

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES

P.O. Box 134 Grawn, MI 49637
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Monday, June 1, 2015

Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds

PRESENT: Lorna Alger, Drew & Trevor Alpers, Keri Bancroft, Mike Barley, Wendy & Ryan Barker, Karla Blackmer, Jo Ann Bohrer, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Sarah Bristol, Diane Brown, Mary Burns, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Deb, Spencer, Reece & Bella Canfield, Gwyn Carter, Kayce Caugh, Carrie Chase, Stacey Clous, Jeremy & Tammy Clous, Barb Crosley, Jackie Davis, Michael, Leah & Hunter Delahanty, Mandy DePuy, Nancy Dow, Kathy Easter, Katherine Franke, Kim Franke, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Hannah Gaither, Vanja Griffin, Lynn Henning, Becky Hopkins, Kayleigh Johnson, Kim Kelderhouse, Laura Kirby, Patti LaPointe, Tammy, Mikayla & Madison Leishman, Milt & Iva Lewis, Nicole Meredith, Diane Moyer, Rudy & Karin Neumann, Jill Noel, Julie Nowland, Sandi Pyle, Lisa Ralph, Kelly Renshaw, Sharri Robertson-Craft, David Robinson, Ronda Robinson, Candace, Amanda & Alyssa Rottman, Gretchen Sauvage, Jennifer & Jenna Seitz, Rosile Shaffer, Janet & Stacy Sieffert, Roger, Tara & Hannah Steffes, Suzan & Ruth Svec, Heather Swinney, Elaine Taghon, Miranda Thompson, Kay Wagner, Cliff Wares, Hannah Weatherwax, Amanda Wilkins, Allison Wittkopp, Stephanie Wolf, Carolyne Woodhams, Sonya Youker, Cory Young, Pam Zientek

Welcome to: Lorna Alger & Cliff Wares-Barn Busters, Hannah Weatherwax & Becky Hopkins-Sunshine Acres, Barb Crosley-Country Cousins

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

TEEN REP: Heather Barley, Shayna Brooks, Riley Burch, Heather Swinney, Ruth Svec

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

FAIRBOARD: Mike Barley, Jeremy Clous, Scott Gray, Milt Lewis, Rudy Neumann, Carolyne Woodhams, 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. 43 clubs were present & 16 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 Carrie Chase, to accept the report. Motion carried.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Susan Lee – Leelanau County MSU Extension

Karin Stevens – GT County MSU Extension

Exploration Days – June 24- 26.

Renewable Energy Camp – July 6-10, MSU

Animal Vet Science Camp – June 15 – 19, MSU

Sportsmanship Webinar – Mon. June 15, 7:00 p.m.

Exhibit building planning forms – are available & will be due at the last meeting in July. Display areas will be smaller this year.

Cloverbud sign up – contact the Extension office to register

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

Leelanau 4-H Outdoor Club – looking for new members. Meet on 60 acres in Suttons Bay on M22 North – Wed, June 10th 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cherry Connection– there will be a petting zoo at the Horticulture Center during Cherry Festival. A sign up sheet for times is available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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 in 1 hour slots. Clubs are asked to please donate a wrapped snack & a case of water.

Buyer Luncheon – Rowdy Ranchers volunteered but has a small club. Sunshine Acres has volunteered but is a club with 9 Cloverbuds. Another medium sized club will be needed to step up to help. Donation letters have been sent out.

Cherry Festival Parade – will be July 9. The theme is Michigan Made. Please have your clubs participate. The public loves to see the kids, animals & tractors so wear your club shirts, bring your animals, your smile & have fun! Please leave poultry at home – birds will not be allowed in the parade.

Cloverbuds – the approximate number is 300. Volunteers are needed so more activities can be planned. Contact Laura Kirby.

Differently Able – check in on the Livestock Council website

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Photography – there will be 2 photographers – Northlight 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 9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. Fri=horses 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. & large animals 12:00 p.m. & makeups. Contact Karin Neumann 231-668-2745 or Karin.neumann@hotmail.com with questions/concerns

Responsibility at the Fair – there will be no make up dates this year.

