

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, July 22, 2019

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

TEEN REPS: Hannah Gaither

STAFF: Rosali Collier, Susy White

PRESENT: Mary Lynn Robertson, Gwendolyn Neumann, Ryan Henning-Neumann, Chris Barley, Lisa Ralph, Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Jessie, Ned & Maren Milne, Sandi & Abigail Pyle, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Elaine & Andrea Taghon, Vanja Griffin, Mary Ann Wilsey, Jayna Emery, Alisa Forton, Kelly Kraeft, Mandy DePuy, Sophie DePuy, Emilee Powers, Karen Zenner, Carolyne Woodhams, David Robinson, Haven Robinson, Kelly Stockfisch, Heather Horn, Amanda Lautner, Nikki Ankney, Diane Moyer, Heather Rosa, Leah Delahanty, Andrea Bedrick, Nicki Brown, Betsy, Wagner, Karla Blackmer, Allison Wittkopp, Laurie Ashley, Stacy Schafer, Cindy Conquest, Chellsee Powers, Pam & Sami –Proclites, Jodie & Brycen Kaley, Kim Franke, Amanda Kohler, Amanda Brooks, Stacy Sieffert, Lori Cederquist, Jennifer Emery, Gwyn Carter, Lynn Henning, Bella Wolf, Carter Wold, Sarah Wolf, Genessa Gutzka, Will Grant, Garrett Grant, Amanda Wilkins, Madison Leishman, Renee Hobbins, Sophia Shuff, Miles Shuff, Shelly Gray, Candace Rottman, Pilar G., Linda Oosse, Baily Lautner, Nicole Meredith, Staci & Libby Alpers, Rebecca Schaub, Laura Guerin, Kathy Easter, Drew Alpers, Tina Coffin, Rosili Shaffer, Roger & Tara Steffes, Brylie Greter, Taylor Muth, Hunter Delahanty

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10pm - Pledges were recited. 46 4-H Clubs were present

MINUTES: June 24th need to add Michelle Reinke. Minutes were approved. Motion by Lisa Ralph 2nd by Jodie Kaley to approve the minutes. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bobbi Jo went over the treasurer's report. Motion by Lori Cederquist 2nd by Carolyne Woodhams to approve the treasurer's report. Approved. We are in need of ordering some new silk banners that go in the barns and the estimate is \$1100. There is no budget item for this and so we would like to take ½ from the Technology fund and rest out of the education fund to cover this. We need approval to use those funds. Motion to approve that we take the \$1,100 out of the budget fund by Lori Cederquist and 2nd by Baily Lautner. Approved.

FAIRBOARD NEWS: The pavilion is up and has fresh concrete so please stay off of it. Make sure you bring health forms with you at drop off. No hold harmless forms must also be signed by everyone. Campers move in July 31st – Aug. 2nd after 4pm. Must check-in with Mike Barley & Mary Lynn Robertson. Any special arrangements get with Mike & Karen Zenner. Weekly Arnold passes are available. Parents must sign for packet pick-ups and only families are allowed to pick up not clubs this year. Monday thru Friday 10am – 6pm anytime. Saturday, Aug. 3rd noon til 3pm. Golf cart registrations online now; make sure to bring them to check in Saturday night after the mandatory meeting. Wristbands for 4-her's you get from specie chairs.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Exhibit Barn – you must fill out the worksheet if you decide to have your items judged. Project worksheets will be in the booth for you. Interviews are 11am – 3pm for anyone that wants to be judged. Set up will be Thursday & Friday noon til 9pm and Saturday 10am – 2pm. Judging starts on Saturday at 4pm. Cloverbud awards are due July 30th.

Rosali Collier:

Cloverbud Committee: We have four clubs that are helping us during Fair: Walnut Acres, Up North Crafty Critters, Pen Pals, and Leaders and Lopers. Thank you to those clubs! Kathy Swinney, Susy, and I met to talk about the week and supplies. Cloverbud activities will take place Monday-Thursday of Fair, in the Differently Abled tent, from 2-4 p.m. and Cloverbud Games will be on Saturday the 10th, starting at 4 p.m. We will also be offering a morning hour of cloverbud crafts in the Tanner building, Monday through Friday, from 10-11 a.m. A big thank-you to Kathy Swinney for volunteering all week of Fair to make this happen! We have purchased several prizes for our games day, but if your club would like to donate any more prizes, we would gladly take them!

