

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES

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Monday, March 2, 2015

Civic Center

PRESENT: Keri Bancroft, Maddison Bannen, Chris Barley, Wendy & Ryan Barker, Karla Blackmer, Jo Ann & Rose Bohrer, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Diane Brown, Riley Burch, Mary Burns, Deb, Reece, Spencer & Bella Canfield, Gwyn Carter, Kayce Caugh, Lori Cederquist, Carrie Chase, Stacey Clous, Jackie Davis, Leah, Mike & Hunter Delahanty, Mary Dennis, Mandy DePuy, Nancy Dow, Lyn Drzewiecki, Kathy Easter, Amanda Franke, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Mariah Gaither, Archie & Katie Graham, Scott Gray, Vanja Griffin, Lynn Henning, Renee Hobbins, Cara & Kelly Isenhart, KayLeigh Johnson, Kim Kelderhouse, Melissa Lindsey, Jennifer Marsh, Nicole Meredith, Peyton Metz, Rudy, Jan & Karin Neumann, Jill Noel, Lisa Ralph, Sharri Robertson-Craft, David Robinson, Ronda & Sawyer Robinson, Gretchen Sauvage, Tina Schaub, Rebecca & Blake Schaub, Jennifer & Jena Seitz, Rosile Shaffer, Christine Snow, Suzan Svec, Heather Swinney, Carl & Lisa Taylor, Miranda Thompson, Kay & Darrick Wagner, Amanda Wilkins, Allison Wittkopp, Carolyne Woodhams, Stephanie Wolf, Sarah Wolf, Sonya Youker, Cory Young, Pam Zientek

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

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

MSUE 4-H STAFF: Susan Lee – Leelanau County Extension

FAIRBOARD: Mary Dennis, Scott Gray, 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. 34 clubs were present & 24 clubs were not represented.

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Angie Walker presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Dale Fritz, seconded by Gretchen Sauvage, to accept the report. Motion carried. There has been \$300.00 in lamb barn donations. There are still 2 outstanding buyer invoices.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Susan Lee – Leelanau County MSU Extension

Tractor Safety – for 14-15 y.o. youth. Wed April 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the NW MI Research Station. \$75.00 per person

MI Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop – April 24 – 26. Kettunen Center

4-H online – register 4-H members, families & leaders online. <https://mi.4honline.com>

Exploration Days – June 24- 26. Info is available online

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

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

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:

Jared Kraeft & Allen Rosa gave an impressive presentation about the Vet Science Clinic at Kettunen Center they attended.

Katrina Svec, Jill Noel & Amanda Wilkins attended both Beef, Sheep, Swine & Vet Science & had a good experience. Amanda recommends the Vet Science clinic for anyone interested in becoming a Vet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auction Committee – next month April 13th is the Registration Expo at the Civic Center. If possible bring copies of your registrations – 1 copy is needed for each Specie listed on the form. If you are not able to bring copies they will be copied later. Each Specie Chair will have a table – stop to meet them, ask questions, etc.

Building & Grounds – fundraising continues for the lamb barn. Many items are for sale: T-shirts, hoodies, totes that can be ordered now. Hopefully May will be ground breaking for the new bath house.

Buyer Luncheon – Rowdy Ranchers volunteered but has a small club. Sunshine Acres has volunteered but is a club with 9 Cloverbuds. Another club will be needed to step up to help. There is a planning book & donations are given. Please consider this in your clubs – a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Cherry Festival Parade – will be July 9. The theme is Michigan Made. The application has been sent in. Please have your clubs participate. The public loves to see the kids, animals & tractors
Fair book updates – are being done now

Clinics & Education – Explore Livestock Education Expo is planned for May 2-3 at the Fairgrounds. This will be an outstanding clinic with quality speakers & many other events planned over the weekend. The clinic will be the last opportunity for PQA

Photography – the backdrop is being redone. Photographer bids are being accepted until April 30. If you have ideas, concerns call Karin Neumann 231-668-2745 or

Karin.neumann@hotmail.com

Responsibility at the Fair – there will be no make up dates this year. Extra dates will be planned prior to the Explore Expo in May

