

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, April 8, 2019

OFFICERS: Kayce Caugh, Bobbi Jo Pyle, Barb Crosley

TEEN REPS: Hannah Gaither, Jayna Emery

STAFF: Rosali Collier

PRESENT: Drew Alpers, Shelly Gray, Karla Blackmer, Breslin Blackmer, Heather Rosa, Tara, Roger & Hannah Steffes, Susan Bott, Melissa Ranszewski, Molly Thiel, Karen Zenner, Lynn Henning, Mike Barley, Elaine Taghon, Bella Canfield, Deb Canfield, Jessie Milne, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Abby Treacy, Allison Treacy, Pam Zientek, Rosali Shaffer, Rebecca Schaub, Korbin Schaub, Jack Hubbell, Ethan Kraeft, Ayden Blackmer, Todd & Genessa Gutzka, Allison Wittkopp, Ivy Halligan, Ella Halligan Maren Mil, Jennifer Wasson, Candace Rottman, Lisa Welke, Grace, Lillian & Ryan Welke, Miranda Thompson, Sami Zientek, Amanda Wilkins, Katie Oosh, Laurie Ashley, David Robinson, Addison Kraeft, Amanda Kohler, Jesse Kohler, Jodie Kaley, Brycen Kaley, Hunter Delahantey, Bridget Kohler, Karen Frederich, Gretchen Sauvage, Kelly Kraeft, Jessica Mack, Kelly Rice, Mary Ann Wilsey, Kim Franke, Dan, Leslie & Connor Campbell, Nancy Vanderstel, Chellsee Powers, Cindy Powers, Diane Moyer, Kristen Gray, Rob Gray, Sue Apsey, Alyssa Tallien, Tim Middaugh, Melissa Rassel, Sandra Pyle, Kim Raddatt, Stephanie Whaley, Lisa Welke, Alyssa Treacy, Josh Redman, Chartan Barrett, Mandy DePuy, Sophie DePuy, Jeff Goodwin, Chris Barley, Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Kathy Easter, Rosie Belles, Beth Stephens, Gwyn Carter, Amanda Brooks

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

MINUTES: March 4th minutes were approved. Motion by Lisa Ralph 2nd by Gretchen Sauvage to approve the minutes. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Keri went over the February treasurer's report. Motion by Gretchen Sauvage 2nd by Diane Moyer to approve the treasurer's report. Approved.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Equestrian Festival is offering a fundraising opportunity for 4-H clubs. The International Horse Show in Williamsburg is in July. Tickets are \$15/person. They are looking for local groups to help sell tickets and each ticket that is sold \$7.50 will be given to the local group. If you sell 10 tickets then you will receive a free one. July 6th is the community day and all 4-Her's are able to attend for free. Great fundraising opportunity – any questions contact Audra @ 231.835.1650 or audra@greatlakeequestrianfestival.com

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Mike Barley has 2019 calendars, take what you want. The Cattle Clinic will be May 31st – June 1st. Registrations are due May 3rd and forms are on the website. Winter storage is happening and the barns will be open. Water will be turned on in May.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Rosali Collier:

Raise Your Hand for Michigan 4-H!: Go to 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand; to support youth in our communities. Everyone here, ages 13 and up, can vote once online! We have posted this on the Livestock Council Facebook page, too. This may lead to Michigan winning thousands of dollars to support our 4-H programming, and it takes less than one minute to vote.

JOANN Clovers for Kids: Show your support for Michigan 4-H now through April 30th when you visit your local JOANN store by purchasing a 4-H paper clover at checkout. All funds donated make it

possible for more youth to experience 4-H's youth-led, hands-on programming. A portion of the proceeds raised will support 4-H in the local community where each clover was purchased.

Earth Day 2019: Please join Leelanau 4-H and several other area organizations for a free Earth Day celebration at Leo Creek Preserve in Suttons Bay on Saturday, April 20th, from 1-4 p.m. Live music, snacks, fun activities and demonstrations. Families welcome! I would also love to have a 4-H club or two to work with me on a simple birdfeeder craft activity, if you would like to volunteer during this event.

Exploration Days 2019: June 19-21. We have a great delegation going to Exploration Days at MSU this year, and are still taking registrations through the end of April. Join us for this fun, 3-day event on campus! We offer a very affordable bus ride roundtrip, and some scholarships are available. Please look for the registration books on the table.

