

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, January 14, 2019

OFFICERS: Keri Bancroft, Kayce Caugh, Bobbi Jo Pyle

TEEN REPS: Hannah Gaither, Jayna Emery, Tristyn Klockziem

STAFF: Rosali Collier, Karin Stephens

PRESENT: Amanda Wilkins, Barb Crosley, Sarah Russell, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Courtney Ockert, Hannah Strang, Jacob Strang, Doug Gallagher, Madison Rogers, Matthew, Mariah Joy, Cailee, John, Malachi, Clare (all Sunshine Acres), Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Sami Zientek, Tammy Nemeskel, Winona Roper, Mark Barley, Craig Caugh, Lexi Farrow, Stacy Schafer, Amanda Kohler, Michael Barley, Alisa Forton, Charles Fouchey, Melissa Rassel, Caleb Fouchey, Michelle Reinke, Kimberly Larkins, Janeen Noecher, Kim Franke, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, David Robinson, Rebecca Schaub, Amanda Brooks, Baily Lautner, Sandi Pyle, Johanna Okeke, Nicole Meredith, Jodie Kaley, Miranda Thompson, Suzan Svec, William, Garrett & Kenneth Grant, Bridget, Ayden Blackmer, Vanja Griffin, Rudy Neumann, Heather Rosa, Rosie Shaffer, Tracy Jenkins, Sarah Wolf, Renee Hobbins, Cathy Easter, Jason Neumann, Justin Wolf, Lynn Henning, Tina Duzewiecki, Abigayle Veit, David Soto, Staci Alpers, Jennifer Wasson & Lillian, Kim Clark, Tristyn Klockziem, Mary Ann Wilsey, Andrea Hagelstein, Candace Rottman, Maria Fiebing, Jayna Emery, Matthew Kohler, Jesse Kohler, Breslin Blackmer, Karla Blackmer, Nikki Nesky, Stephanie Steffens, Melissa Romanowski, Laurie Ashley, David Russell, Tobin Derks, Lydia Derks, Micah Hagedorn, Jennifer Emery, Cameron Lane, Brady Lane, Lisa Ralph, Beth Stephens, Rosie Belles, Samantha Tracey, Drew Alpers, Gretchen Sauvage, Cindy Conquest, Emilee Powers, Pam Zientek, Jillian Noel, Kassie Noel

CALL TO ORDER: Pledges were recited. 35 4-H Clubs were present

MINUTES: November 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved. Motion by Dale Fritz 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Neumann, to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Keri went over the treasurer's report. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Greg Bancroft 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rudy Neumann and approved. 4-Her's that have not cashed their auction checks have until January 31<sup>st</sup>. After that they will need to be re-printed and there is a \$25 fee. Keri read the list of names and asked to please let them know to get this done. Buyer awards still need to be gotten to some of the buyers. If you know any please take them if you can please get the awards to them. Record books need to be picked up by the February meeting otherwise they will be recycled. Farm Bureau will be going over their record books on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> and will be at our February meeting to announce the winners.

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Just returned from convention. Went over swine info and will have info coming soon to share. Still in need of a rabbit superintendent, please contact Al Henning if interested. The Fair will be hosting a cattle show on May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This does not conflict with MI Points Show. There will be a planning meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm – Fair office. If you would like to be a part of it contact Jillian Noel – 616.240.6841 or [nwmifairtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nwmifairtreasurer@gmail.com). This will not be part of the MI Points Show program.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Karin:

Food and supply drive for Traverse City High School. Ends in February. Bring listed items to our office for drop off and we will get them to the school.

4-H Classes coming soon...

Cover Letters & Resumes Made Easy – session online Wednesday of this week for youth interested.

State Award Applications are due February 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the highest honor for Michigan 4-H.

4-H Teen Leaders in Action Workshop – February 23-24 at Kettunen Center in Tustin for youth 13-19.

Ladies MSU vs U of M basketball tickets are free to 4-H members and families. You just need to request tickets from me. Game is Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Breslin Center. There are also fun 4-H games and activities before the game on the concourse. Games start at 2 p.m. I have tickets tonight for those who already pre-ordered them.

4-H Capitol Experience happening in March 17-20. This is a great leadership experience in government and how teens can make an impact in Michigan.

Information on 4-H Vet Science and Beef, Sheep, Swine workshops will be out soon. Watch for details on Facebook and emails.

