

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, February 3, 2020

OFFICERS: Kayce Caugh, Barb Crosley, Megan Town, Keri Bancroft

TEEN REPS: Ella Stockfisch

STAFF: Rosali Collier, Susy White

PRESENT: Michael Barley, Lynn Henning, Jason Neumann, Kim Franke, Jeremy & Anne Grant, Chris Barley, Andrea Bedrick, Kelly Stockfisch, Mary Lynn Robertson, Rosie Belles, Winona Roper, Kathy Easter, Garrett, Grant, Hannah Steffes, Laney Osborn, Louis Osborn, Amanda Tarsa, Cameron Tarsa, Stephanie Steffens, Emily Thiel, Molly Thiel, Tracy Jenkins, Christine Snow, Deb, Reece & Spencer Canfield, Will Grant, Nicole Meredith, Mia Ballard, Elaine & Andrea Taghon, Rachel Raniszewski, Kole Osborn, Addison Kraeft, Kelly Kraeft, Jennifer Emery, Renee Hobbins, Live Rice, Rebecca Schaub, Brandon Hobbins, Gretchen Sauvage, Miranda Thompson, Rosili Shaffer, Leslie Littlefield, Parker Jenkins, Isaac Snow, Julia Ellul, Mandy DePuy, Emma DePuy, Pilar, Shayna Conger, Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Amanda Wilkins, Jessie Milne, Amanda Brooks, Diane Moyer, Robin Gildner, Andrea Hagelstein, Alisa Forton, Drew Alpers, Cliff Wares, David Robinson, Heather Rosa, Brookelynn Rosa, Tucker Krumm, Keisha Krumm, Dave Krumm, Cindy Conquest, Connor Jewett, Hunter Dunscombe, Vanja Griffin, Leah Delahanty, Hunter Delahanty, Baily Webb, Beth Stephens, Jen Stephens, Laurie Ashley, Lisa Ralph, Amanda Kohler, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Melissa Osborn, Tara Steffes, Susan Greter, Gracie Osborn, Sami Zientek, Gwyn Carter & Mason Vidor, Kadin Crosley

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm - Pledges were recited. 37 4-H Clubs were present

Swine Registrations are due tonight by midnight.

Happy Birthday to Brandon Hobbins!

MINUTES: Jan. 6th minutes were approved with the change of taking Bobbi Jo off as she was not at the meeting and it was the November & December treasurer's report that was approved. Motion by Kelly Stockfisch 2nd by Gretchen Sauvage to approve the minutes. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bobbi Jo is out today as Patti is not doing well. Please keep them in your prayers. No report this month.

AUCTION COMMITTEE: Swine registrations are due tonight by midnight. Feb. 17th is our next auction committee meeting – 6pm @ Agave Garfield. All are welcome.

Auction line up: Swine, steer, dairy feeders & jr. beef AND Goat, rabbits, poultry & lamb

Registrations due March 2nd are Dairy feeder, Jr. Beef, Lamb, Poultry & Goat

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Sweets & bread available in the back for all to enjoy. Premium book cover entries are due by Saturday, Feb. 8th to Carolyne. Feb. 5th @ 7pm – Fairgrounds is the next cattle show planning meeting. We are in need of sponsors, contact Jillian if you have any @ 616.240.6841 or nwmifairtreasurer@gmail.com

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Rosali Collier:

Second Annual 4H4All: Our local Leelanau clubs are working with our Leelanau County Youth Association to provide a great mini-expo on Saturday, February 8, from 10-noon at the Maple City Lions Club. This is a free outreach event celebrating our local clubs and what 4-H is all about. Everyone is welcome, and we will have prize drawings with some amazing prizes, activities indoors and out, animals, crafts, snacks, exhibits, and more! Youth who attend will receive a free 4-H goodie bag!

4-H Exploration Days: June 24-26, 2020 at MSU. Join us on our Leelanau County school buses for the ride down to campus, and this great pre-college experience! Three things: we have scholarships—just ask your local PC about them. Plan to turn in your registration form before the March 10th registration start date. This gives you the best chance of getting into your top-choice sessions! Have a friend who is not in 4-H but would like to come to Exploration Days to be your roommate? Invite them! We take roommate requests! Questions? Ask your local 4-H Program Coordinator.

Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience: March 15-18. For students in high school. See the handout in green at your tables for more information. Both Grand Traverse and Leelanau County have partial scholarships available through our Tractor Supply Clover Campaign funds to help support students wishing to attend this event. Register online by February 9th.

Cloverbud Activities Committee: Please let us know if you are interested on working on the cloverbud activities for this year's fair. We have two volunteers signed up so far, but would love to have more involvement! Cloverbud Chair Kathy Swinney is part of this committee, and would welcome others for the planning process. Let Rosali know if you are interested. Also, a few people have donated items to use either as part of the planned activities or as prizes to give away during the cloverbud games day. You can give those to Rosali or Susy for storage.

Susy White:

The Grand Traverse County Newsletter is on tables and has been E-mailed to Grand Traverse members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Teen Reps for 2020 will be Ella Stockfisch & Hannah Gaither. Ella gave a speech about herself. Welcome Ella!

Farm Bureau record books are back. Jeff Dreves presented the record book winners. The list is attached. \$680 in prize money was given out.

The Livestock Council overall record book winner is Brandon Hobbins of \$100.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer— Drew introduced Kelly Kraeft who is his new assistant as Todd had to step down. We have 78 cattle this year, 16 seniors, 14 heifers, 64 steers & 3 show only. Tagging will start after this weekend since some kids are going to AGR. Your animal must have an RFID tag. Watch for lice and ring worm it's bad this winter. The Fair is also making steers & heifers do a vaccine form. It will be on the website. Make sure if you treat your animal you don't do anything close to fair that requires a withdrawal period.

Dairy Feeder: Registration is due at the March meeting. Calves should be born now. Make sure their pens are clean and dry and they have water.

Junior Beef: Calves can be born now. There is a list of farms on the website. You should be on a list. If you have a breeder that is not on our list and would like to be please let Amanda know so she can add them. Stay away from cattle sales as they are not always full beef calves. Possession date is May 15th. Registration is due March 2nd. All Amanda needs is the top info completed she will complete the middle section. Vet Science, Beef, Sheep & Swine is Feb. 21 – 23rd at Kettunen. Registration closes Feb. 5th. This Saturday is the Gladwin Co. Nutrition Clinic. There is a link online. It starts at 10am. Make sure you

check the L.C. Facebook visitor posts as I post things as I receive them. An updated record book will be on the website soon.

Swine: Registrations are due tonight. Make sure you check with your breeders. Possession date is May 1st. Tagging will be May 2nd 8am-noon and May 5th – 5-8pm at the fairgrounds. June 30th from 6-8pm is barn set up. This year all clubs will be required to work a show, pictures or auction. A list will be available soon to sign up. Parents & kids will be required to work.

Sheep: March 2nd registrations are due. You should be on a lamb list by now and setting up an appointment to go see the lambs in April. Michigan Club Lamb Challenge- take your lamb to shows around the state to show them. You only have to show at 3 shows.

Goat: Registrations are due March 2nd. 4-H goat education & fun show – Montcalm County Fairgrounds in Greenville. Registration is due March 1st - \$4/per goat and \$4 showmanship. Day of show rates are \$5/goat & \$5 showmanship. Market & fiber education hands on. Bring your own goat. Goat cart demonstration, buck class all ages, potluck dish to pass, not necessary to clip goats to show.

State Goat expo – April 11th @ MSU. Quiz bowl & skillathon \$6 entry fee. Stateline ABGA Show – May 16th & 17th @ Calhoun Co. Fairgrounds – Marshall, MI -participate or spectate and learn about showing a market animal. Small Animal showmanship workshop – May 16th – 10am -2pm @ Montcalm Co. Bring animals or observe and learn from the judges. Mi 4-H animal & veterinary science – June 22 – 26th, ages 13-16 for youth interested in animal or vet related project activities. Applications are due March 2nd by 5pm cost is \$385 for 4-Her's, includes meals, lodging, transportation to field trips & materials. Mi State 4-H Goat show at MSU – Sat June 27th @ 8am-6pm. Market and breed showmanship registration fees apply. If you are looking for breed & or dairy projects make sure to purchase from a farm that provides registration certificates or scrapie's ID. Purchase from a tested farm. Tests include CAE, CL & Johnnes. Tested farm will have no problem providing proof. Time to do CDT shots & boosters. Treat of lice. Contacts for stock dairy & market contact Beth @ 231.883.6189. There will be a mini clinic in April on how to choose market or dairy goat projects. Followed by selection of market projects purchased from our farm. Date to follow.

