

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

Monday March 7th, 2022 Minutes

- I. Welcome
 - a. Pledges
 - b. Roll Call
- II. Executive Board Officers in Attendance- Kayce Caugh, Keri Bancroft, Anna Fryer, Megan Town, Jenni Wasson
- III. Members in Attendance- Emma Brown, Julie Brown, MaryLynn Robertson, Gretchen Sauvage, Lily Robertson, Laurie Ashley, Jason Gill, Kelsey Stockfisch, Haven Robinson, David Robinson, Cher'rie Brown, Kelly Stockfisch, Randy Stockfisch, Kathy Easter, Amanda Wilkins, Shayna Conger, Lilly Wagner, Morgan Wagner, Betsy Wagner, Robin Gildner, Heather Rosa, Beth Stephens, Jen Stephens, Stephanie Bugai
 - a. The zoom attendance will be attached.
- IV. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. New Business-Heather Barley Memorial Scholarship
- V. Approval of Minutes of February 2022
 - a. 3 Amendments (Dairy Feeder date should read 3/7, Large Beef should read March 17th versus March 18th, Board Member part of the agenda should read "executive officers")
 - b. Motion to approve by Gretchen Seconded by Laurie Ashley, minutes approved as Amended
- VI. Treasurers Report
 - a. Read By Jenni Wasson, Report was provided to the board
- VII. Fair Board News
 - a. Amanda Wilkins-Fair Board is looking for premium book sponsors, the sponsorship will allow you to put your business information in the book.
 - i. nwmifairsecretary@gmail.com to get the registration
- VIII. 4-H Staff Spotlight

It was great to see so many of you at the Livestock Council Expo at the Great Wolf Lodge yesterday. A big thank you to the Livestock Council Board for all of their hard work and organization. Let's give them a big hand for this great event!

1. 4-H Exploration Days: Explore Your Spark! June 22-24, 2022. Registration fee – \$220 for youth participants and \$110 for adults staying both nights. All participants will be required to pay a \$50 deposit when registering. This is a great bargain for a 3 day, 2 night MSU pre college program full of experiential learning and personal growth opportunities. Registration is not yet open, but will open in April. A list of sessions is coming out soon! Affordable and convenient transportation will be organized and available through Leelanau County and details will be shared soon. We have save-the-date flyers available, and scholarships will be an option for our county delegates and volunteer chaperones. We are looking for adult chaperones to

go with us—please reach out if you are interested! Reach out to your county Program Coordinator for more information.

2. **4-H State Awards:** Michigan 4-H members ages **13-19** have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by competing in the 4-H State Awards Program in one of 20 project categories. It provides 4-H members with a learning experience where they can develop career skills by using their 4-H experiences to compile a portfolio like a professional application while receiving recognition for their 4-H involvement. The application process will help youth build their skills in communication, literacy, record keeping, and marketability. There is even a “4-H Mark of Excellence Award” for younger 4-H members, 11 and 12-year-olds. To enter, a 4-H member writes an essay on the theme, “Because of 4-H I can ...” All applications and essays are due by April 1st and there are also several training workshops going on to help applicants with their materials. Handouts available with more info!

3. **Plant Science Workshops:** Two plant science workshops are being offered at the GT Extension office the last weekend of **March, Saturday, March 26th from 10:30am-4pm**. Each workshop will be approx. 90 min, and space is limited. The first workshop will be on Pollinators from 10:30-noon, and the second will be on Chocolate from 2-4pm, so there will be a snack provided! They will be centered on family fun, with hands-on activities so families are welcome to attend. Registration is open through 4-H Online and will close on **March 18th**. The chocolate workshop will cost \$3 to attend, and folks are welcome to attend one or both. Count as education credits, in case you still need them. Email Emily for more information: kotzemil@msu.edu. Flyers are available to take home.

4. **Sewing SPIN club starting March 24th going through May 5th at the GT County Office on Thursday nights, 6-8pm**. Tammy Jarvis is holding the club, where classes will cover learning beginning sewing techniques such as how to mend and replace buttons, properly cutting and designing patterns, and how to safely use a sewing machine. Classes would be most appropriate for kids ages 11-15, and registration is open through 4-H Online by selecting the Sewing SPIN club. Please see me if you have any other questions! Flyers are available to take home.

