

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES

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Monday, June 29, 2015

Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds

PRESENT: Trevor Alpers, Keri Bancroft, Mike, Chris & Jordan Barley, Wendy & Ryan Barker, Karla Blackmer, Jo Ann Bohrer, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Sarah Bristol, Diane Brown, Riley Burch, Mary Burns, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Deb & Bella Canfield, Gwyn Carter, Kayce Caugh, Lori Cederquist, Stacey Clous, Barb Crosley, Jackie Davis, Michael, Leah & Hunter Delahanty, Nancy Dow, Kathy Easter, Allison Fewless, Kim Franke, Shelly Gray, Vanja Griffin, Lynn Henning, Kelly Isenhardt, Kim Kelderhouse, Nancy & Grace Keyser, Laura Kirby, Pat Kitchin, Charles Kolbusz, Patti LaPointe, Tammy, McKenzie & Madison Leishman, Milt & Iva Lewis, Melissa Lindsey, Nicole Meredith, Rudy & Karin Neumann, Jill Noel, Karen Noonan, Sandi Pyle, Kelly Renshaw, Jozell Rexroat, Sharri Robertson-Craft, David Robinson, Teri Rogers, Gretchen Sauvage, Stacy Sieffert, Christine Snow, Suzan Svec, Elaine Taghon, Candy Tiedt, Amanda Wilkins, Allison Wittkopp, Stephanie Wolf, Carolyne Woodhams, Sonya Youker, Cory Young

The roll is not accurate – many did not sign in on the roster

Welcome to: Pat Kitchin-Happy Highlanders

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

TEEN REP: Riley Burch

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

FAIRBOARD: Mike Barley, Jeremy Clous, Mary Dennis, 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. 41 clubs were present & 18 clubs were not represented.

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Angie Walker presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Nicole Meredith, seconded by Mike Barley, to accept the report. Motion carried.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Susan Lee – Leelanau County MSU Extension

Karin Stevens – GT County MSU Extension

Exploration Days – Karin & Susan are Expo day survivors! Fun was had by all!

Renewable Energy Camp – July 6-10, MSU

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

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

TCSB grant awards ceremony – was held & applicants were awarded funds.

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

Cherry Connection– there will be a petting zoo at the Horticulture Center Thurs. July 9th, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. during Cherry Festival. A sign up sheet for times is available, animals & volunteers are needed.

Spokesperson training – July 13, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Kellogg Center Hotel, East Lansing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auction Committee

- Save the Date magnets have been sent.

- 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 – the postcard will be mailed out the 3rd week of July
- Buyer letter – will be available on the website to include with letters that are mailed.
- TCSB pre-registration – will be offered this year.

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. 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.

Cherry Festival Parade – will be July 9 – we are entry 62. We will meet at F & M Park. If you can decorate the floats please report to Twin Bay Glass 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 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 Abled – teen mentors are needed.

Exhibit Building – planning forms are available & need to be turned in by the last meeting in July. Display areas will be smaller this year.

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 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 with questions/concerns

Radio/Advertising – is being worked on.

Responsibility at the Fair – there are 2 upcoming dates – July 12 & July 28, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be no make up dates this year.

Senior/Special awards – 53. 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 – 51, 12 seniors. RFID tags are required. Pictures & bios are needed for seniors.

Dairy feeder – 20 Market, 2 Showmanship, 6 Cloverbuds. RFID tags are required. Vaccinations are required & a health record. The vaccine booster can be given around July 4. There will be a cattle practice clinic July 1, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Check the Guidebook for useful information. Supply fresh water. Weigh your calf & adjust feed accordingly – minimum weight is 350 lbs. Use soap sparingly & don't use real cold water when bathing. Get pictures taken of your project for your record book.

Jr. Beef – 26 Market, 24 Cloverbuds 3 Showmanship.

