

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, May 6, 2019

OFFICERS: Kayce Caugh, Bobbi Jo Pyle, Barb Crosley, Keri Bancroft, Mark Schaub

TEEN REPS: Hannah Gaither

STAFF: Rosali Collier

PRESENT: Mary Lynn Robertson, Tammy Nemeskal, Dorothy Fritz, Mary Ann Wilsey, Kim Franke, Jeremy & Anne Grant, William, Garrett & Kenneth Grant, Chris Barley, Mike Barley, Jacob Barley, Diane Moyer, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Elaine Taghon, Gretchen Sauvage, Rebecca Schaub, Korbin Schaub, Dave Robinson, Baily Lautner, Amanda Lautner, Mark Barley, Vanja Griffin, Kathy Easter, Renee Hobbins, Sara Wolf, Amanda Tarsa, Ken Brandt, Wendy Tebben, Sandra Pyle, Karla Blackmer, Breslin Blackmer, Heather Rosa, Khiela Alpers, Emilee Powers, Jo Ann Bohrer, Laurie Ashley, Nikki Meredith, Andrea Hagemstein, Kassie Noel, Jillian Noel, Mariah Hartley, Amanda Wilkins, Jodie Kaley, Brycen Kaley, Lilly Case, Gwyn Carter, Cameron Tarsa, Brandon Tarsa, Amanda Brooks, Lynn Henning, Miranda Thompson, Allen Blackmer, Tara Steffes, Stacy Schafer, Brandon Hartley, Rosali Shaffer, Drew Alpers, Rosie Belles, Beth Stephens, Allison Wittkopp, Kelly Kraeft, Lori Cederquist, Shelly Clemens Gray, Leah Delahanty, Hunter Delahanty, Susie Greter

CALL TO ORDER: Pledges were recited. 41 4-H Clubs were present

MINUTES: April 8<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved. Motion by Gretchen Sauvage 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gwyn Carter to approve the minutes. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Keri went over the April treasurer's report. Motion by Michelle Reinke 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Barley to approve the treasurer's report. Approved. Keri also has filed small claims for 2 unpaid buyers from 2018. The court date is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Premium books are here. Animal registrations are due July 8<sup>th</sup> and Non animal registrations are due July 20<sup>th</sup>. No late registrations will be accepted. Forms are also on the Fair website. Full size fridges will be allowed at the fair –but one per 4-H group due the power issues.

The Cattle show registrations will be accepted until June 1<sup>st</sup>. Junior Beef must be born after March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Volunteers are needed to run garbage totes fair week, must have an adult. The Kubota and trailer will be available to use. 4-H kids can help but their animals come 1<sup>st</sup> as they are the first priority.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Rosali Collier:

4-H Swine Educational Session with Melissa Elischer: Swine Ethics. Wednesday, May 15, at 6:00 p.m. Leelanau County Government Center in Suttons Bay (off 204). Downstairs in the Community Room. Melissa Elischer is an Animal Science educator with MSU Extension, and she plans to talk about how we use swine, how we care for them, why we interact the way we do with them, and talking through case studies with the audience.

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 day that's still available is 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! If you don't think your whole club can come, but you would still like to bring an animal, talk to me! Email me for more information: [collierr@msu.edu](mailto:collierr@msu.edu)

4-H Commodity Carnival: I am looking for a few teen volunteers to help run our Commodity Carnival stand during Orchard Tour, as well. Last year, I was able to snag my husband, son, and a few other teens from clubs who were there for the petting zoo, but this year, it would be great to have more teens join us. This is a great chance to do some outreach, teach people about the risks and benefits of raising an animal to sell at Fair, have fun talking with people, and then give away some free prizes. Plus, you can add it to your 4-H community service for your resume. The hours are the same as Orchard Tour: 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Two teens per day would be great! If you're interested in helping, let me know.

Kudos for May: To Renee Hobbins and Gotta Lluva Cool Critter, for, once again, putting together a great education session for our Livestock Council to benefit from. Today's buyer's letter and thank-you note session was a great way to get everyone thinking about the very near future and how to connect with buyers. I also want to thank Kathy Swinney for stepping up (once again) to help put together a fun learning session for our cloverbuds. Whenever I give Kathy a call, she's willing to help with projects, come up with fun crafts and activities, and she gives it her all. She always has a smile for the kids she's working with. So thank you to Renee, Gotta Lluva, and Kathy!