Orchard Tour and More during Cherry Festival: I have the sign-up sheet for Orchard Tour and More (formerly Cherry Connection) for this summer. This is a great opportunity for clubs to showcase their animal projects, as well as hold a bake sale fundraiser. The space is beautiful at the Horticultural Research Center (on Center Highway in Leelanau County), and clubs get the chance to speak with hundreds of visitors each day. The days still available for clubs are Tuesday, July 2nd and Wednesday, July 3rd. We take the 4th off to be with our families. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., so it's a short period of time, and a great chance to complete some community service and add some great club pictures to your record books! Email me for more information: collierr@msu.edu

4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure: Reduced rates on admission and meal tickets for all 4-H members and their families on Saturday, June 8. Reserve your tickets by June 3 by calling 231-766-9959 or visiting www.miadventure.com/specialevents
Wear your 4-H club shirts to show you are in 4-H! Park hours are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The park is located in Muskegon.

4-H Goat and Sheep Scrapie Workshop: For youth and adults interested in the goat and lamb project areas. Sunday, April 14, from 1-4 p.m. at the Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E Ash St, in Mason. Register by Wednesday, April 10th by emailing Glenda Weiss at weissgle@msu.edu

Northern Michigan 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Palooza: Saturday, May 11, Kalkaska Fairgrounds. Clinics start at 9, and showmanship competitions are at 2. For 4-H youth, parents, and leaders. \$20 per person. Register by May 2 at bit.ly/4-HPalooza; Flyers are on the table.

Gratiot County Open 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, and Poultry Show: Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Gratiot County Fairgrounds, 706 S Lincoln Rd in Alma. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Rabbit show at 9 a.m.; poultry show at noon. Entry fees: \$2 per class. Flyers on the table.

4-H Youth Swine Day in Alma: Open to all youth ages 6 to 19 and their parents. June 1st, 2019. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. This event will be all day until 4 p.m. Located at the Gratiot County Fair at 701 S Lincoln Ave in Alma. Register by May 17th for a \$5 fee; by June 1 for a \$10 fee. Call the MSU Extension office in Alma: 989-875-5233. Flyers and registration forms are on the table.

Kudos for April: To our wonderful Teen Reps for this year! Thank you, especially to Hannah Gaither, for helping to put on the educational session we just had about Relating 4-H to Your Future! You are definitely expressing your youth voice well, and it's impressive! You are showing younger kids that it's good to take chances, speak in public, organize events for others, and help people learn new skills-this is how being a part of 4-H is helping you grow and become really successful adults. Thank you, Hannah and Tristyn for your time and your willingness to volunteer with our Livestock Council. Thank you also to the other 4-H volunteers and alumni for your part in the presentation: Lisa Ralph, Bobbi Jo Pyle, Stacy Sieffert, and Mariah Gaither.

*Cloverbud Committee: If you are interested in helping to plan some of our cloverbud activities for this year's Fair, or if your club would like to volunteer on one of the days, please let me know. Kathy Swinney and I plan to meet soon to get organized for this year.

*4-H Exhibits in the Tanner Building: Our committee met last week and finalized some details about how the judging will go this year. Each club will have their club display judged by one person, who will be in charge of judging all of the different club projects. Leaders will find a folder in their booths with directions about how to fill out the entry tags for each youth. We will use 10 different colors of stickers dots for the 10 sections, to help the judges. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to club members within the 10 different sections, and cloverbuds will have the chance to win ribbons for their projects, too. We will also have one club win the "Best Club Display". All youth will have the chance to interview on Monday of Fair week, for the chance to win a ribbon for interviewing based on their age (8-13 and 14-19). Cloverbuds can also earn a ribbon for interviewing. Questions: You can ask Chris Barley, Sandi Pyle, Bobbi Jo Pyle, Rosile Shaffer, Kathy Swinney, or me if you have any questions about the process this year.

*4-H Clover Award: Notice that these award applications are on all of the tables, on green paper. You will also be able to get it from the Livestock Council website as a fillable form. All 4-H'ers ages 10-19 (we changed the age this year) from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau County can apply for this award that celebrates exemplary 4-H members. Youth fill out the application, and then the top three applicants will be asked to complete an interview on Monday of Fair Week. The winner will be announced at the Saturday Awards Ceremony, and will be presented with a certificate as well as a \$100 VISA gift card (also new this year). All applications will be due Wednesday, July 31st, to either the Grand Traverse or Leelanau County 4-H office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kettunen Center –

5 - 4-Her's did a short presentation/speech regarding their experience in order to receive education credit. They attended the Beef, Sheep Swine workshop in February.

Johnson Foundation Scholarship forms are posted on the website.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – 62 Steers, 4 Heifers, 10 seniors MSU Beef Expo had a couple local kids showing and some there to watch. Hoof trimming is June 29th; sign up will come out later.