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

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 – 53. Tagging has started

Dairy feeder – registrations due at the April Expo. Possession date was March 1. 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. Get a beginning weight & a picture of your calf when you get it. If your calf needs to be replaced contact Amanda

Dairy veal – registrations due at the April Expo. Calves need to be born in April. Possession date is May 1. Calves are not fed any grain or hay, only milk. Bedding needs to be wood chips or sawdust. Veal is shown as dairy not as beef. If your calf has not been vaccinated do so as soon as you get it home. If you have questions call Amanda

Jr. Beef – registrations due at the April Expo. Possession date is May 15. Expect higher beef prices this year.

Swine – registrations due at the April Expo. PQA certification will be required & clinic dates are planned. 4-H members with disabilities can have assistance with the testing. 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. PQA dates:

March 8	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	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 Govt. Center
May 3 or 4		Northwestern MI fairgrounds

Goat – expecting 12-13 market goats. Registrations due at the April Expo. Now is a good time to purchase a meat goat, there a breeder list available. Goats require a scrapie tag (this needs to be done by the breeder) / tattoo – the exception is pure breed registered goats.

Rabbits – registrations due at the April Expo. Watch the health of breed stock. Tattooing will be done in late July. Hopefully there will be showmanship opportunities at the May clinic. Contact Denise if you are looking for breeders.

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

Poultry – registrations due at the April Expo. Production hens & dual purpose birds should be in possession by now. 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 – registrations due at the April Expo. 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. Cherry Festival Community Share is a great fund raiser for clubs – if interested contact Mandy. The State Horse Show will be the 1st weekend of Fair so arrangements will need to be made for those who are participating.

NEW BUSINESS:

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. 4-H members with disabilities can receive assistance with testing. 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

WHEN FILLING OUT REGISTRATION PAPERWORK PLEASE FILL IT OUT COMPLETELY & ACCURATELY. BE SURE TO LIST THE ADDRESS OF THE ANIMALS LOCATION. CELL PHONE NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESS IS APPRECIATED ALSO

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 with you. A copy will be needed for the Livestock Council & 1 for each Specie the member has signed up for.

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. Some funding will be available for financial assistance. 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. If you know of anyone who may be interested in sponsoring the event contact Darrel or Angie. Registrations can be brought to the April Registration Expo & can be done online. Kayce Caugh is doing an awesome job of organizing the clinic – thanks so much!

GT County Deputy Sheriff Dept – has a program for new 4-H market participants in GT County. Submit an essay by April 13 at the Registration Expo

Noonan Feed Grant – Specie Chairs & leaders can nominate 4-H members who they feel are in need of financial assistance with feed. The Noonan family reviews the applications & the process is anonymous. Applications are due at the April Registration Expo

Code of Conduct – Officers, Specie Chairs & MSU staff met recently & voted unanimously on a Code of Conduct policy for 4-H members that will be in place for all Livestock Council events. There will be zero tolerance for the use of drugs or alcohol, authorities will be notified & the 4-H

member will be unable to participate in the program for 1 year. The complete policy will be in the Guidebook.

Leelanau 4-H Expo – will be April 25 at the Suttons Bay High School. All are invited to participate

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
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. March 12, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office

2015 Fair theme – Barnyard Beach Party

Premium Book – if any of the 4-H members are interested in designing the premium book cover let the Fairboard or Livestock officers know. Details will also be on the Fair website & on Facebook. The deadline is March 1 & there will be a \$50.00 gift certificate awarded. Call Carolyne with questions – 342-1575

Fair registration deadline – will be the 2nd Friday in July each year – this year the date is July 11.

Screams in the Dark – 4-H members can work shifts during the event as the mandatory work requirement on the grounds.

Queens – the application is available – apply soon

Iva Lewis – has been in the hospital – send well wishes her way!

Next meeting:

REGISTRATION EXPO

Monday, April 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Civic Center

Meeting to follow
Monday, May 5, 2015 6:30 p.m.
Specie Chairs meet at 6:00 p.m.
FAIRGROUNDS

