

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, February 11, 2019

OFFICERS: Keri Bancroft, Kayce Caugh, Bobbi Jo Pyle

TEEN REPS: Hannah Gaither, Jayna Emery, Tristyn Klockziem

STAFF: Rosali Collier, Karin Stephens

PRESENT: Barb Crosley, Genessa Gutzka, Jillian Noel, Jeremy Noel, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Hannah Harner, Rosali Shaffer, Jodie Kaley, Brycen Kaley, Shelly Gray, Lisa L., Tammy Nemeskal, Samantha Tracey, Jessie Milne, Bella Canfield, Reece Canfield, Spencer Canfield, Deb Canfield, Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Baily Lautner, Tracy Jenkins, Rebecca Schaub, Allison Wittkopp, Winona Roper, Carlyne Woodhams, Cliff Ware, Darrel Robinson, Jojo Okeke, Sandra Pyle, Abigail Pyle, Nancy VanderStel, Renee Hobbins, Brandon Hobbins, Beth Stephens, Rosie Belles, Jennifer Stephens, Nicole Meredith, Brier Meredith, Casey Meredith, Tara Steffes, Roger Steffes, Hannah Steffes, Kassie Noel, Leah Delahanty, Hunter Delahanty, Brylie Greter, Susie Greter, Taylor Muth, Alisa Forton, Jennifer Emery, Gretchen Sauvage, Hannah Gaither, Mary Lynn Robertson, Candace Rottman, Michelle Reinke, Diane Moyer, Michelle Robertson, Chris Barley, Sami Zientek, Pam Zientek, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Amanda Wilkins, Miranda Thompson, Gwyn Carter, Alisa Forton, Mandy DePuy, Sophie DePuy, Cindy Conquest, Emilee Powers, Brylie Greter, Steve & Jo Oosse, Greg Bancroft, Anna Fryer, Adam Wagner, Laurie Ashley, Jeremy & Anne Grant, Laura Tarsa, Amanda Kohler, David Robinson, Dawson Robinson, Mark Barley, Vanja Griffin, Michael Barley, Chris Barley, Jacob Barley, Beth Stephens, Jen Stephens, Rosie Belles, Amanda Tarsa, Madison Leishman, Garrett Grant, Brandon Hobbins

CALL TO ORDER: Pledges were recited. 37 4-H Clubs were present

MINUTES: January 14th minutes were approved. Motion by Jodie Kaley 2nd by Gretchen Sauvage to approve the minutes. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Keri gave the treasurer's report. Motion by Greg Bancroft 2nd by Lisa Ralph to approve the treasurer's report. Approved.

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Ads are being sold for the premium book. Bids are being taken for a Fair week photographer. Mail bids to the Fair office or get them to Jason Neumann. The Cattle show meeting will be January 12th 7pm at the Fair office. The next Fair Board meeting will be Thursday @ 7pm.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Karin Stevens:

1. Grand Traverse County 4-H is still collecting food and personal care products for the food pantry at the Traverse City High School until February 28th. Check out the flyer for specific items needed.
2. We are also looking for someone to help manage the 4-H Food Booth this summer for fair. If interested or know someone who might be, please contact Karin Stevens, steve552@msu.edu or 231-922-4825.
3. The 4-H Exhibits committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 21st at the GT MSU Office on Front Street to continue planning for this summer's fair. Any and all are welcome to join this committee.
4. This summer 4-H Exploration Days celebrates 50 years of youth visiting campus to see what college life is like. The registration books are due out in about a week. The dates this year are

June 19-21. Youth ages 11-19 are welcome to attend. We travel to MSU campus stay for 2 nights in the dorms, eat meals in the dorms, go to fun classes and other events planned for youth and learn how to navigate around a college campus. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. (Have youth stand up who have attended before.) If you want to find out more, ask one of these youth about this event!

Rosali Collier:

Kudos to the 4-H Youth and Volunteers Who Helped with 4H4All: Wow! Our inaugural 4H4All event at the Maple City Lions Club was wonderful! This was planned by the Leelanau County 4-H Youth Association, and sponsored mostly by them, as well. We had several clubs there: Hidden Beech Equestrians showed up and laid out a dressage course as well as a cleaning area for saddles and other equestrian equipment; Gotta Lluva Cool Critter brought rabbits, guinea pigs, and a duck, displays, and led a balloon animal craft (like you've never seen); Northern Nature Nutz brought a beautiful turkey and other club displays, and recruited a couple of new members in the process; MAUD Squad represented the hands-on fun they have after school by creating "snow": corn starch, shaving cream, and glitter; Gretchen Sauvage (our species chair for dog projects through the Livestock Council) came with her dog Tilly and demonstrated agility training; I was there representing the Babysitting Club and had a giant "make and take" craft table; Lake Ann 4-H Cattle Club came and worked with visitors to create very fun (large) cow masks; and Kathy Swinney was there with cloverbud crafts (pinwheels and fun animal scenes). The fun wasn't limited to the inside: Kama Ross and Dave Stroud helped the kids build a giant quince and offered the use of several pairs of snowshoes. The event was featured on the front page of our Leelanau Enterprise last week!

