

Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council
MINUTES - DRAFT
Monday, October 7th, 2024
6:30 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church of Interlochen

OFFICERS: Keri Bancroft (absent), Nicki Brown, Katrina Gorse,

Meeting notes by: Jen Davis, filling in to take notes due to lack of secretary.

TEEN REPS: Holly _____

STAFF: Kristy Oosterhouse, Ali Olsen

ATTENDANCE:

CALL TO ORDER: 6:29 p.m.

PLEDGES: Let by Holly (Teen rep) and another 4Her (do not know name)

ROLL CALL:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM September 9th, 2024

APPROVED BY: Amanda Wilkins noted that there needs to be an update of the minutes to correct a name - to Sara Rosa (not Heather Rosa), Motion to approve 1st: Rick Talliue, 2nd: Diane Moyer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Skip as Katrina is distributing checks

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FAIR BOARD NEWS

- Tom Looks provided the following updates:
 - ❖ Laurie Ashley has the premium payouts, they will not be mailed and are cash only this year.
 - ❖ Fair board apps close tonight, 11:59pm, must be a member to apply
 - ❖ Membership applications also due tonight, must be a member to vote.

- ❖ Go to the NWMI Fair Website to apply

4-H STAFF SPOTLIGHT – MSU STAFF

4-H Online will open on Wednesday, September 11, for enrollment for the new 4-H program year. Remember to complete your enrollment as soon as possible once it is open – 4-H youth must be approved in 4-H Online to be covered under our insurances. New for this year – Silver volunteers have the opportunity to enroll in 4-H Online and show up on club rosters in the system, and volunteers will notice role title changes in the system to reflect the new volunteer roles added.

A reminder to all 4-H clubs and chartered entities that fall paperwork season is started! All 4-H groups will need to complete their fall paperwork, including the Annual Financial Summary Report form, by October 1 this year. This is usually completed by the administrative leader and/or treasurer for each group.

Please reach out to the 4-H staff in your county for specific instructions or information on either 4-H Online enrollment or fall paperwork.

The Leelanau 4-H PC position is still moving forward in the hiring process. Please reach out to Kristy with any Leelanau questions or concerns in the meantime.

The Benzie 4-H soccer program has started for the year, with over 150 enrolled youth!! We hope for a great season for all the youth enrolled!

OLD BUSINESS

- Database has INCOMPLETE record books if in yellow - missing requirement, black - cloverbud or other program meeting requirements. If leaders/4Hers have questions- reach out to species chair.
 - If no record book in yet, you are suspended, can reconcile this by turning in record book by November council meeting - page 15 in policy/procedure book.
- Thank you notes due tonight, turn into species chair or Council Board member. All 4H market projects are required to have thank you note turned into the counsel as part of their project requirements.
- Officer apps due tonight by 11:59pm - President, secretary (can be by appt), and deputy treasurer, applications on website.

SPECIES CHAIR UPDATES

- No updates by species other than Get thank you in, make sure record books are in.
- Lynn - poultry- Production pullets need to be in possession between 10/15 and 2/8. Most hatcheries close for the season by Nov 1st - so get your orders in.
- This year we will be returning the program standard - all pullets must be dual purpose - egg and meat. No leghorns, no leghorn mixes, sex links, and so forth. If you have questions, call Lynn

Other types of poultry possession dates will be coming out soon.

Rule of thumb: Turkeys/geese - Mid April

Ducks - Mid May

Cornish X meat check in June

Cornish Gam Pens End of June/early July.

- Beth - DA program – if you have a child in DA program, and they haven't turned in record book, please do so to ensure
- Haven - if you need help finding a project, let Haven know - possession by 1/1/2025. Showpoints shows starting, send Haven an email/note to get credit for education.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Species Chair Applicant Speeches, all running unopposed. Each provided speeches to support their candidacy for continuation as species chairs.

1. Junior beef - Amanda Wilkins
2. Swine - Jen Davis
3. Horse Mandy Depuy

Motion for approval for all three candidates: Gretchen motion, Laurie Ashley second, no discussion, approved and motion carries.

d. 2025 Project Donations

- New addition to document for project donation rules. all marketable projects must be marketed at the Fair.

3g all receipts for reimbursements must be turned into the treasurer by October 1st, 2025.

Online sign up for project giveaway - November meeting has historically been chaotic, long lines, sign up - make sure you're registered...instead of this, we now have a link to scholarship and awards page. You can preregister - beef grants and project grants. This will help eliminate lines and shorten the lines/sign up process in November 4th. On-site sign up will run from 6-6:25pm. Must be present to win. Contact Keri for donations.

- Limited donations this year, let Katrina or Keri know if you have more sponsors. Can bring donations up until the November meeting.

C. Proposed By-Law Changes - paper form at meeting, emailed as well. Plan to vote on these at the November Council meeting. Nicki put in both proposals, Discuss reasoning behind the change. Nicki noted that moving from Sept to Oct - reason for that is that the board is coming off fair at early Sept and this is hard to do at the same time as all post fair activities. 2. Adding back into checks - buyers photos/trucking/livestock promotion, We lost a lot of money as a council when we did this. Elaine Tahgon - looking at financials in the last year. Tammy - checked bank account July to July - keeps growing, up 10K, no need for money to come to kids, also if ever transitions to non-4H fair that money is gone, not able to use for kids. Stephanie - last sentence, "etc." should not be used, also no dollars are listed - too open ended.

Kelly stockfish country kids - education events/activities - if losing money every year, then maybe change the ed opportunities requirements - amount of kids capped at \$400 is not the majority, falls on the beef and swine kids bear the brunt of the cost -

MSU balances should be lower, then put the money back to the kids, they earned that money, we did not.

Pictures/commission/livestock fees will be available at next meeting prior to vote

D. Work bee changes for 2025 - changed from 2 hours to 1 hour. This is due to lack of work from fair liaison, discussed with board and all agreed that this is an acceptable change

E. Record Book Changes for 2025 - Board had lengthy discussion for 2025 record books and decided that each youth in 4H will turn in one record book, instead of requiring record books for all species. If they have a market project that is the primary record book to be turned in.

PUBLIC COMMENTS *

Nicki - need square haybales for Camp Karvala

Aila Clark - Long Lake 4H club - lot of complaints on cropping/backdrops - she has made a QR code for complaints, 52 hours on a low budget of her and her husband's time - scheduling went great, but could still use some tweaking.

- Kelly Stockfisch: Executive board is referenced, is it possible for those meeting minutes are available to the council. Nicki adjusted they are Livestock board meetings, not executive board meeting. Livestock board is the species chairs, and the exec board - at our last meeting we discussed starting minutes and releasing them, going to start the process 2025 to send minutes to council. Spot on the website for meeting info and minutes.

QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURN - 7:09 p.m.

MOTION BY: 1st Shayna and 2nd Becky Maddox.