5. **Leelanau County 4-H Tractor Safety Program:** Teens can improve their chances of employment by completing a tractor safety training. MSU Extension/Leelanau 4-H will host an in-person **4-H Tractor Safety Program** for 14 and 15-year-old youth on **Sundays, April 10, 24, and May 1, 8 from 3:00-4:30 pm**. at the NW MI Horticulture Research Center (between Suttons Bay and Traverse City). The written and driving test will be held in-person, by appointment, on **Sunday, May 15 between 8:00 am and 4:00**. Rain date will be Sunday, May 22. Participants must attend all five sessions to become certified. The cost is **\$90 per student**, which includes the classes, manual, certificate, and snack on testing day. Scholarships are available if finances are an

issue. Youth must be 14 years of age by June 1, 2022. Space is limited. The registration deadline is March 30, 2022. Registration is online-only in a two-step process. First, register and pay at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/TractorSafety2022/>, and second, become a 4-H member and create a family account online at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Once registered, participants will receive more information about signing up for the testing day. For more information, contact **Rosali Collier** at collierr@msu.edu or 231-256-9888.

6. Orchard Tour and More Petting Zoo During Cherry Festival: Sign up on the sheet going around for a spot during that week. Please sign up for a three-hour timeslot during Cherry Festival week out at the Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Center in Leelanau County! We are back in person at this event, taking place each day from 10:00 am through 1:00 pm, with clubs providing livestock projects for a fun petting zoo, setting up optional fundraising activities, and getting to practice being around crowds before fair. This is great outreach and a lot of fun! Let Rosali know what day you would like, Tuesday, July 5, Wednesday, July 6, Thursday, July 7, or Friday, July 8.

7. Tanner Building Committee: If you would like to be part of this for this Fair, please reach out to Rosali or Emily; Clubs and individual 4-H youth: be thinking about setting up a booth display or submitting 4-H projects to be judged; Clover Award applications are available again for all 4-H youth ages 10-19. They are on the green paper. We also have them available in a fillable PDF.

8. The Leelanau County 4-H Youth Association Board has its next meeting this Thursday, March 10th, at 6:30 pm in the Community Room, downstairs in the Leelanau County Government Center. Youth and adults interested in joining the Association are welcome to attend. We focus on 4-H outreach events, awards celebrations, supporting our 4-H audience through sponsorships, and fundraising.

9. Benzie Babysitter Training – spots are still available for Session 1 March 28 thru April 1 at PVCC* in Arcadia from 10a to 2p.

10) 4-H Dog Info Night – March 22 @ 6:30pm at Pleasant Valley Community Center (3586 Glovers Lake Rd, Arcadia, MI) for new dog youth

11) Helpful reminders from the Grand Traverse office:

a. There are animal kits to check out from the GT Office, multiple species if your club would like to check one out to use and then return to the office. If you would like to sign out a kit, there is a sign out sheet available.

b. Emily has information on how to check your current club roster by logging into 4-H Online as a club leader.

