

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES

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Monday, May 4, 2015

Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds

PRESENT: Drew Alpers, Keri Bancroft, Mike & Chris Barley, Wendy & Ryan Barker, Karla Blackmer, Jo Ann & Rose Bohrer, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Sarah Bristol, Diane Brown, Marianna Burns, Chris Calderwood, Dan, Leslie & Connor Campbell, Deb, Spencer & Bella Canfield, Gwyn Carter, Kayce Caugh, Lori Cederquist, Stacey Clous, Jackie Davis, Mandy DePuy, Nancy Dow, Lyn Drzewiecki, Kathy Easter, Allison Fewless, Kim & Amanda Franke, Dorothy Fritz, Scott Gray, Vanja Griffin, Lynn Henning, Renee Hobbins, Josh Holmes, Kelly Isenhardt, Kayleigh Johnson, Laura Kirby, Mikayla Leishman, Milt & Iva Lewis, Melissa Lindsey, Nicole Meredith, Diane Moyer, Rudy, Jan & Karin Neumann, Linda Oosse, Kelly Renshaw, Jozell Rexroat, Sharri Robertson-Craft, David Robinson, Gretchen Sauvage, Rebecca & Blake Schaub, Jennifer Seitz, Rosile Shaffer, Janet Sieffert, Christine Snow, Roger & Tara Steffes, Beth & Jen Stephens, Suzan & Ruth Svec, Heather Swinney, Elaine Taghon, Candy & Sabrina Tiedt, Hadley Walker, Amanda Wilkins, Allison Wittkopp, Carolyne Woodhams, Sonya Youker, Cory Young, Shannon Young

Welcome to: Josh Holmes & Hadley Walker-Farms & Fences, Nancy Keyser-Country Side Kids, Gale Bristol & Tina Kigar- Twin Lakes

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

TEEN REP: Shayna Brooks, Heather Swinney, Ruth Svec

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

FAIRBOARD: Mike Barley, Scott Gray, Milt Lewis, Rudy Neumann, Carolyne Woodhams, Cory Young, Sonya Youker

*A moment of silence was observed for Gavin Luther – gone but never forgotten*

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 & 15 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 Allison Wittkopp, to accept the report. Motion carried. A storage barn will be purchased & placed on the grounds. Our storage was lost when the goat barn went in the Exhibit building. Everything was moved to the 4-H food booth & it needed to be moved out to prepare for fair week. Also logo gear was purchased

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Susan Lee – Leelanau County MSU Extension

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

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

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

Renewable Energy Camp – July 6-10, MSU

Animal Vet Science Camp – June 15 – 19, MSU

Karin Stevens – GT County MSU Extension

Zoonotic kits – are available at both offices for all clubs

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

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 bumper stickers – are available for a donation

4-H Outdoor Club – looking for new members. Meet on 60 acres in Suttons Bay on M22 North – May 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

#### EDUCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT:

Explore educational clinic – attendance was low but the sessions were great so those attending really had a good experience. The budget was discussed. Thank you to the team of volunteers & Specie Chairs who helped make this day happen. Many thanks to Kayce Caugh for doing an impressive job & working many hours to organize the event. Thanks to Louie's Meats & Trevor Alpers for donating hotdogs & cooking lunch. Thanks to Karin Neumann for making the sponsorship signs.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auction Contract – everything is set with Bancroft's

Auction Committee – auction line up has been completed & will be published for buyers.

Building & Grounds – fundraising continues for the lamb barn. Many items are for sale: T-shirts, hoodies, totes that can be ordered now.

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. Will probably have pigs roasted – if interested in donating a pig contact Darrel.

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!

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

Differently Abled – all are welcome to register.

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

Fair book updates – are being done now & the book should be printed by June

Parade of Champions – will be in the large arena

Photography – the green backdrop seems to be preferred. Photographer bids have been accepted & a decision will be made by the June meeting. If you have ideas, concerns call Karin Neumann 231-668-2745 or [Karin.neumann@hotmail.com](mailto:Karin.neumann@hotmail.com)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. There are a few AM spots still available. Supply fresh water.

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. Possession date is May 15 & tagging will begin at that time. Expect higher beef prices this year.

Swine – 300 Market, but drops are coming in. 66 Cloverbuds, 22 Seniors. USDA 840 ear tags will be required & tagging has started at some breeders as pigs were picked up. PQA was well

attended. There is a PQA session in Clare May 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Call 989-539-7805 for more details. 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. Please get a list to Diane with how many goats each club plans to bring. Goats require a scrapie tag / tattoo – the exception is pure breed registered goats. Watch the website for showmanship/grooming classes. Tagging will begin soon. Call Diane with questions, concerns or problems.

Rabbits – 3 Market, 118 Breed, 45 Cloverbuds, 7 Seniors. Tattooing will be done in late July.  
Cavy - 9

Lamb – 74 Market, 9 Breed, 22 Cloverbuds. Tagging will be Tues, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds & Thurs, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Myles Kimmerly Park. If you registered for 2 animals are not doing the other please contact Jackie.

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 8<sup>th</sup> & June 12<sup>th</sup>) 3 Cornish Hens (need to be in possession July 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>) 28 Cloverbuds, 4 Seniors. There will e a poultry Showmanship/Market Clinic Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds – further dates to follow. Check the Guidebook for all requirements. Call Lynn Henning with questions 231-357-5132 or Hennhouse 2014@gmail.com

Horse – 67 with 10 Cloverbuds, 6 Seniors. Check out the barn – it is incredible! A boot camp is being planned for May 30 -31. \$20.00 for 4-H participants & \$25.00for non 4-H. 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 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of Fair so arrangements will need to be made for those who are participating.

Llama/Alpaca – supply fresh water.

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

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Noonan Feed Grant – the Noonan family will review the applications & make decisions on “true need” The recipients will remain anonymous.

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.

Tight fair week – we already know that this will be a very busy fair week. Each year the program is growing & many barns are “bursting at the seams” We know pen space will be tight. Please be patient & flexible.

#### 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 2 hours

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. (tentatively rescheduled to July 28)

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Next meeting – will be Thurs, May 14, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office

2015 Fair theme – Barnyard Beach Party

Premium Book – is being printed

Fair registration deadline – will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 on the web site – apply soon

Next meeting:

Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

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

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