

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, October 7, 2019

OFFICERS: Kayce Caugh, Bobbi Jo Pyle, Barb Crosley, Michelle Reinke, Keri Bancroft

TEEN REPS: Hannah Gaither

STAFF: Rosali Collier, Susy White

PRESENT: Jennifer Wasson, Lillian Wasson, David Robinson, Amber Pomper, Mary Ann Wilsey, Amanda Wilkins, Mary Lynn Robertson, Jeff Dreves, Nicole Meredith, Caroline Woodhams, Dorothy Fritz, Elaine Taghon, Leslie Campbell, Beth Stephens, Jennifer Stephens, Heather Rosa, Ben Green, Betsy Wagner, Tegan Brooks, Allison Wittkopp, Madison & Morieh & Matthew & Cailee & Malaci & Clare Rogers, Jessica Mack, Renee Hobbins, Abbi Pyle, Melissa Nassel, Jessie Milne, Kath Oosse, Laurie Ashley, Miranda Ashley, Lisa Ralph, Julie Nowland, Andrea Bedrick, Shelly Gray, Gwendolyn Neumann, Rebecca Schaub, Korbin Schaub, Braiden Goff, Kadin Crosley, Jenette Halligan, Tanya Reckow, Reece Canfield, Deb Canfield, Spencer Canfield, Jeff Goodwin, Kay Wagner, Cindy Conquest, Susan Greter, Blaze Dunscombe, Linda Ossee, Kathy Swinney, Stephanie Wolf, Karen Zenner, Anne Grant, Will Grant, Garrett Grant, Sami Zientek, Pam Zientek, Hannah Harner, Kelsee Rosema, Paige Rosema, Sherri Forton, Stacy Sieffert, Sonya Youker, Laurel Wade, Nicole Wade, Tammy Jarvis, Sarah Schoenlein, Jayna Emery, Baily Lautner, Robin Gildner, Karla Blackmer, Amanda Brooks, Korbin Schaub, Lynn Henning, Lori Cederquist, Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Shana Arlt, Emily Thiel, Kathy Easter, Emilee Powers, Andrew Lints, Lilly Wagner, Nicole Jennings, Andrea Hagelstein, Laney Osborn, Kole Osborn, Kathy Harris, Melinda Coger Hunter Delahanty, Nichole Ankney, Marin Wade, Amanda Kohler, Natalie Boals, Adrian Noeckar, Rosile Shaffer, Mandy DePuy, Emma DePuy, Mason Vidor, Vanja Griffin, Jennifer Emery, Anna Bjoraker, Charles Kolbusz, Drew Alpers, Kelly Stockfisch, Cliff Wares, Megan Town, Braiden Goff, Candace Rottman, Alice Thiel, Mellison Osborn, Lucy Thiel

CALL TO ORDER: 7:20pm - Pledges were recited. 45 4-H Clubs were present

MINUTES: Sept. 9th minutes were approved. Motion by Lisa Ralph 2nd by Sandy Pyle to approve the minutes. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bobbi Jo went over the treasurer's report. Motion by Pat Lints 2nd by Lori Cederquist to approve the treasurer's report. Approved.

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Nov. 7th is the annual meeting @ 6:30pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church. Director applications are due Oct. 8th. You need to be a lifetime/annual member to run for a position. The office and campground are now closed. Premium checks have been mailed. Caroline is looking for 2020 Premium book designs, please contact her for details. Steer barn is being used for winter storage. After the November meeting there will be another planning meeting.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Rosali Collier:

Enroll in 4HOnline for 2019/2020: Please remember to register on 4HOnline for the new 4-H year, which started on September 1st! This is for all youth and those adults who have completed the volunteer selection process with MSU. If you are a returning member, you click on your name in your family account and choose re-enroll. Choose the county where your club is held, not the county of your residence (necessarily). You may pay your participation fee directly through your county Extension office (credit card, cash, or check). Remember, being in 4HOnline means that you are an active member, and are

covered under our MSU liability. You are also allowed to vote during our upcoming November Livestock Council meeting. <https://mi.4honline.com>

National Background Check: A new requirement this year is also that all registered adult 4-H volunteers must complete the free National Background Check in order to be accepted as a volunteer on 4HOnline. You can do this on your computer or phone, or on a paper form. Each county has a specific link to complete this requirement. This must be completed by November 1st. Please let us know if you need assistance with this process.

