

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

Minutes

May 3, 2021

- I. Call to Order @ 6:30p.m. (Pledges)
- II. Officers in attendance- Kayce Caugh, Keri Bancroft, Megan Town, Anna Fryer, Leslie Campbell
- III. Members in Attendance- Gretchen Sauvage, Lisa Ralph, Rose Shaffer, Chris and Mike Barley, Beth Stephens, Sanya Conger, Kelly Kraeft, Ali Olson, Laurie Ashley, Baily Lautner, Melissa Rassel, Grant, Amanda Brooks, Heather Rosa, Mary Lynn Robertson, Sandi Pyle, Elaine Taghon, Tara, Roger, and Hannah Steffes, Mary Ann Wilsey, Sarah Youker, Nicki Brown, Rebecca Shaub, Stacy Sieffert, Jeanna, Andrea Bedrick, Allison Wittkopp, Sami Zientek, Deb Canfield, Kelly Saxton, Vonja Griffin, Miranda Ashley, Christine Snow, Jo Ann and Rose Bohrer, Haven Robinson, Nancy Vanderstel, Kelly Stockfisch, Kristina Belles, Jessica Milne, Nicki Brown, Pam Zientek, Stephanie Steffens, Kim Franke, Mandy DePuy, Kathy Easter, Audrey Town, Alexis Sattler, Dave Robinson, Deb Campbell, Rose Schaffer, Amanda Wilkins, Lynn Henning, Alisa Forton, Keri and Greg Bancroft, Miranda Thompson, Anne, William, Garrett, Kenneth, and Evelyn Grant, Isabella Canfield, Maddie Gallagher, Joe Hubbel, Nikki Meredith, Andrea Hagelstein, Leslie Littlefield
- IV. Teen Reps
  - a. Rachel Raniszewski
- V. MSU Staff
  - a. Rosali Collier
  - b. Suzy White
- VI. Changes to Agenda
  - a. See Scholarships
- VII. Approval of April 2021 Minutes
  - a. Motion by Kelly Stockfisch, Seconded by Gretchen Sauvage to approve minutes
- VIII. Treasurers Report
  - a. Leslie Campbell provided an overview of checks written since the beginning of 2021
  - b. Balance sheet was part of the agenda provided
- IX. Fair Board News
  - a. Mike Barley- As of now, we are still going forward with fair in August.
  - b. Premium books should be ready next week
  - c. Hope to have office open by June 7<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Looking to hire a secretary for the fair board office
  - e. Very pleased with kids first workbee
  - f. Joe- We will need more volunteers and help
    - i. We will need help with gates
  - g. Questions for fair board
    - i. Help with doing premium books?

- ii. Joe will put together a list of where he needs help?
- X. 4-H/MSU SpotLight

### **4-H Livestock General Membership Meeting May 2021**

1. A huge thank you to everyone who came out Saturday to clean up the Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds! This was our first in person event this year and we are grateful we were able to be of service to our community by cleaning up the fairgrounds. It was cold in the morning, windy all day, but we really did get a lot done! I was so impressed with how hard everyone worked and overall compliance with masking, social distancing, working in family groups, and bringing your own equipment. Thank you.
2. All volunteers need to complete "Communicating through conflict." This training module takes 20-30 minutes and is located in Volunteer Central. Volunteer Central is the website where you approved forms and a background check. Once in the system, go to My Trainings and click on the module to begin.
  - a. Volunteer Central: [https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_login](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_login)
  - b. Contact your county 4-H Program Coordinator to help login if needed
3. The Tanner Building has traditionally housed open garden projects and 4-H. In 2019 we housed club booths and 4-H displays. We typically hold interviews in this building, judge individual 4-H projects and club booths, and share information about 4-H with prospective new families. We are wanting to plan for this year and are looking for volunteers willing to meet with use to plan for an in-person event with a virtual option.
4. Exploration Day Registration is Open! This pre-college program is open to youth aged 12-19, if they are not in 4-H, no problem, their county 4-H program coordinator can get them signed up!. The event runs June 22-24<sup>th</sup> and I will put a link in the chat with all the details.
  - a. [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/)
  - b. Exploration Days attire order: <https://pogo.undergroundshirts.com/collections/msu-exploration-days-gear>
5. It is Tractor Supply Clover Days, the clover campaign is super easy, just ask to add any amount to your bill when you check out and they will buy a clover in your name, donating straight to 4-H. This money comes back to our local counties and supports youth leadership activities.

