

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, June 29, 2020

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CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm - Pledges were recited. 35 4-H Clubs were present on the zoom meeting.

MINUTES: NONE

TREASURER'S REPORT: NONE

FAIRBOARD REPORT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Sara Lewis with MSU Extension went over a demonstration of virtual shows & auctions. She went thru how to set up and register for the virtual shows & auction. Videos will have to be put on you tube and then put into Fair Entry using the link. We will still be collecting 5% commission from the auction. This will cover ribbons, award & judges as these are expenses, we have not had to incur as the Fair has always covered them. They are not part of our budget. Once youth start to submit their entry, they have to finish it to the end as it will not save your work as you go. Once it is submitted, they will not be able to make any changes. If there is a mistake, they will have to contact us as only an admin. can make changes. We will get more information out to everyone once the judges are hired. We want to make sure that we include what the judges are looking for before we open anything up to register. The Livestock Council is handling anything entries animal related. MSU Ext. is working on any non-animal exhibits. The auction will be broken down by specie. The auction will not extend, when it ends it closes. We have a letter for our buyers that is being sent out and will be emailed and posted on Facebook for everyone that would like to share with their buyers. There are no minimum bids set yet as we are researching what the best price would be for our 4-H kids. The auction will end at a set time. Our goal is to have something out by July 15th for kids to register. We need to have a count for our processors. So, July 15th will be the deadline to register/commit to the virtual shows & auction. The following 2 weeks will be the time kids submit their entries. All kids that register and plan to auction their animal will be required to do showmanship and market virtual shows. You do not have to sell thru the virtual auction. If you sell private treaty it will be up to the 4-H kid and buyer to arrange for processing. Any animals that are sold via private treaty will not be able to go on the processing trucks.

Buyer letters can not be hand delivered by the kids as we have a no contact until Sept. 1st.

Animals to processors: We plan to pool at the fair if the fair approves. It will be Aug. 15th & 16th. We will assign a time to drop off your animal and where. Swine will go into holding pens and then we will load the truck. Lambs & beef we are hoping to drop off and walk onto the processors truck. If we are not able to use the fair grounds, we hope to do it at a local farm nearby.

Tag numbers to register – we are still trying to work that out.

Donated animals / re-sale – yes, it is an option. Re-sale would then be a separate auction and run the next day. Animals can be re-sold once.

You can show multiple animals, but market only one and you need to decide which one that is by July 15th.

Super Seniors – There was much discussion regarding this as Swine does not have a super senior program. The seniors this year may want to come back in 2021 since they missed this year being able to show. Why can't we allow swine super seniors? MSU Extension is NOT extending their age range. All five counties can do super senior in other species. It was decided that we would take it to the board for further discussion as this is something we can discuss and decide in the fall.

Round Robin - There has been talk about putting something together at a later date. Laurie Ashley is working on this. Maybe it is something we do in the fall.

Ribbons / Banners – We would like to make one of our fall meetings an awards ceremony and get the ribbons to the kids then.

Walton Webcasting – check it out as this platform is being used for the market shows. Walton is strictly video only. They are working on how they will do our show since we will not have weights for the animals.

Class / Division winners: - Walton will break it down and come up with the top 4, then Grand & Reserve will be the only ones placed. The rest of the kids in each specie will be lined up by alphabetical for the virtual auction so buyers can find the kids easier.

Cloverbuds – We will have a show & costume contest for Cloverbuds. The registration process will be the same just less details required.