Leelanau County 4-H Fall Leader Update Meetings: We have two meetings left for this fall. They are both on Wednesday, October 16th, at the Government Center in Suttons Bay. The morning session is at 10:00 a.m. and the evening is at 6:30 p.m. One leader from each club should plan to attend, and have a copy of their club minutes from last year, as well as their Annual Financial Summary Report. Please RSVP for these meetings.

Leelanau County Fall Awards Celebration: Finalizing these details tomorrow. Sunday, November 10th, probably starting at 3:00 p.m. We are hoping to change our location to Broomstacks in Maple City, so that we can have our awards, pizza, pop, dessert, and a fun experience trying out curling! For our Leelanau County club members and their families. I will be sending out an email in the next couple of days asking for RSVP's to get a final count for the restaurant.

School Farm Markets: We had our first school farm market at Leland Public School, and it was great fun, especially with Linda Oosse and Kathy Swinney from Northern Nature Nutz showing up with Norman the chicken and S'mores the rabbit—the kids loved visiting with them! The markets are a great chance for the community and the students to come together and shop local produce right there in the school. I love the chance to talk to students about 4-H, and it's even better when our leaders show up with livestock to show off! Our next markets are tomorrow, at St. Mary, with Gotta Lluva Cool Critter bringing animals, Thursday at Glen Lake Community School, with Stephanie Steffens bringing a rabbit, October 17 at Northport Public School (we don't have any animals for that one), and October 24 at Suttons Bay Public Schools with Leslie Suitor bringing poultry. Thank you to these adults taking time out of their day to visit with our local students—it means a lot!

Mark of Excellence and Other 4-H Scholarships and Awards: Please see the handouts at your table to learn more about the Mark of Excellence Award and other awards and scholarships through MSU. Go to this webpage to find out more:
https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships

Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign: October 9-20 at our US-31 store! This is the store that Leelanau and Grand Traverse County share, and this campaign does bring in a lot of scholarship funds to our counties! Please support it if you can. It's a great chance for clubs to fundraise, too! A bake sale by donation is a very good way to make a nice amount of funds and provide great 4-H outreach at the same time! Just call the store to set up a time.

4-H Youth in Action Award: Share your 4-H story could earn you a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards! Share how 4-H has changed your life and how you have used the skills you gained in 4-H to change the lives of others. Apply through October 21st. Visit www.4-h.org/youthinaction to learn more!

State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show: January 25, 2020. MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Open to all 4-H members 8-19 years of age. Non-competitive cloverbud division for 5-7 years of age also available.

Cloverbud Activities During Fair: These went so well again this year, and we saw hundreds of kids throughout the week. A big thank-you to Kathy Swinney for taking this on (every day, both in the mornings in the Tanner building and the afternoon sessions in the DA tent). I also want to thank the clubs

from Grand Traverse who stepped up and did this as part of their committee work: Walnut Acres, Pen Pals, and Leaders and Lopers. Having those clubs there helped energize those afternoons! Leelanau and Grand Traverse counties helped provide the prizes for the games day, which was a bunch of fun, too. We will be looking at adding the Cloverbud Activities back to the Livestock Council committee list, and will be asking to have more committee members this year.

Tanner Building 4-H Exhibits and Interviews: We had a lot of wonderful help and great ideas this past year with our committee and volunteer judges and interviewers, and this is another committee we think should move back under the umbrella of the Livestock Council. We had a lot of ideas as we went through the judging and interviewing and set-up of the different club displays in the building this year. So many things went really well, and others didn't work as smoothly as they could. It would be great to have a committee again this year, focusing on what they would like the purpose of the Tanner building to be. One of the best things in there this year, besides the morning cloverbud activities and the great club displays, was the nice grouping of independent projects from youth of all ages. We set aside a space for youth to display their projects without having to be part of a club display, and had a lot of good feedback about it. Please consider joining this committee this year.