Swine – 295 Market, 67 Cloverbuds, 22 seniors. USDA 840 ear tags will be required. If ear tags need to be replaced contact Stacey. Watch your pig for respiratory issues. Worming can be done. When planning your decorations they can't be heavy or hang down into the pens. Plastic

Lattice works well for air flow. Senior pictures & bios are needed. The Fair purchased 18 more pens – thank you! The wash area will be outside the barn this year

Goat – 22 Market, 48 Cloverbuds. Goats require a scrapie tag / tattoo – the exception is pure breed registered goats. Showmanship/grooming/tattooing clinics will be June 30th at 1:00 p.m. There will also be clinics July 11 & 18th at 1:00 p.m. Wed. July 8, 6:00 p.m. will be pen/barn set up-if you attend it will count as your 2 hr. work commitment. Worm & vaccinate your goats. Check for skin problems. Use fly spray. Raffle tickets are available for \$5.00 for hot dogs & summer sausage – 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

Rabbits – 1 Market, 118 Breed, 45 Cloverbuds, 7 seniors. Tattooing will be done July 28th 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Keep fresh water available. Practice handling your rabbits.

Cavy - 9

Lamb – 73 Market, 9 Breed, 22 Cloverbuds. Sheering will be July 15 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. & August 1, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Senior pictures & bios are needed. Watch for any signs of illness.

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 – 28 Cloverbuds, 4 seniors. 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 3 Cornish Hens (need to be in possession July 12th – 18th) The Fair registration amount is \$2.00 per entry. Call Lynn Henning with questions 231-357-5132 or Hennhouse 2014@gmail.com

- Bring an 8x10 picture of your project. The leg band should be showing in Market projects.
- Barn duty 7 Skill-a-thon's will be required.
- Barn will be open daily 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Attend 1 mandatory clinic Mon. July 13 or Mon. July 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.
- 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.

Horse – 63 with 11 Cloverbuds, 6 seniors. Open shows start July 19th. The State Horse Show will be the 1st weekend of Fair, 2 clubs will be attending. Arrangements will be made for those who are participating to leave the grounds early. Have the Coggins updated. The barn is looking awesome!

Llama/Alpaca – barn is full. Be sure to be practicing. Keep fresh water available.

Dogs – 70, 11 Cloverbuds, 7 seniors. There will be a fun match July 25th 9:00 a.m. at the Peters.

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.

Dr Sayra – will be having the annual picnic July 9th at the dentist office – donations are appreciated.

Memorial wall – will be on the grounds – the location is not decided at this date but details will follow.

Horse barn – thank you to those who helped pour concrete & a special thank you to Kay Wagner for arriving early & making coffee.

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 12 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

July 28 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Noonan Feed Scholarship – applicants have been notified. The selection process is confidential. Many thanks to the Noonan family for their generosity.

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 meetings are informative with any updates, changes etc. & concerns/issues can be discussed.

TCSB Entrepreneurs Grant Recipients – Congratulations!

Poultry

Izarra Arlt
Levi Kelderhouse
Rachel Wares

Beef

Jordyn Barley
Cassidy Burgess

Swine

Samantha Berta
Logan Meredith
Samantha Schaub
Erin Werth

Lamb

Asher Burgess

Goat

Kaylee Schaub

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Next meeting – will be Thurs, July 2, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office. The meeting to follow is July 16th & will be held weekly.

Fair registration deadline – is July 10th. Remember you have to register with the fair in addition to 4-H.

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

2015 Fair theme – Barnyard Beach Party

Premium Book – are being sent to local businesses & are available for 4-H registration

Communication – please be sure to relay information to your club members, especially new members.

New bath house – has been delayed until next year. There are some issues that need to be worked out before the project can begin. Donations of 2x4, screws, nails, hinges etc. would be appreciated.

Fair Queen – if interested please apply

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

Next meeting:

Monday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.
Specie Chairs to meet at 6:00 p.m.
Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds

Going to the fair...going to the fair...going to the NW Mich fair...