The Youth Association provided food, a fantastic slideshow of our Leelanau County 4-H clubs, and with the help of Leelanau 4-H, also had a table of prizes to win during our free prize drawings. Afterwards, all of the 4-H kids were able to enjoy pizza from Pegtown Station, courtesy again of our Youth Association. Sledding and snowball fights ensued, and all of the adult volunteers worked to make the place look perfect again. This also led to a joint effort between Northern Nature Nutz and Gotta Lluva Cool Critter as they planned a community service outreach event at Medilodge in Suttons Bay. They decided to host an ice cream social yesterday for the senior citizens there, make crafts, and ask for the support of our Youth Association to help sponsor items for the event. So, kudos to our Leelanau clubs for all of this positive outreach and work in our community! It's wonderful working with all of you!

Participation Fees:

We are currently checking for missing participation fees in Leelanau County, and most of our clubs have just a few youth left who still haven't paid. So, if you are from a Leelanau Club, please contact your leader or our office and we can get you all set and activated in 4HOnline.

Livestock Council Guidebook:

The Guidebook has been updated and should be on the Livestock Council website as a PDF. Copies have been provided to our officers, teen reps, species chairs, and assistants. This will be updated in the future by the Livestock Council Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officer positions are due by Friday, February 15th by Noon. We do have some applications in for VP & Secretary.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – 64 Steers, 3 Heifers, 10 seniors Drew will start tagging this weekend, and he will be in touch before he comes. Be careful walking your animals outside because of ice. Will be having a feed clinic late May early June, info coming soon.

Dairy Feeder: Registrations are due at the March meeting. Should have your calves by March 1st and make sure to keep them warm. Tagging will be 2 Saturdays in May. Education clinics are May 4th & May 11th, details coming.

Junior Beef: Registration forms are due by March 4th; make sure you put your full address on the form. Calves should be born anytime now, use caution if you are buying them at livestock auction sales. There will be an education clinic in March with Dr. Ames, details to come.

Swine: Registrations are due tonight. May 1st possession date. Make sure your barns are clean and bedded with heat. Thursday, April 4th is a swine clinic details will be sent out. Another clinic coming in May or June. Swine tagging will be May 4th – 8am – Noon and May 7th – 5pm – 8pm. Swine barn set up will be July 10th @ 6pm.

Sheep: May 5th @ 4pm – 8pm – Tagging. Make sure you have your lambs lined up and on a breeders list. June 10th – 6-8pm will be a clinic on fitting, feeding and showing. There will be another clinic on judging lambs, details to come. Shearing will be the last week of July.

Goat: Registrations are due March 4th. Babies should be born Nov/Dec is the best. Beth has contacts if you need help finding an animal. State Goat Expo – April 13th @ MSU \$6/person

Rabbit/Cavy: Breed projects should be gotten by now. Mason & Lapeer have clinics coming up.

Poultry: No Update

Llama/Alpaca: You can borrow and an animal to show if you don't have one of your own. Record Books are almost done. March 4th is general education on record books.

Dog: There is a state clinic March 9th at MSU, it is about dog first aid and it is being presented by a local person.

Horse: Horse jeopardy was yesterday, had a good turnout. Tack sale will be March 12th at 9:00-3pm at First Congregational Church. Boot Camp will be May 18th & 19th at the Fair. This will be the last education clinic. Registrations are due at the June meeting.

Differently Abled: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee sign ups are available. All Leaders are required to sign up for a Committee. If not signed up by March meeting then they will be assigned.

Auction Committee – There is a meeting tomorrow night at Mulligans @ 6pm.

Buyer's Luncheon – no report

Education – Nikki Brown -231.883.9523 and Jenny Watson – 989.464.6984 Must have 1 general and 1 specie specific by June 30th or 2 specie specific. Farm Bureau record books will be at the March meeting now due to the weather.

Photography – need someone to take over this committee. We need to start getting bids.

Website – Many updates have been made, check it out!

Workbees – April 27th – 9-11:30am and 2-4:30pm, May 15th – 6-8:30pm, June 18th – 6-8:30pm and July 23rd 6-8:30pm. Sign up genius is ready to go and will be posted. Must put 4-H kids name and specie to receive credit. 8 Year olds are now required to do a work bee. Cloverbuds are not required, but encouraged. You will receive an email with a list of tools needed for the work bee you sign up for.

NEW BUSINESS:

Noonan Feed grant forms are due by the March meeting. Please send forms to the PO Box or bring them to the next meeting. It helps any youth that needs assistance with feed. They can also be emailed to nwmi4hlivestock@gmail.com.

Johnson Foundation – This is a scholarship for seniors, it's a great opportunity and they support our auction by spending over \$10k in 2018. They buy more than swine now. Make sure you complete the current year's application. Applications are due May 15th – any late applications will be tossed. If you