*4-H Exhibits in the Tanner Building: 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. We have copies of the club planning space form as well as the project record sheets for you to grab tonight. Chris Barley is going to talk more about what we have been working on as a committee.

*4-H Clover Award: These award applications are due next week on Wednesday, July 31st, to either the Leelanau or the Grand Traverse 4-H office. All 4-H'ers ages 10-19 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). We have copies of the award application here tonight.

Kudos for July: I would like to thank the 4 clubs who came out to Orchard Tour and More in Leelanau County this month during Cherry Festival! Gotta Lluva Cool Critter, Northern Nature Nutz, Classic Country, and Backyard Bunch. Each club came with different animals and poultry, and took a portion of their day to do this really great outreach! Each day, we had hundreds of visitors, and so many folks were complementing our 4-H kids and volunteers. I also want to thank Kathy Swinney for bringing a different cloverbud craft activity each day we were there-she came all 4 days! 9 & 10 News was there when we had our rainy day, but they also got to see about 50 kids under our one 4-H tent, snuggling with chickens and rabbits. Pretty fun. Our clubs, from Leelanau, Grand Traverse, and Antrim, represented the best parts of 4-H: community service, kindness, knowledge, teamwork, and flexibility! Thanks, everyone!

Susy White: Susy introduced herself as she is the new G.T. County Extension Coordinator. The food booth is still in need of volunteers. The schedule is being passed around today. You can also reach out to her to be added. Consider helping out in the food booth as the money goes towards education funds for MSU events.

OLD BUSINESS:

Blood Drive: Sign-up sheet is going around, it's \$10 person. Hours are Tuesday, noon til 4pm and Friday 8am til 6pm by the beef barn.

Auction Snacks: please sign up to help pass out snacks on auction day. We need help in both arenas. 10-15 kids each time. Snacks will be set up in the Haberlein this year. Ebel's is donating meat sticks this year. 30 cases of water from Ace Hardware and Greenstone is donating water. Please make sure to thank both. Tractor Supply is helping and agreed to donate the wood shavings. They donated 2 pallets in addition to the 60 bags we ordered.

Policy Reviews: Gates/times – goats & lambs health checks will be in the main parking lot. Everyone exits gate 1, it's one way.

Showmanship procedures – reminder large animals must show the animal they are marketing. Small animals must show an animal they own.

Youth Code of Conduct: Make sure to review and sign.

Final Schedule: They are out & in green. There have been some changes so please share with all. Saturday all day wristbands noon – 11pm are \$20 for 4-H kids. There is a \$5 off coupon in the rabbit barn. There is a giveaway incentive at the Saturday awards. Tickets are available for kids to earn for prizes. Tickets will be given away all week long. Specie Chairs & Board Members will be handing them out all week to kids that go above and beyond. We have a lot of prizes to give away so kids can win many prizes. MSU has donated several items.

There will be a board outside the auction trailer posting the different essays & feed grants available. Scholarships are not just for market animals. Each one is different. There is also a steer/heifer scholarship available. All deadlines are different.

Small Animal Processing: Have a new option for rabbits & poultry as they will be processed on Sunday at the Fair. Buyer's will be responsible to pick up their live animal or processed animal depending on what they choose at check out on auction day.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – 61 Steers, 3 Heifers, 1 auction only. Amanda covered pretty much everything. Working on barn assignments. Junior beef will be in the north end of the barn. Possession date for 2020 may change to November/December, stay tuned. Make sure you get your senior picture to Genessa. We have a raffle steer that was returned and staying at the Bancroft farm. Hannah Gaither has been working with him. The Fair purchased this steer in 2018. This steer will be auctioned off last and will a jump start to a new steer barn. Kids can donate money to the new steer barn also.

Dairy Feeder: Pen Assignments will be done tonight. Make sure you are working with your animal.

Junior Beef: 63 – Market, 7 – Show & 28 – Cloverbuds. Let Amanda know any changes. Stalls are being added so they won't be posted until July 31st. You also must have a board/mat in the stall. Stalls are 4x7. Make sure to decorate by Friday night & not low enough where the animals can get them. 7am – 11am cattle arrive. Must have your vaccination form & checked before unloading. 2pm is weigh in, be ready. 5:30pm barn meeting. Will have some changes please be patient. Amanda will have history forms available at Fair. If you sell to a future steer showman. Your animal is your #1 priority before everything else. Also thank the fair board for all they do.

