

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

Minutes

January 3rd, 2022

Large Beef Registrations Due

- I. Call to Order @ 6:30p.m. (Pledges)/Welcome
- II. Roll Call
- III. Officers in attendance- Cayce Caugh, Keri Bancroft, Anna Fryer, Megan Town, Jenni Wasson
- IV. MSU Staff- Ali Olson, Emily Kotz, Jennifer Berckey, Rosali Collier
- V. Members in Attendance- Lisa Ralph, Elaine and Zach Taghon, Andrea Taghon, MaryLynn Robertson, Stacy Sieffert, Anne Seitz, Beth Stephens, Gretchen Sauvage, Matt and Crystal Breithaupt, Miranda Thompson, Dan and Leslie Campbell, Connor Campbell, Anna Winn, Amanda and Tegan Brooks, Jen Stephens, Will Grant, Garrett Grant, Kenneth Grant, Anne Seitz, Mira Warren, Ella Stockfisch, Kelsey Stockfisch, Faith and Tucker Grumley, Amanda Wilkins, Lori Cedarquist, Kathy Easter, Lily Robertson, Adam D, Robin, Chad, and Wade Gildner, Amanda Tarsa, Renee Hobbins, Allison Wittkopp, Lillian Wasson, Jeremy and Anne Grant, Vanja Griffin, Tamy Nemeskal, Mark Barley, Anna B, Mike Barley, Kelly and Randy Stockfisch, Nicki Meredith, Lynn Henning, Dannah Miller, Aaron Miller
- VI. Additions to Agenda
 - a. Thank You for Dana's Luncheon!
- VII. Approval of November 1st, 2021 Meeting
 - a. Motion to approve
 - i. Amended X. (Keri was running unopposed)
 1. Motion to approve amended by Lisa Ralph, seconded by Gretchen Sauvage, Motion Carries
- VIII. Treasurers Report
 - a. Report Given by: Megan Town
 - b. Technology use was questioned- Rewired plugs for buildings use for auction.
- IX. Fair Board News
 - a. Mike Barley, nothing to report at this time
 - b. Kayce- The Fairboard is working very closely with the Council, Thank you.
- X. 4-H/MSU SpotLight- Rosali and Emily

*****Happy New Year to everyone! First, I would like to say I am very happy to be back in my Leelanau County 4-H Program Coordinator position! It's great to see you all!

We still are seeing fairly low enrollment in 4HOnline 2.0 for both volunteers and youth. Any of our 4-H offices can send paper forms for your annual club paperwork or for your 4HOnline 2.0 enrollment. Just let us know if this is needed. Here's the link: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

These are the things we need from you if you are a **club leader**:

- A completed Annual Financial Summary Report (with zeroes filled in even if you don't have a bank account)
- One copy of club minutes from the last year (September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021): any format is fine. Typed, handwritten, etc.
- A signed copy of our County 4-H Civil Rights Form
- A Fundraiser Application Form (if your club is hoping to hold a fundraiser this fall)
- Your changes for the Club Listing for Leelanau or Grand Traverse (phone numbers, meeting spaces, projects)

Also: **all volunteers** need to complete their National Background Check authorizations and sign (virtually) the Code of Conduct in the **Volunteer Central** system.

By now, all 4-H volunteers should have received an email from Volunteer Management System (MSU Extension) letting you know that it's time for you to complete this. We can also check on the deadline for you--just let us know, especially if you don't receive an email. Same password as last year, and we can reset it easily for you to help you get in. Here's the link for logging in when you need to: https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_login

Once you have done Volunteer Central, 4HOnline 2.0, and submitted all of your club paperwork to our office (if you are a club leader), you will be an **active 4-H volunteer** again.

4-H Leader Update Meeting: As our Grand Traverse and Leelanau county offices did not yet hold fall leader updates, Emily and I would like to offer one together, on Wednesday, January 19th, from 7:00-8:30 pm, in the downstairs conference room at the Grand Traverse MSU Extension office on Front Street. Masks will be required. This will be a nice time to meet with club leaders (just one per club, please), fill out any necessary paperwork, and talk about this 4-H year. Please RSVP to either Emily or me if you plan to attend.

