

Northwest Michigan Council Livestock Meeting

Meeting Minutes for Monday February 14 , 2022

- I. Welcome
- II. Attendance
 - a. Executive Board members in attendance
 - a. Kayce Caugh
 - b. Keri Bancroft
 - c. Megan Town- Absent
 - d. Anna Fryer
 - e. Jenni Wasson
 - b. Members in attendance- Che'rie Brown, Nicolette Brown, Gretchen Sauvage, Gwyn Carter, Mary Ann Wilsey, Heather Rosa, Andrea Bedrick, Rosie Shaffer, Dorothy Fritz, Lillian Wasson, Abigail and Sandi Pyle, Anne Seitz, Robin Gildner, Will Grant, Garrett Grant, Anne Grant, Crystal Breithaupt, Matt Breithaupt, Kelsey Stockfisch, Kathy Easter, Laurie Ashley, Mandy Depuy, Emma Depuy, Miranda Thompson, Mary Lynn Robertson, Haven Robinson, Dave Robinson, Kelly Stockfisch, Randy Stockfisch, Liv Rice, Allison Whittkopp, Jennifer Stephens, Beth Stephens, Nikki Meredith, Lee Wares, Isabella Canfield, Tony Saxton, Sarah Youker, Leslie Campbell, Lisa Ralph, Chris Barley, JoAnn and Rose Bohrer, Elaine Taghon, Jodey Kaley, Alisa Forton, Faith Grose, Rebecca Schaub, Conner Campbell, Diane Moyer, Susie and Brylie Greeter, Jessie Milne, Stephanie Stevens, Amanda Brooks, Lynn Henning, Amanda Wilkins, Leslie Littlefield, Amanda Brooks
 - c. MSU staff in attendance
 - a. Emily Kotz
 - b. Jennifer Berkey
 - c. Rosali Collier
- III. Additions to agenda with amendments.
 - a. Mark Barley motion to approve, seconded by Kelly Stockfisch, agenda approved
- IV. Approval of Minutes Jan 2022 with amendments
 - a. Motioned by Kelly Stockfisch, seconded by Gretchen Sauvage, agenda approve
- V. Treasurers Report
 - a. Jenni Wasson is providing the treasurers report
- VI. 2021 Record Books- Jeff Dreves
 - a. Farm Bureau Prizes by Jeff Dreves
 - a. They up'd it to \$60, \$40, and \$20
 - b. Every Species had a 1st-3rd place.
 - b. Livestock Council Overall Record Book Winner
 - a. 2021 Alyssa Wares- Poultry
- VII. Fair Board News
 - a. 173 Days until Fair
 - b. Just signed contracts for entertainment- Information is on the website for updates
 - a. Almost 100% sure they will run 2 Rodeos (matinee and night)
- VIII. 4H Staff Spotlight

- a. Gretchen Sauvage- Capitol Experience
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Animal registrations
 - a. Swine Closed last Monday (169), Lg Beef January (75)
 - b. March 7th- Jr. Beef, Lamb, Goats, Dairy Feeder, Poultry
 - b. Teen Reps
 - a. Application is still open
 - c. Project Sponsorship
 - a. Taking money for next year's project sponsorships
 - b. If you won one this year, contact Livestock Council for reimbursement or paying directly.
 - d. Education Expo
 - a. March 6th, Great Wolf Lodge 10am-4pm
 - 1. Lunch Break- Middle of the day
 - a. \$2/Sliced Pizza and \$3/Pop
 - 2. Schedule is finalized- 23 Speakers
 - 3. Will be on website tonight.
 - 4. As of now MASK MANDATE
- X. New Business
 - a. Scholarship Opportunities
 - a. Gretchen Oleson Scholarship
 - 1. 3-\$700
 - a. Application is online @Grand Traverse County Website
 - 2. Also, GT Scholarships for Exploration days
 - 3. Feb 27th MSU Breslin Scholarships Available
 - b. Johnson Foundation
 - 1. Will be posted on the website very soon
 - c. Heather Barley- Typically a spring deadline. Once available will be posted
 - b. Appreciation Fund Parameters
 - a. 3 Areas
 - 1. Who can receive gifts?
 - a. Recommendation- Leave to board because the board sees a lot of the behind the scenes.
 - b. \$100 Gift Card for the 4 guys at Fair board that are assets to our council, although not a part of the council
 - c. Gifts for Species chairs and assistants
 - d. Volunteers who offer a service without compensation, educational presenters who do not get compensation (not directly linked to the council).
 - e. Objections- 4H parents/leaders as all parents help volunteer
 - f. Recommendation- "Thank you" notes
 - g. Recommendation- Keep the first 3 categories
 - h. Recommendation- Recognition at celebration