Senior/Special awards – Barn Busters volunteered to do the awards. Please send in the number of seniors you have in your clubs & their names to: 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

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. RFID tags are required. Hoof trimming is scheduled for June 27th 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dairy feeder – 20 Market, 3 Showmanship, 6 Cloverbuds. RFID tags are required. Vaccinations are required & a health record. Worm your calf. Check the Guidebook for useful information. Supply fresh water. Hang a calendar in your barn to keep track of your feed. Get a beginning weight & a picture of your calf. Please respond to emails & phone calls with registration questions. Work with your calf & get them used to a show stick & halter. If your calf needs to be replaced contact Amanda

Jr. Beef – 35 Market, 30 Cloverbuds. Tagging will begin at this week.

Swine – 300 Market, but drops are coming in. 66 Cloverbuds, 22 Seniors. USDA 840 ear tags will be required. Watch your pig for respiratory issues. When planning your decorations they can't be heavy or hang down into the pens. Plastic Lattice works well for air flow.

Goat – 25 Market, 148 Showmanship, 50 Cloverbuds. Goats require a scrapie tag / tattoo – the exception is pure breed registered goats. Showmanship/grooming/tattooing clinics will be June 16th, 23rd & 30th at 1:00 p.m. There will also be clinics July 11 & 18th at 1:00 p.m..

Rabbits – 3 Market, 118 Breed, 45 Cloverbuds, 7 Seniors. Tattooing will be done in July 28th 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Cavy - 9

Lamb – 74 Market, 9 Breed, 22 Cloverbuds. Tagging will be Tues, June 5th, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds & Thurs, June 7th, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Myles Kimmerly Park. Lamb sheering will be Monday, June 15th, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

IMPORTANT TO ALL WITH POULTRY PROJECTS

Due to Avian flu the State of MI will not allow birds at fairs. This ruling may change but we will plan on no poultry on the grounds at this point. Alternatives for showmanship & the auction are being discussed. The goal is for all in the program to have a good educational experience. Updates to follow.

Poultry – 14 Production hens (should be in possession by now) 7 Turkeys (should be in possession by now) 1 goose (should be in possession by now) 14 Meat chickens, 6 ducks (need to be in possession the week of June 8th & June 12th) 3 Cornish Hens (need to be in possession July 12th – 18th) 28 Cloverbuds, 4 Seniors. Call Lynn Henning with questions 231-357-5132 or Hennhouse 2014@gmail.com

Horse – 67 with 10 Cloverbuds, 6 Seniors. Concrete will be poured in the new barn Sat. June 6th, 5:45 a.m. – volunteers are needed. Open shows start July 19th. The State Horse Show will be the 1st weekend of Fair so arrangements will need to be made for those who are participating.

Llama/Alpaca – be sure to shear

Dogs – there will be a fun match July 25th 9:00 a.m. at the Peters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tractor Supply Livestock App – is available to help track project expenses. Currently is available for Apple devices.

Horse barn – concrete will be poured at the new horse barn Sat. June 6th at 5:45 am. Volunteers are needed

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. 300 have worked so far.

June 2 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

July 12 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

July 28 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

TCSB Kick off party – will not be held this year

New Lamb barn – received \$1000.00 from the Rotary Club & \$500.00 from Walmart

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Next meeting – will be Thurs, June 11, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office

2015 Fair theme – Barnyard Beach Party

Premium Book – has been completed & is ready to go

New bath house – has been delayed. Donations of 2x4, screws, nails, hinges etc. would be appreciated.

Free camping – during fair week will be extended to Fair Board members, Livestock officers, Specie Chairs & photographer.

2013 Fair Queen – is running for Cherry Festival Queen

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 at this time – this policy may change as it gets closer to fair. If so it will be communicated to 4-H members

Next meeting:

Monday, June 29, 7:00 p.m.

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

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