Leelanau County 4-H Babysitting Club: We will be meeting again this winter in person, though masks will be required. The club is for any 6th-8th grade youth, and we meet a total of five times on Sundays, January 23rd through February 20th. The first two class meetings will be longer, from 2-5 pm, to get through the CPR/First Aid Certification portion. The February class meetings will be from 2-4 pm. Youth will learn about safety, responsibility, and the business of babysitting. Location is the Suttons Bay Bingham Fire and Rescue Station, Cost is \$30 and covers certification, binder, materials, and snacks. Reach out to me for more information at collierr@msu.edu*****

- XI. **Old Business**
 - a. **2022 Budget**
 - i. **Appreciation Funds**
 1. **How is getting spent, who is making the decisions, who is getting it, etc?**
 - a. **Been on the budget since 2019 for transparency**
 - b. **Board- coming up with guidelines**

- i. Will be added to February agenda
 - ii. Establish Guidelines
 - iii. Kids should be in the involvement with the process (data of who received the appreciation)
 - c. Appreciation picnic?
 - d. Concerns/Justifications?
 - i. Should be put value?
 - ii. What is the value of the volunteer?
 - ii. Thank you ad? - We got a smaller amount for this year.
 - iii. Technology returned to its original budget
 - iv. Luncheon – Buyers Lunch is not totally covered \$5653.53 from Ebel’s. Laurie read off expenses. Laurie read off what was donated to supplement what we spend on Meat and Large sides. Johnson foundation donated less than what was thought.
 - v. Motion to accept budget as is by Lori Cedarquist, seconded by Stacy Sieffert.
- b. 2022 Committee Sign-Ups
 - i. PLEASE SIGN UP!
- c. By-Law Discussion
 - i. Ballots are handed out to everyone
 - ii. Question- Was everyone a volunteer? Was the Vote Valid? Do we let it go another year to follow by-laws?
 - 1. Consulted with Roxanne Turner, the VOTE IS NULL IN VOID
 - a. Cast a revote at the next meeting
 - 2. Bylaw states that voters MUST BE enrolled on 4H Online. Because we do not know it is NOT A VALID VOTE.
 - a. It was announced that they may able to vote by hands, determined that was not right.
 - b. Who is actively involved in the program and enrolled from this fall.
 - i. The checklist did not go as needed, procedure was NOT followed per by-law.
 - 3. A lot of change was happening on a MSU level
 - 4. “Perfect Storm”. Procedures were not fully followed due to major transitions.
 - iii. Concerns
 - 1. Potentially working in favor of the amount of those voting.
 - 2. Potentially showing that others opinions “do not count”.
 - 3. Why as a board did you not stop?
 - a. Did the animal giveaway procedure go appropriate?
 - 4. Who is going to eligible?
 - a. As of the delay of the vote- They can pull a timestamp to see when you filed the online enrollment
 - 5. Someone asked, “Who gets the ballots”? Council was told give to everyone. Should we redo the animal giveaway?

- a. Can verify through a timestamp for animal giveaway.
 - iv. Resolution Suggestions
 - 1. Should be saved for next year according to our by-laws.
 - 2. Should be voted on next Months
 - 3. Final Resolution
 - a. Motion to invalidate this year's vote (November 2021), and vote the bylaw changes/votes next year included all steps beginning in September by Gretchen Sauvage, seconded by Jenni Wasson. Current by-laws stand.

