

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, March 2, 2020

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

TEEN REPS: Ella Stockfisch

STAFF: Rosali Collier, Susy White

PRESENT: Kadin Crosley, Cherrie-Sunshine Acres, Robert Brown, Wendy Waiten, Jen Hays, Mark Barley, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Sonya Youker, Susie Greter, Brylie Greter, Krystne Griffith, Lynn Henning, Amanda Wilkins, Gretchen Sauvage, Mary Ann Wilsey, Roger Wilsey, Will Grant, Nicki Brown, Tyler Clark, Jason Neumann, Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Rosie Belles, Cindy Conquest, Stephanie Steffens, Rebecca Schaub, Korbin Schaub, Garrett Grant, Nicole Meredith, Drew Alpers, Rosie Shaffer, Jenni Wasson, Lillian Wasson, Miranda Thompson, Renee Hobbins, Chris Barley, Mandy DePuy, Emma DePuy, Diane Moyer, Jeremy & Ann Grant, Heather Watson, Thomas Guerin, Laura Guerin, Delaney Case, Heather & Jesse Heaser, Adam Reidlinger, David Robinson, Gena Shelagowski, Ashley Peplinski, Jenna Peplinski, Allison Wittkopp, Cassidy Snow, Christine Snow, Kelly Kraeft, Candace Rottman, Robin Gildner, Kim Franke, Addison Kraeft, Ethan Kraeft, Leah Delahanty, Rachel Raniszewski, Sami Zientek, Pam Zientek, Kathy Swinney, Melinda Coger, Natalie Coger, Heather Rosa, Andrea Bedrick, Emma Brown, Jessica Seitz, Kylie Bender, Jared Bender, Isabelle Seitz, Jayden Keyser, Lily Keyser, Kristina Belles, Leslie Littlefield, Mary Gorney, Deb, Bella, Spencer & Reece Canfield, Mary Lynn Robertson, Stephanie Wolf, Lisa Ralph, Beth Stephens, Kelsey Stockfisch, Kody, Jack & Kenny Bratschi, Carolyn Woodhams, Shayna Conger, Lydia Zenner, Jen Stephens, Kelly Stockfisch, Alyssa Tallieu, Aug Martinson, Teagan Martinson, Kathy Easter, Elizabeth Franke, Andrea Hagelstein, Amanda Kohler, Candice Humphrey

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm - Pledges were recited. 40 4-H Clubs were present

MINUTES: Feb. 3rd minutes were approved. Motion by Kelly Stockfisch 2nd by Jason Neumann to approve the minutes. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bobbi Jo won't be able to make the meeting. Please keep them in your prayers. Motion by Gretchen Sauvage and 2nd by Lynn Henning to approve the January Treasurer's report.

AUCTION COMMITTEE: Junio Beef, Lamb, Goat, Poultry, Dairy Feeder 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

FAIRBOARD NEWS: The winner of the premium book cover is Mackenzie Leishmann. Cattle clinic meeting is tomorrow, 6:30pm @ the fair office. The Cattle clinic is May 29-31. We are looking for volunteers. Registration opens March 15th. Premium book registrations are due July 13th. They will be going to print soon.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Rosali Collier & Susy White:

4-H Exploration Days: Books are here! June 24th-26th, at MSU. For youth who have turned 11 by January 1st of this year through age 19. Send in your forms as soon as you can to our offices. We will start entering our registrations the morning of March 10th. We have several books here with county-specific information in them. Leelanau has

sponsorship forms included. Cost is \$220 for 4-H members. We are also always in need of adult chaperones—please reach out if you are interested.

4-H Clover Award: These award applications are due on Wednesday, August 5th, 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, ribbon, and a \$100 VISA gift card. We have copies of the award application here tonight on green paper. Please do not fill those out quickly and return them tonight—take your time completing them. The most impressive applications last year were those with long, thoughtful answers to the questions. Feel free to attach extra pages to the application. The forms are fillable and can be found on the Livestock Council website.

4-H Tractor Safety: Please look for the announcement for specific dates and times. I am in the process of bringing on a new tractor safety instructor, and am hoping that the class will take place this April (8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, with a Saturday driving day in May). The class typically takes place on Wednesday nights from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Horticultural Research Center. The cost will be \$95 this year, including the participation fee, manual, snacks, and lunch on the driving test day.

OLD BUSINESS:

Noonan Feed Grant – We are still accepting applications until the end of April. If you have any questions please contact Kelly Kraeft @ 231.735.6366

Education Sessions –

Expo schedule for March 8th at Great Wolf Lodge is out. No sign up needed, just show up. Sessions will start at 9:30am. Kids can receive both education credits by attending 2 sessions. Make sure you sign in and out. All are welcome.

MSU bus trip is April 25th and sign up is out. We have one bus 2/3 of the way full with 36 people. We have 2 buses planned. The bus will leave the fair parking lot at 7:30am so please arrive at 7:15am.

We are planning to visit dairy, beef, sheep & horse facilities. Swine & poultry are not allowed, but we are trying to get someone from each facility to come talk to us. The trip is open to all. There will be a \$20 fee and we will have lunch, ice cream and dinner provided.

Showmanship clinic – This will be for one credit and will be June 21st at the Fairgrounds. No specific details yet.