Swine: No re-weighing. Pens are set up water will be done next week. Pens are assigned. Make sure you only decorate the lattice area; do not go more than 6 inches below. No Wheelbarrows. Weighing will be 6am til Noon – first pig off the trailer is what gets weighed. Must have health forms & fair forms. Ear tags must be readable. Get your senior pictures to Kim.

Sheep: 47 market, 12 cloverbud, 4 show. Shearing will be Tuesday, July 30th 2:30-5pm and cost is \$15. Make sure to wash your animal. Shearing will be in the Steer wash rack.

Goat: CDT worming – done now for dairy and show only meat goats and all shots should be done. Show attire – pack & draft are plaid shirt & jeans or white shirt with khaki or white pants. All other shows are white shirt with khaki or white pants. Sturdy shoes or boots required for all shows. Refer to page 92-93 of guidebook. We still have 4 feeders available for \$8/each. Make check payable to the Livestock Council, \$15 if we paint. Water buckets need to be clipped to the ring on the outside stalls and bars on inside of stalls, bring your own clip. No rope hay bags allowed. Pen assignments will be posted on pens Tuesday, July 30th. Barn set up will be complete, we will be at the barn on the 31st & available to

tattoo. Check your tattoos if not legible you will not be allowed into the fair – no tattooing on Saturday. We need to know by Wednesday at latest preferably tonight how many pens your club will need. Call Beth, leave message – 883.6189.

Rabbit/Cavy: 5 market, 44 show & 18 cloverbuds. Rabbits must be cleaned & nails clipped before coming to fair. Tattooing will be July 29th 6pm – 8pm will also do Cavy, bring your own cages. Set up will be Thursday & Friday from 6pm til 9pm, no lattice. Start electrolytes now. Will be power washing Wednesday if anyone needs hours and painting on Friday.

Poultry: 9 Turkey, 7 game hens, 23 meat birds, 1 geese, 5 duck, 9 production chickens, 18 show only & 17 cloverbud. Weighing and sorting pens. Make sure to check for lice, mites & treat by using a dust. Date of birth & Pollarium paperwork is required. A poultry packet will be handed out. Barn duty is a must even if you are only show. Decorations can be put up Thursday before fair. Do not exchange your pen assignments. Hunter Delahanty is a state award winner. Hunter gave a short speech. Congratulations!!

Llama/Alpaca: Watch for heat stress. Practice, shots done & health forms get done. Enter gate 4 drive to barn. Must check animal in before unloading. Pens marked tonight. Bring your own food & water dishes. Barn meeting will be 5pm on Saturday.

Dog: Make sure you are working with your Dog. 6 Cloverbuds, 18 show, 3 seniors & 3 drops.

Horse: Stall assignments are done and will be posted next week. Unload your horse in the pit area and walk to barn. Tack drop off is Friday night. Hard copy of coggins and Rhino is required. Show schedule has changed. Hay bags overnight during fair will be allowed, but no nets or they will be pulled. No hay can be stored in the barn. 5:30pm barn meeting.

Differently Abled: If you need extra assistance in shows call Rosie or Beth know at 231.883.6189 or 231.499.3040 and leave a message.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auction Committee – Last training was July 15th, went well still need some volunteers. Buyer post cards are out, we do have some extras. 14 clubs not signed up & they all are assigned a committee now.

Auction Refreshments - We need snack donations. You can bring them Fair week, get them to Barb, camp site #60.

Barn Awards – 2019 Herdsmanship contest- \$500 for best overall is being donated by Gray's Excavating. Wheelbarrow bunch won it in 2018. 1 club in each barn and then 1 is selected as grand champion with their name on the traveling trophy. Secret judges during the week.

Buyers Luncheon – picking up & finalizing open grass space for auction day. All market kids can get a lunch.

Round Robin – Is completed. Need a specie judge at 11am from each specie chair. Each person will show 3 animals.

Celebration of Champions - Forms at Leader's meeting or poultry barn for Grand Market & Showmanship, see Gwyn.

NCF Parade – We had a good turn out and some animals. Now planning for 2020.

Work Bee - Tomorrow is the last one from 6 – 8:30pm. Amanda has a list of names that still need to complete. Will need rags, brooms & buckets.