Susy White:

1. Handouts Available on the tables:
 - a. Grand Traverse Newsletter: This was sent in a broadcast E-mail, E-mailed to 4-H Club Leaders and copies are available on the tables.
 - b. Sample of the Club Officer Overview and Helpful Reminders resources which are also available on-line at https://www.canr.msu.edu/leadership_citizenship/so-you-are-an-officer-in-your-4-h-club-series
 - c. Given the recent outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis and other Zoonotic Diseases, there are Zoonotic Kits for Club Use, take on, use it, and recycle when you are done (no need to return).
2. Upcoming in Grand Traverse County
 - a. This week is National 4-H Week!
 - i. Wear your 4-H apparel on Tuesday!
 - ii. October 9-20th Paper Clover Campaign at TSC: this money goes to the State 4-H Foundation as well as local counties. Grand Traverse County uses the money for scholarships to go to Exploration Days and other state wide educational events. The proceeds from this drive from the store on US31 in Grawn get split between Grand Traverse and Leelanau while the store on US72 get split between Grand Traverse and Antrim. Be sure to thank those who donate and your store staff if you visit the store. Think about ideas for the spring, I would love to see clubs offering services or activities during the paper clover campaign in the spring.
 - b. Grand Traverse County Fall Volunteer Updates
 - i. Tuesday, October 8th at 3:15 pm
 - ii. Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00 pm
 - iii. Friday, October 18th at 11:00 am
 - c. MSUE Conference at Grand Traverse Resort, Oct. 28-30th. Say "hi" to the MSU Extension staff as you might see them around Traverse City!
3. Other Announcements/Reminders
 - a. Background Checks (ALL volunteers, DIY on backgroundchecks.com)
 - b. Make sure you complete 4-H Online sign up or re-enroll

- c. Grand Traverse County Broadcast E-mails will only go to those enrolled in 4-H Online for the 2019-2020 year starting November 1st
- d. Let Susy White know if who our 50 year volunteers are in Grand Traverse County
- e. Donations for Traverse City High School can be brought to the Livestock Council Meeting or dropped off in the MSUE Office on W. Front Street, TC. Donations will be accepted thru November.

OLD BUSINESS:

Specie Chair applicants gave a speech about themselves.

Rabbit – Lisa Ralph

Dairy Feeder – Stacy Sieffert

Dog – Gretchen Sauvage was absent but Keri read a letter from her.

Goat – Beth Stephens & Anna Bjoraker –which voting will take place.

After voting took place, Beth Stephens will be the Goat specie Chairperson.

Jeff Dreves from NWM Fair Bureau & Nicole Jennings both spoke about youth discussion meet which is a great opportunity for youth to develop speaking, cognitive skills and be able to work on the fly. Discussion Meet is not a debate. This is a stepping stone for High School kids. October 9th is the deadline to register.

Kelly Stockfisch spoke regarding a benefit that the Long Lake Livestock Club is hosting for Kelly Rice. It will be Saturday, Oct. 12th from 4pm – 8pm at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Silent auction, crafts, spaghetti dinner and more. All proceeds go to the Kelly Rice family.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – Registration and possession date will be January 1st. Contact Keri if you need help finding a steer project as she has some leads.

Dairy Feeder: Record books are here to pick up. MSU Winter Classic is Dec. 6th – 8th.

Junior Beef: Record books are here to pick up. Make sure our animal is born after Jan. 1st with a March 15th possession date.

Swine: Pick up your record books tonight. Make sure your pens have been cleaned for 2020.

Sheep: Make sure to pick your record books up tonight. Clean your pens for 2020.

Goat: no report

Rabbit/Cavy: Record books are done.

Poultry: Record books are ready for pick up. Production pullets can be ordered Oct. 15th with possession by January 31st.

Llama/Alpaca: No report

Dog: No report

Horse: All is good.

Differently Abled: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auction Committee – Any questions contact Bobbi Jo. There is still \$24,827.70 outstanding from buyers that needs to be collected, should have by the November meeting. The Committee meeting will be Oct. 21st – 6pm @ Mulligan's.

Photographer – Long Lake Livestock 4-H club would like to chair this committee.