- IX. Old Business
 - a. Education Expo
 - i. THANK YOU to everyone who came, and those who helped
 - ii. Very successful!
 - iii. 757 Education Credits! 938 Contact Hours
 - b. Animal Registrations
 - i. 677 Total Registrations
 - ii. Dairy Feeder, Jr. Beef, Lamb, Poultry, Goat are due tonight
 - iii. Show only coming up soon
 - c. Teen Reps
 - i. Have one application- Darlene Wilcoxon- We look forward to working with her.
 - d. Appreciation Fund
- X. Species Chair Updates
 - a. Horse
 - i. Coggins/Vax done ASAP
 - ii. Bootcamp May 14th and 15th- Reg out soon
 - iii. Double Check Guidebook Changes (those highlighted in yellow)
 - b. Dairy Feeder
 - i. Dairy feeders possession was March 1st
 - ii. Fresh Water
 - iii. Stacy has stepped off the board- position will be posted very quickly.
 - c. Jr Beef
 - i. Registration will close at midnight
 - ii. 90 registrations (will likely fluctuate)
 - 1. 60 market
 - 2. 5 show only
 - 3. 25 cloverbuds
 - iii. Nutrition Clinic March 17th@ 630 @ Grant Townhall
 - iv. Calves are starting to be born
 - v. Get space ready (disinfect the space and the equipment)
 - vi. Beef program facebook page- beefprogramnwmilivestockcouncil
 - d. Large Beef
 - i. March 17th 6:30 @ Grant Township
 - ii. 74 Reg
 - 1. 69 Steers
 - 2. 5 Heiffers
 - 3. 2 Show Only
 - iii. A lot of Lice currently, work on getting that taken care of
 - iv. Should be around 900lbs.
 - e. Swine
 - i. 169 total Registered
 - ii. Possession date, May 1st
 - iii. Tagging Form is on the website
 - 1. Tagging dates are May 18th 6-8pm, May 22nd 12-3

- 2. 2 Swine, second \$10
 - iv. Record Books will be updated in April
 - v. Seniors start sending Bios and Pics
 - 1. Swinebarn4h@gmail.com
 - f. Lamb
 - i. 66 registrations
 - ii. Registration due today
 - iii. Will put out a survey for sheering and showmanship
 - iv. May 18th 6-8, May 22 12-3 tagging dates
 - v. Senior Bios/Pics
 - g. Rabbit/Cavy
 - i. Watch the weather, especially up and down temps
 - ii. Market need- please get with her 633-4492
 - h. Poultry
 - i. Will be sending email once registration is done tonight
 - ii. Possession dates are on the livestock council page
 - i. Llama/Alpaca
 - i. Registration Due May 2nd
 - ii. 2 Showmanship Obstacle clinics June 29th and July 10, both 5-7pm
 - j. Goat
 - i. Market possession May 1st (babies born Nov/Dec)
 - ii. Min. Weight 65, ideally 90-110
 - iii. Shots are required for fair CT and T
 - iv. Scrapes Tag from breeder
 - v. May tag 2 animals for a \$10 fee, the second animal can be shown in breed only IF it is a doe.
 - vi. NO HORN goats shown by a Cloverbud
 - vii. Dairy Breeds can be shown in pack classes but must leave after if horned
 - viii. Any breed showing in showing classes must be 4months of age
 - ix. Show coming up Montcalm Co. April 16th @ 9:30, registration is at 9am \$5/goat, \$5 per showman
 - x. "Northwest Michigan 4H Goat Program" on Facebook
 - 1. Slideshow from the expo is posted on this page
 - k. Dog
 - i. March 26th, State Dog workshop
 - ii. Registrations due June
 - l. Differently Abled
 - i. Raffle for DA kids- TBD
 - ii. 231-883-6189- to Sponsor or get child on the list
- XI. New Business
- a. Swine Barn Water Supply
 - i. Was put in 7/8 years ago.
 - 1. Not currently usable

- ii. We need a flexible system, waiting on a final quote currently around the \$18,000 range.
- iii. We would like to set up an education clinic with the kids to make a water system. (Get donations for offset)
- iv. Questions/Concerns
 - 1. Membership wants to see the quote.
 - 2. Membership wants to see where the funds are from the additional swine tags.
 - 3. Due to the timeframe the board doesn't believe that we could raise funds to get done in time. This year will be individual waterers. (Sullivan style systems)
 - 4. Species Chair
 - a. We do not have to choose tonight
 - b. Would love a new system but knows that the system is very expensive.
 - c. Would like swine families to come together and make a bigger plan. Will send a survey to learn what everyone wants.
- b. Heather Barley Scholarship
 - i. 2022 Heather Barley Scholarship
 - ii. Application will be online and on Facebook within the next couple of days
 - 1. Kids Senior in high school, college, or trade school.

XII. Questions

XIII. Adjourn- Motioned to adjourn by Laurie Ashley, seconded by Keri Bancroft, adjourned at 7:57.