Kalmbach Feeds will be doing a session mid-April for one education credit. More details to come as we have them.

YQCA – We are trying to get someone to come teach this.

Dr. Ames & Melissa Eschler are possible speakers as well.

Guidebook – The new book is done and all approved by MSU. This will be posted on the website soon.

If you break the code of conduct you may not be able to come back next year. Record books & Thank you requirements must be met as well. Make sure to go over this and read it. There is a checklist in the guidebook you can follow to make sure all requirements are completed. There is also a specie specific area that will be broke out by specie.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – We had one steer die. There are 78 beef with 64 steers, 14 heifers and 3 show only. July 11th will be hoof trimming starting at 8am. Mark Fuller will be at the education expo on Sunday. Stop by and hear his clinic sessions. Tagging will be done next weekend.

Junior Beef: Registrations are due tonight. Calves must be born after Feb. 1st and be 100% beef. May 15th is possession date. Make sure you get your vaccine requirements done. This info will be posted on the website and the health form will be updated. Record books are up along with a farm list of beef breeds, meat cuts and questions to ask the farmer.

Dairy Feeder: Registrations are due tonight by midnight. Possession date was March 1st, cloverbuds by May 1st. Tagging will be May 2nd – Leelanau area and May 9th will be Kingsley/Buckley area. Vaccinations are the same as Junior beef. Stacy will be at the education expo teaching how to make a rope halter.

Swine: 179 market, 39 cloverbuds & 12 seniors. You should be on a breeders list by now. One breeder is short this year. Tagging will be May 2nd 8am – 12pm and May 5th 5pm – 8pm at the fairgrounds. June 30th 6-8pm will be barn set up.

Sheep: Registrations are due tonight. Make sure you are on a farmer's list. Nancy has contacts if you need help. May 1st is possession date. Tagging will be May 9th 10am – 12pm at the Fair.

Goat: Registrations are due tonight. Education sessions will be coming. We have added a goat class so the premium has this change. My Goat & Me, it is not your record book, but will be on display in the Tanner building Fair week. Dairy goat & breed, make sure you are purchasing from a registered farm. May 1st is possession date and must be 4 months old by Fair. Scrapie or tattoo are required. April 18th will be a mini clinic at Beth's house. Disbudding must be done before the horns are 1/3" or they can't come to the fair, unless you are a doe that is a meat/breed goat. Beth spoke about her family and the health issues they are dealing with. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Rabbit/Cavy: Registrations are due at the May meeting. Look for breeders now. Rabbit shows – April 25th in Lapeer and May 16th is the St. John show. Record books are due this year and are on the website. As we have weather changes make sure your animals are dry.

Poultry: Registrations are due tonight. Lynn will send emails to everyone that registered. The website is not up to date with possession dates. Clinic dates will be coming. Email Lynn @ hennhouse2014@gmail if you have any questions.

Llama/Alpaca: Make sure to vaccinate. March 8th we will have 2 speakers. May 30th & 31st at Kettunen Center will be an education session. June 13th & 4th will be an education session along with July 18th at Kettunen Center. See Kathy or Renee for more details. Record books will be mandatory this year. If you are borrowing animals from Kathy or Renee please get with them. Registrations are due at the May meeting.

Dog: Registrations are due at the June meeting. Make sure you get your heartworm testing done. Record books will be due this year and will be on the website.

Horse: Jeopardy was Feb. 23rd with 25 4-Her's that showed up. 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. We will have an auction Saturday night. Registrations are due at the May meeting. Horse record books will be due this year as they are required. We will get them out as soon as they are completed.

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. We have over 100 signed up so far for the 1st one. Swine barn set up is also available to sign up.

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

Website – It needs some help. Kayce is meeting with Baily next week. Let Kayce know any issues/changes you have. It was asked that there be a link for google calendar.

Record Books - Please pick them up tonight as they will be recycled after this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Addison Kraeft - Heifer, Will Grant – Jr. Beef & Ethan Kraeft - Lamb each gave a report on their weekend at Beef, Sheep, Swine and Vet Science at Kettenun Center. The kids will receive 50% of their registration fees by doing this report. If there is anyone else that attended please make sure to present so you can receive 50% back.

Scholarships – Paul & Frances Johnson – Applications are due May 15th, make sure it is the 2020 application you are completing. This scholarship is good for every year in college not just seniors.

Andrew L. Olson – This scholarship is available for all years of college. Andrew was a youth educator from 1945 – 1970. There are 2 scholarships available. Applications are due at the April LC meeting. This is available to GT County 4-Her's or any 4-Her's that are in a GT County 4-H club only.

Heather Barley Scholarship – Applications are due May 4th by 7pm. This is the 4th year. Mark explained the scholarship. The fund will last for several years. In the past 3 years we have raised \$73,555. 2017. 2018 & 2019 - \$21k in scholarships were given away. We still have a \$75k balance. We will have 3 scholarships this year and we have increased the amounts.

1st - \$6500 – market 4-Her

2nd - \$4500 – Market or non-market

3rd - \$2500 – Market or non-market

If it continues to grow, we are looking to make changes for 2021.

Adjourn: 1st Kelly Stockfisch 2nd Jason Neumann – motion approved to adjourn @ 7:45pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 6th - 6:30pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church