- i. Recommendation- Coffee Bar
 - j. Recommendation- 2 Gift Cards per Species Chair
 - k. Recommendation- Have Youth do the Thank You cards
 - 2. How much
 - a. \$100 to the 4 fair guys (potentially add as a line item)
 - b. Purchasing Thank You Card things from youth
 - c. Species Chair/Assistant Small Gift
 - d. Small meal when people gather to work before fair/directly after.
 - 3. What is the process
 - a. Nominated with a form (what, who, and why), and leave it up to board. (revisited annually)
 - i. Cap- Leave it up to the Board, remain transparent.
- c. Guidebooks- Now Called Policy & Procedures
 - a. Any additions or language changes are highlighted in yellow.
 - 1. Everyones Book: Weigh ins take place first Saturday- YOUTH MUST BE PRESENT
 - 2. Everyones Book: Animal Care Requirement/Treatment
 - a. If you do not follow you may not be allowed to show or participate at fair.
 - b. Will be reviewed by those necessary, working to who is going to document.
 - i. Disqualification- from all 4H and Open Shows for this year.
 - ii. At what point does it become a legal decision? This will be determined by the group and handed down to MSU.
 - 3. Everyones: Water should remain full ALL the time!
 - 4. Cattle, Lambs, Pigs, Goats: Show-day policy
 - a. Barn will close 2 hours prior to start of show.
 - b. During this time 1 PERSON and 4Her allowed.
 - c. Potentially a badge will be given at barn meetings for show day.
 - d. Trying to eliminate crowding in the barn.

XI. Species Chair Updates

- a. Horse
 - a. New Policy and Procedures
 - b. Coggins only required, highly recommend vaccine from vet
 - c. Horse and Pony Council March 5th Tack Sale @ First Christian Church
 - d. May 14th and 15- Boot Camp @ Fair Ground...sessions are being worked on
 - e. Record Books- Get those started
 - f. Two sessions @ the Expo
- b. Dairy Feeder
 - a. Registrations Due March 7th
 - b. 24 Total
 - 1. 2 Cloverbud

2. 2 Show Only

- c. If anyone is having trouble contact Stacy or Bancrofts
- d. Fresh Bedding, unfrozen water
- e. Watch suckling
- f. Highly susceptible to pneumonia, watch for illness
- g. Stacy and Greg doing two rope halter classes
- h. 2315908691 sieffert@yahoo.com- Stacy's contact number
- c. Jr Beef
 - a. 75 Total
 - 1. 51 market
 - 2. 20 cloverbud
 - 3. 4 show only
 - b. March 7th registration due
 - c. Get ahold of breeders right now
 - d. 3-Beef Cattle specific speakers at our expo
 - e. Facebook page- Jr Beef/Lg Beef
- d. Large Beef
 - a. New Assistant- Haven Robinson and Matt Breithaupt
 - b. Tagging- Those who were Jr. Beef from fair will be checked and replace if needed.
 - c. Watch weights- Should be about 800lbs now
 - d. Water is just as important as feed right now- Constantly Drinking
 - e. Lice- It is a problem right now, get the products from Blains/TSC, etc.
 - f. Feed Clinic March 17th
 - g. Buckley School Boosters 4H club to work concession stands, will share profits.
- e. Swine
 - a. 169 Total
 - 1. 139 4H
 - 2. 15 cloverbuds
 - 3. 9 Seniors
 - 4. 5 Super Seniors
 - 5. 1 DA
 - b. May 1st Possession Date for all including Cloverbuds
 - c. May 18 6-7 and May 22nd 12-3- Tagging Verification
 - d. New Tagging Form- must have entire 840 tag
 - e. \$10 for additional swine
 - f. Swinebarn4h@gmail.com
- f. Lamb
 - a. Registration Due March 7th
 - b. So far 41 Registered
 - c. Tagging- Dates on Website (May 18 from 6-8, May 22nd from noon-3)
- g. Rabbit/Cavy
 - a. Rabbits out of draft
 - b. Food/Water

- c. Watch for Runny Noses
 - d. No MIXED BREEDS shown.
 - 1. See the facility bred
 - 2. Pedigreed Rabbits
 - 3. Judges we have are Arba judges
 - 4. Be sure the Rabbit is pure bred for Market
 - e. March 4-6th MSU convention at Paviliopns
 - f. March 21 Gratiot County- National Mini Lop Convention
 - g. April 2nd Osceola- R and CBA all breed in Evart
 - h. April 9th- Great Lakes Flemish in Adrian
 - i. April 23rd Lapeer Area Rabbit Raisers All Breed Lapeer
 - j. May 7th Heart of Michigan all breed Chesaing
- h. Poultry
 - a. Production now!
 - b. Get everything else ordered
 - c. No Chick Sickles
 - i. Llama/Alpaca
 - a. Two sessions on March 6th.
 - b. March 7th Registration
 - c. June 29th and July 10th 5-7 Llama/Alpaca Clinics
 - j. Goat
 - a. Due March 7th
 - b. Market needs to be born after 11/1/21 before 1/31/21
 - c. Possession May 1st
 - d. Show Projects
 - 1. MUST be 4 months old before shown or brought to fair
 - 2. Includes Dam and Daughter classes
 - e. Can tag two market goats, second \$10 charge
 - 1. Second goat tagged if a Doe can be shown in breed classes
 - f. Education- Man from MSU on parasites
 - g. Langston University has a free program (goat.langston.edu)
 - h. April 16 Montcalm County show classes
 - 1. \$5 for goat and \$5 for showmanship
 - k. Dog
 - a. June 6th Registration
 - b. Mt Pleasant March 26th- State Dog Clinic
 - l. Differently-Abled
 - a. Will have a raffle to help with projects
 - b. Be sure that DA is marked on the registration
- XII. Questions/Comments
- a. Thank you so much to Beth for Support Abigail Pyle!!!
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn by Kelly Stockfisch, seconded by Laurie Ashley, adjourned @ 8:41p.m.