Dairy Feeder: 43 Dairy Feeders – 28 market, 12 cloverbud & 3 show only. April 13th will be an education clinic. Will call before coming to tag.

Junior Beef: 78 – Market, 3 – Show & 28 – Cloverbuds. Will be looking for volunteers to be in the steer barn before assigning, please let Amanda know. Also let her know of any drops as soon as possible. Possession date is May 15th and tagging will start after that. A list of farms is on the website. They must be 100% beef and born after Feb. 1st. If you have any questions please ask Amanda. Your calf must be vaccinated with the Enforce 3 and make sure you have the health form completed as it will be required at Fair. Schedule changes – open show will be Tuesday @ 2pm and 4pm for market. Wednesday 9am is showmanship. We had 67 4-Her's at the clinic, great turn out thank you.

Swine: May 1st possession date. You can also complete the YQCA online class for credit. Swine tagging will be May 4th – 8am – Noon and May 7th – 5pm – 8pm. Make sure barns are cleaned, well bedded and your health forms are done, forms are on the website.

Sheep: Possession date is May 1st, if you need help finding a lamb please contact Nancy. Make sure you take the health form to the breeder to complete. May 5th @ 4pm – 8pm – Tagging. Shearing will be the last week of July. Make sure your animal is wormed and vaccinated.

Goat: MSU expo for goats is April 13th – 4-H Goat show @ MSU, judging, skillathon & quiz bowl. Tuesday, May 28th @ 6-8pm Missaukee Ag. Youth Show grounds in Falmouth – pre-register w/ Judy

Brinks @ 231.839.4667 Showmanship, Veterinary, Science, bio security, sportsmanship, preparing for show day – Market & breed. Hands on sessions including handling, feed info & getting ready to show. You may bring a goat. Registration due one week in advance. State 4-H Goat Show is June 22nd at MSU – take your goat to participate or go watch and learn how goats are shown at state level. A practice tentatively at Fairgrounds is Wednesday, June 19th @ 6 – 8:00pm. Saturday, June 29th @ 10 – Noon & Saturday, July 20th @ 10am – 1pm will be fitting, trimming hoofs & tattooing. Wednesday, July 31st @ 6pm – 9pm will be barn set up, no practice. Tagging location TBD – Friday, May 10th @ 6-8pm & Saturday, June 1st @ 10am – Noon. May 4th will be a cheese making clinic at Brickways, 935 Barlow – 2 sessions 10am – Noon & 12:30pm – 2:30pm. You must pre-register with Beth @ 231.883.6189 or stitch2stitch4231@gmail.com Clinic on parasite control identification, digestion – date & location are TBD. Clinic to build your own feeder - TBD

Rabbit/Cavy: April 27th is the breeding date for market pen of 3 & fryer. Registrations are due at the June meeting. Make sure your rabbits are warm, have food & water. May 5th @ 3pm, June 10th @ 6pm and June 23rd @ 4pm are the education clinics.

Poultry: Possession dates are all listed on the website and on FB. You can purchase birds from feed stores. The Fair will test for pollorum. May 5th @ 3pm, June 10th @ 6pm and June 23rd @ 4pm are the education clinics. Need a show bird that you can use to show. Space will be tough this year.

Turkey – 10 pens, Cornish Game – 11, Meat birds – 35, Geese – 1, Ducks – 2, Cloverbuds – 18, Show only – 15 and some undecided yet. Will have workbee opportunities. Lynn will send an email with details.

Llama/Alpaca: Registrations are due at the June meeting. Education clinics are May 5th @ 6pm & June 9th @ 6pm. Make sure you get out and exercise.

Dog: Registrations are due at the June meeting. May 19th & June 22nd will be clinics.

Horse: Boot Camp will be May 18th & 19th at the Fair. Blaine's will have some clinics coming, still waiting on details; will share when we have the info. Registrations are due at the June meeting. Make sure you get your vaccines done.

Differently Abled: Once we have our registrations for DA we will plan an activity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Auction Committee – Still trying to collect from 2 buyers for the 2018 auction. After April 19th if not paid it will be filed with small claims, they will not be able to purchase from the auction unless it's with cash. Looking to update the policy for invoicing buyers – as long as they ask for invoicing we can do that but after 45 days if it's not paid they will be charged interest. Next meeting will be April 22nd @ 6pm – Mulligan's. Also still looking for auction help.

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. Specie chairs please turn in any lists to Nikki @ nbrown7@mhc.net. Leaders should be the middle person for any questions about youth having their requirements done. There was a general education class added and will be Wednesday, May 29th – details to come. An updated list will be sent 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. Must use Sign up genius to sign up. 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.