XII. Species Chair Updates

- a. Horse
 - i. Looking at putting together a tack sale the first Saturday in March 2022
 - ii. Get Coggins
- b. Dairy Feeder
 - i. Registrations Due March 7th
 - ii. Possession date March 1st
 - iii. Born after Jan 1st
- c. Jr Beef
 - i. Reg due March 7th- open now
 - ii. Possession May 15th
 - iii. Born after Jan 1st
 - iv. Working on the record book
 - v. Created a new email- jrbeef4h@yahoo.com
 - vi. Winter Beef was recorded for education credits
- d. Large Beef
 - i. Registration tonight at midnight
 - ii. Make sure water is fresh and adequate
 - iii. Working on education session
 - iv. Jan/Feb- Worm your animal/Lice treat them
 - v. Tagging over the next few weeks
 - vi. Show opportunities
 - vii. Second tag option- Register Large Beef
- e. Swine
 - i. Feb 7th- Registrations Due (get confirmation email)
 - ii. Guidebooks submitted next week
 - iii. Ask breeder if tagging 2022 project, if not get Premise ID
 - iv. Second swine tag for a \$10 fee
 - v. Tagging verification-we will continue to investigate with other fairs if we will consider digital
 - 1. Dates 5/18 (6-8) 5/22 (12-3) @ Fairgrounds
 - vi. Swinebarn4h@gmail.com
 - vii. Newsletters will start this month
- f. Lamb

- i. On website
 - ii. 3 winners for the giveaway
 - iii. 29 registration so far
 - iv. Born after Jan 1
 - v. Reg March 7th
 - vi. Possession May 1st
 - vii. Modifying and re-doing the record book.
 - viii. Breeder lists are posted.
 - g. Rabbit/Cavy
 - i. Cold Water (crops over water bottles)
 - ii. Increase Feed- Add Oats, Sunflowers
 - iii. Drafts blocked
 - iv. If breeding make sure
 - v. Roasters Feb 7th, must be meat (silver fox, California, Zeeland)
 - vi. Fryers May 29th -70 day project
 - vii. 3/5 MSU RBA
 - viii. 4/12 Evert Show, 4/9 Adrian
 - h. Poultry
 - i. 3/7 registration due
 - ii. Prod pullets jan 31, dual purpose quality
 - i. Llama/Alpaca
 - i. Jan/Feb Worms
 - ii. May 2nd registration date
 - j. Goat/DA
 - i. Goat
 - 1. Reg 3/7-2 animals tagged (\$10 fee)
 - 2. Working on speaker for convention (parasites)
 - ii. DA
 - 1. Raffle for DA kids (GT MSU office)
 - a. Small projects/Feed Grants
 - b. Don't forget DA box checked during registration
 - k. Dog
 - i. Reg Now, June 1st deadling
 - ii. State Dog Committee- annual dog workshop day TBA
- XIII. New Business
- a. Swine Cloverbuds
 - i. Cloverbuds potentially coming to bring their own projects
 - 1. 7 years old-bring their own
 - a. Swine census under 200
 - b. Supervised/assisted ALWAYS when out of pen by adult (not a 4Her)
 - c. All barn rules/tagging/unloading/etc must be followed
 - d. Registered by February meeting, notified by March meeting

- e. Animals would go home or could go on the truck with the fee if possible
 - b. 2022 Animal Registrations
 - i. They are up
 - ii. Large Beef due tonight at MIDNIGHT! No exceptions
 - iii. Leaders- You have access to the tracking sheet
 - 1. Special Considerations
 - a. Please double check and be sure your kids are labeled correctly
 - b. Some are having trouble getting in.....we will fix that 😊
 - c. Teen Reps
 - i. Will be posting spots very soon!
 - ii. We will blast an email out as well as Facebook Post
- XIV. Questions/Comments
 - a. What was decided about the super seniors and their volunteer time?
 - i. Fair board thought we could utilize older kids such as super seniors, give 2 hours.....
 - 1. Many times handling money is part of the volunteer time
 - 2. Have not been approached by it again. Kayce can take back to fair board next week.
 - a. Would it be appropriate to work with non- 4H volunteers
 - b. Many work with younger youth.
 - c. Don't use the word mandate, use as an option (couple hours fair week).
 - b. Guidebooks will be posted VERY soon! One set of rules
- XV. Adjourn-Meeting motioned to adjourn by Annie Grant, second by Lisa Ralph @ 8:22p.m.