### **Susan Turcott White**

- XI. Old Business
  - a. Scholarship Due Dates
    - i. Heather Barley Memorial-Due Today
    - ii. Johnson Foundation- Due May 12<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. NWMI Farm Bureau- May 14<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. Noonan Feed Grant- June 7<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Workbees
    - i. Great Turnout May 1 (47 Adults, 195 kids)

- ii. Joe Johnson helped us out thank you!
    - iii. Next Workbee is May 12<sup>th</sup>, then continuing on for
    - iv. Kids need to follow mask rules
  - c. Taggings
    - i. Scenarios will change based on where the tagging's are taking place.
    - ii. Specie chairs will continue to provide information for their specific animals
    - iii. \$10 for tagging second animal
  - d. Education
    - i. Very open to education ideas
    - ii. Requirements due June 30<sup>th</sup>- MUST HAVE TWO
- XII. Species Chair Updates
  - a. Horse
    - i. Registration is due TODAY
    - ii. Rhino flu is required as well as Coggins
    - iii. Record books will be out soon
    - iv. Website will soon have shows posted
    - v. No State Show this year
    - vi. No Boot Camp
  - b. Dairy Feeder
    - i. Tagging will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May
    - ii. Junior Beef email will be coming this week
    - iii. Halter breaking should be in progress
    - iv. Clean bedding, water, and plenty of food
  - c. Junior Beef
    - i. 61 Market (couple drops)
    - ii. Record books are on the website ready to print
    - iii. Possession date is May 15<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. Be sure they have an RFID tag (state requirement)
    - v. Looking to start tagging June 12th
  - d. Steer
    - i. Make sure kids are keeping up with record books
    - ii. Begin connecting with buyers
    - iii. Making sure their area is dry, plenty of walking
    - iv. Checking weight monthly
    - v. Hoof trimming request was put in for June 19th
  - e. Swine
    - i. Tagging is the 15<sup>th</sup>(8-12) 16 (noon to 4)-all swine will be coming to fair for verification of tagging
    - ii. Tagging Sheet, will be on the website beginning May 4<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Nicki will need 4 volunteers for either day (4 each day)
    - iv. New email for swine barn- [swinebarn4H@gmail.com](mailto:swinebarn4H@gmail.com)
    - v. Market 158, Cloverbuds 24
  - f. Lamb
    - i. 33 market, 12 cloverbuds, 4 show only

- ii. Begin working with halters
  - iii. Dry Bedding!
  - iv. May 16<sup>th</sup> 12-2 for tagging
  - v. Email coming soon to Lamb program to remind information
- g. Rabbit/Cavy
  - i. Registrations are due TODAY
  - ii. Meat pens are being delivered today, 6 market pens
  - iii. Weather- be checking on them frequently with roller coaster of temperatures
  - iv. Tagging will be announced soon for rabbit/cavy
- h. Poultry
  - i. 7 pens Cornish, 14 pens of meat chickens, 1 pen ducks, 0 geese, 10 production pen hens, 12 turkey pens
  - ii. Cornish game hen –July
  - iii. Cornish Cross-June
  - iv. Order Early-Still need heat lamps
  - v. Show Birds- Get those at any local feed store-get them now, you will need them if you are marketing meat chickens as you do not show them.
  - vi. Banding Chickens-TBD
- i. Llama/Alpaca
  - i. Registration is due
  - ii. Education is on website
  - iii. Shearing season is now
- j. Goat
  - i. Goats should have all shots
  - ii. If you have a goat with a hunched back, or tucked tail, pay close attention as they are cold. Change bedding
  - iii. Market and Dairy MUST be dehorned
  - iv. Only horned are in breed classes, only does, NO BUCKS (not shown by cloverbud
  - v. Market tagging May 15<sup>th</sup> (8-noon) Tattoo for show only closer to fair
  - vi. On website, two separate education links
  - vii. Fair will hold an open buck class (show and go)
- k. Dog
  - i. June meeting is sign up for dogs
  - ii. Education on website
  - iii. Begin record books
- l. Differently Abled
  - i. Leaders should check in with Beth Stephens
- XIII. New Business
  - a. Planning for In-Person Fair
    - i. We will just follow orders from the Health Department
    - ii. Virtual back up plan?
      - 1. This will be offered
- XIV. Questions
  - a. Does MSU have any group F2F info?

i. If you wish to have something such as a small gathering

XV. Adjourn

a. Meeting motioned to adjourn by Gretchen Sauvage, and Mark Barley seconded it.

Adjourned at 7:53pm