Rabbit/Cavy: Start looking at the breeds & sizes now. Possession date is May 1st for breed & market. Roaster possession date is April 17th. Lisa had 2 rabbits dropped off on her porch if anyone is interested in them for free. They come with cages, but she is not going to keep them. She also has 2 Cavy that need a home, they are 6 months old and they are asking \$25/each. Lisa also stated she has access to cages if anyone needs any. Upcoming shows – Feb. 29-31 – MSRBA Convention, March 28th – Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy show, April 25th – Lapeer Area Rabbit Show, May 9th – Saginaw Valley show.

Poultry: Reg. is due March 2nd. Will have an email list after registrations are turned in and everyone will receive an email from Lynn with info on what you need to know by April. The LC website is being updated with correct dates. Will be having a poultry/rabbit info session the end of April first of May. Clinic info will also be coming soon.

Llama/Alpaca: Changes on the website will be coming. Make sure you are training now. Registration is due in May. There will be Llama sessions at the March 8th education expo.

Dog: Registrations are due at the June meeting. March 7th is the state dog workshop. Scholarship money is available to help attend. Make sure you are working with your dogs.

Horse: Jeopardy – Feb. 23rd @ Michigan Works – 1pm. March 7th is the Horse expo at MSU. Coggins & Rhino flu are required to bring your horse to the fair. March 21st is the tack sale. \$30/table and it will be at the First Christian Church. May 16th is boot camp at the Fairgrounds. The State Horse show is Aug. 14-16th. If you plan to go you are able to leave Thursday or Friday of fair week for those that are going. The Horse show schedule is also changing due to the grandstand events. Feb. 17th @ 6:30pm – MSU Ext. Office is the Horse & Pony meeting, all are welcome.

Differently Abled: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Keri has the sign-up sheets for committees. Each club must sign up for a committee otherwise one will be assigned after this month.

Workbee – Dates are May 2nd, May 13th, June 16th & July 29th The link thru sign up genius is on the LC Facebook page and has been emailed out. Everyone is required to do 2 hours again. Make sure when you sign up you list your kid's name and specie. Each kid needs to be signed up separately.

Auction – Next meeting is February 17th @ 6pm – Agave on Garfield. All are welcome. 2020 Auction line up: Swine, steer, dairy feeder, junior beef AND Goat, rabbit, poultry, lamb

NEW BUSINESS:

Noonan Feed Grant – The last couple of years we have only had a couple of applications. You can nominate anyone that is need or new to the program. We have \$1,000 to give out each year. We have four more years left. This is to help feeding your animal. They will announce at the May meeting. Applications are due the end of April.

Guidebook – It is in the process of some changes. This will be emailed and posted once it is finalized. We have a violation section this year so we are waiting to make sure everything is 100% approved by MSU. We have reduced the size. Each specie will have a section. Let us know if you need a hard copy.

Education – March 8th is the expo at Great Wolf Lodge. 9:30am – 4:30pm, we will have 25 sessions. You can go to other species. There will be 2 sessions in the a.m., they will be one hour each. Lunch break and then 3 sessions in the afternoon. You can attend 2 sessions and get your education credits done. Ebel's will be teaching about cutting/butchering, Llamas will have a couple, Mark Fuller will be speaking for cattle, the State Poultry person for Poultry, we will have a rope/halter making clinic, a Swine nutritionist. We will get details out once we have them. We will also be doing a sign-up genius for each session. Great Wolf Lodge is offer pizza & pop for purchase during our lunch break. We will be getting a description of each class out once we have it finalized.

MSU Bus Trip – It will be April 25th or May 9th. We are working with MSU. This will be an all-day trip visiting multiple facilities. We will need chaperones, if interested please let Kayce know. There will most likely be a charge for this trip. More details to come.

Showmanship clinic – June 21st at the Fairgrounds from 2pm – 8pm. We are trying to open this up to all species, but it may be only one. This would be for one education credit. Education credits are due by June 30th.

We have copies of the 2020 schedule. We do have a change – Sept. 7th is Labor Day so our meeting will actually be Sept. 14th.

Adjourn: 1st Kelly Stockfisch 2nd Gretchen Sauvage – motion approved to adjourn @ 7:40pm

Next Meeting: Monday, March 2nd - 6:30pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church