**Cloverbud Activities** – We would like to have a team of club leaders, members, and families willing to help with science, craft and/or game activities during week of fair. 4-H likes to provide these to provide fun hands on learning for 4-H during the week of fair but this venue also allows us to talk with community families and their children about the fun and benefits of joining 4-H!

#### **4-H Exhibits in the Tanner Building**

Sandy Pyle talked about this. Displays set up dates will be Thursday and Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12-9pm, Saturday, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am-2pm. The theme is “Inspire Kids to Do!” We really need to encourage livestock groups to participate such as the 4-Her’s that attended Winter Classic in December would be a great display.

Rosali:

I am going to start doing a Kudos announcement each Livestock Council meeting. This might be a celebration of something our 4-H volunteers have done, or it could be a wonderful contribution from one of our exemplary 4-H youth. Today’s Kudos goes to a person who was recently awarded the 2018 Humm Dinger Award, from the Michigan Llama Association. The Humm Dinger Award was established to recognize an outstanding MLA member for their contributions to MLA and the llama community.

The winner has been involved with llamas and the MLA for many years, mostly behind the scenes. Often you can catch her behind the camera at our events. She is a longtime supporter of 4-H llamas and has hosted events in her area to teach kids about showing llamas. She supports the MLA shows, has been a vendor at Lamafest and recently took on the responsibility of coordinating the Youth Judging Class.

She is a talented artist and has been doing the Lamafest artwork since 2007. And she has always donated her talents, never once accepting payment. Now she and her sisters have assumed the positions for the MLA merchandise. It is MLA’s pleasure to award this year’s Humm Dinger award to Renee Hobbins. Congratulations to Renee, our Llama and Alpaca Assistant, and leader of Gotta Lluva Cool Critter!

Our Leelanau County 4-H Youth Association is sponsoring a brand-new free event for families on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10-noon, at the Maple City Lions Club. This is open to all, and we have called it **4H4All**. We have several Leelanau County 4-H clubs coming to showcase their

projects, lead activities, create crafts and fun snacks, and show what they do so well! We'll have prizes, food, and fun giveaways. Please spread the word and join us if you can! There are flyers on the table.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Lamb specie chair – Nancy VanderStel

Dairy Feeder specie chair – Stacy Sieffert

Thank You Ad – The ad was reprinted on Sunday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> copies are available tonight. The Record-Eagle did not charge us as they had made errors. The Buyers that were wrong were hand delivered a new copy of the Ad and an apology.

Registration Forms – Steer are due tonight by midnight. All forms are now fillable on the website. It's much better having them typed up as they can read them. Email blasts will be coming out rather than individual emails. Baily is doing a great job getting the info on the website.

Guidebook Updates: Changes being looked at and revamping will take place later this year. There will be a meeting at MSU on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm to go over changes.

Board Positions – Still in need of a V.P. and Secretary

Budget 2019 – Keri presented the budget at the Nov. 2018 meeting. Keri went over the proposed budget again. These are all projections. Technology will have some updates, computer repairs & we need to purchase a new projector, this is all included in the budget.

#### SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – Possession date is January 1<sup>st</sup> and your animal must have an RFID tag. Registration forms are due by midnight tonight for Steers & Heifers. Tagging will be coming soon. If you have a Jr. Beef with a tag from 2018 that tag will be used for 2019. June 1<sup>st</sup> will be a feed clinic for beef & swine, more details to come.

Dairy Feeder : Dairy Feeders need to be born after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> and in possession by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms are due March 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Stacy or Greg if you need help finding a calf. Keep pens clean and warm.

Junior Beef: Registration forms are due by March 4<sup>th</sup>. Calves must be born after Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and in possession by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to get on lists now. Calves must have Inforce 3 vaccine, no booster needed. Make sure to take your health form with you to the breeder. Feb 15<sup>th</sup> is the Beef, Sheep & Swine workshop at Kettenun Center. Contact Amanda with questions.

Swine: Registration is due at the Feb. Livestock council meeting. Weights for 2018 are 225 – 315.

Sheep: All education dates will be posted soon. There will be one the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of May. Only 1 shearing this year in July.

Goat: November births started. Minimum weight is 65 pounds. Education clinic info coming. Thank you for all the Christmas Cards, the patients loved them as some do not have family. Food collected went to TBAISD food pantry. Very much appreciated.

Rabbit/Cavy: Keep warm & out of the weather. This is a 6 month project. Lapeer is the next show on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