\*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 has been meeting through email, and we are working with the Fair Board to order some ribbons for this year's award winners. Remember to grab a packet (some are available at the tables) to help you plan for your 4-H club space. Interviews for the different age ranges are taking place Monday of Fair, and this includes cloverbuds. All of the fillable forms to register for this are on the Livestock Council website. Please remember that you will also need to register your exhibit using the Exhibits and Class Registrations form, found in the Premium Book or on the Fair website under the documents section.

Animal Registrations are due by July 8th; Non-Animal Registrations are due by July 20th.

\*4-H Clover Award: 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:

Heather Barley Memorial Scholarships are due tonight and they need to be given to Mark Barley.

Johnson Foundation Applications are due May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Buyer Thank You Notes: 4-H kids are required to send a thank you along with a 5x7 photo that is taken by the photographer at the fair. Pictures are handed out at the Sept. meeting and must be delivered to the buyer by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. All Buyers' this year will be contacted to confirm they have received it. If not then the 4-H kid will not be given their check at the October meeting. Will then follow up again to confirm so the 4-H kid can pick up their check at the November meeting. You must bring a copy of your thank you note to the October meeting to pick up your check. Long Lake Livestock has volunteered to make the calls to the buyer's. We are currently working on this along with post fair requirements and what happens if the requirements are done. This is still be discussed and more to come.

#### SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – 62 Steers, 3 Heifers. Hoof trimming is June 29<sup>th</sup>; sign up will come out later.

Dairy Feeder: 24 market, 10 cloverbud & 3 show only. Tagging went well will tag again on Saturday. June 1<sup>st</sup> is another clinic at the Grawn United Methodist Church @ 6pm. RSVP by May 26<sup>th</sup> to Stacy @ 231.590.8691 or [ssieffert@yahoo.com](mailto:ssieffert@yahoo.com) – Rope Halters.

Junior Beef: 72 – Market, 3 – Show & 28 – Cloverbuds. Possession date is May 15<sup>th</sup> and tagging will start after that. A list of farms is on the website. They must be 100% beef and born after Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. Make sure horns are removed. Record books are on the website. There will also be forms with basic info about your calf that can be completed and passed onto the next owner. May 18<sup>th</sup> – Kent Co. Clinic & May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Stock show in Sandusky if you need specie education credits. Beef Show case will be June 7<sup>th</sup> & June 8<sup>th</sup> at MSU. The June 1<sup>st</sup> Cattle Clinic at the fair you must have your vaccines done in order to bring your Junior Beef. June 29<sup>th</sup> – Missaukee Summer Beef Classic. Practices for all cattle will be June 19<sup>th</sup> – 6pm – 8 pm, July 9<sup>th</sup> – 6pm – 8pm and July 20<sup>th</sup> – Noon – 2pm.

Swine: Swine tagging will be May 7<sup>th</sup> – 5pm – 8pm. We were able to get over 100 done on Saturday. Make sure barns are cleaned, well bedded and your health forms are done, forms are on the website. There will be a swine education clinic May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Leelanau County Government Center. Make sure to worm your pigs Memorial Weekend and July 4<sup>th</sup> and health forms completed. July 9<sup>th</sup> will be a work bee to set up the barn.

Sheep: All 50 lambs were tagged yesterday. Shearing will be the last week of July. Make sure your animal is wormed and vaccinated.

Goat: 28 market, 36 cloverbuds, 53 show. May 28<sup>th</sup> – Tagging 6pm – 8pm will be done at 1863 Clous Road and June 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 2pm. State 4-H Goat Show is June 22<sup>nd</sup> at MSU – take your goat to participate or go watch and learn how goats are shown at state level. A practice at the Fairgrounds is Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6 – 8:00pm. Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10 – Noon & Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10am – 1pm will be fitting, trimming hoofs & tattooing. Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm – 9pm will be barn set up, no practice. Clinic on parasite control identification, digestion will be May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds. Feed clinic yet to come. Vaccines are required along with the health form completed, will be post this week.

Rabbit/Cavy: Registrations are due at the June meeting. Make sure your rabbits are warm, have food, water and out of drafts. June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm and June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 4pm are the education clinics. June 29<sup>th</sup> will be tattooing.

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. Clinic yesterday went well. Meat Chicken and duck orders need to be done. Let them know it's a 4-H project. 10 Turkey, 10 Production, 12 game hens, 1 goose, 5 duck, 27 meat chickens, 15 show, and 18 cloverbuds June 10<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8:30pm there will be a clinic. June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 4pm is the education clinics. Lynn will send an email with details. Fair office will open May 13<sup>th</sup> to drop of registration forms, call the office if you need help.

