lot by the power line.

Weekly grandstand passes – are available for \$50.00.

Rodeo tickets – are available in advance for \$10.00 – see Sonya

Arm bands – if you have one that needs to be replaced take the old one to Mary Dennis

Carnival ride passes – you must have an arm band to get a pass.

Extension cords – bring heavy duty cords for trailers.

Mother's area – will be ready for fair. The area will have rocking chairs, changing tables & will have private nursing areas. If anyone has any of those items to donate or diapers/wipes please see Rudy

Museum – looking for photos from past & present – please put name & year on photos

Avian flu – per the State of MI no birds will be allowed on the grounds during fair week

*Thank you to all who worked on the grounds – they look fabulous!*

Next meeting:

Monday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.

Specie Chairs to meet at 6:00 p.m.

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Record books are due

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