

Livestock Council Meeting  
May 2,2022

- I. Welcome & Pledges
- II. Executive Members in Attendance
  - a. Kayce Caugh, Keri Bancroft, Anna Fryer, Jenni Wasson
- III. Membership in Attendance
  - a. Lisa Ralph, Laurie Ashley, Shayna Conger, Ashley Pyle, Sandi Pyle, Lynn Henning, Gwyn Carter, Cassidy Caugh, Hannah Gaither, Mark Barley, Nicki Brown, Che'rie Brown, Amanda Wilkins, Haven Robinson, Anne Seitz, Leslie Campbell, Dan Campbell, Kathy Easter, Mike Barley, Renee Hobbins, Gretchen Sauvage, Kelly Kraeft, Chartan Barrett, Morgan Barrett, Lori Cedarquist, Mary Lynn Robertson, Sarah Youker, Cyrus Youker, Kim Franke, Jo Ann and Rose Boehr, Stephanie Steffens, Isabelle Canfield, Dannah Miller, Jessie Milne, Mandy Depuy, Robin Gildner, Beth Stephens, Chris Barley, Vanja Griffin, Mary Ann Wilsey, Faith Grose, Madison Leishman, Nicole and Casey Meredith, Rosie Shaffer, Diane Moyer, Jason Gill, Rebecca Shaub, Kelly Stockfisch, Kenneth Grant, Anne Grant, Ellie Mackenzie, Jennifer Cook, Addison Kraeft, Emma Depuy, Allison Wittkopp, Jen Stephens, Miranda Thompson, Dorothy Fritz, Alisa Forton, Amber Robertson
- IV. MSU Members in Attendance
  - a. Rosali Collier
  - b. Emily Kotz
- V. Roll Call
- VI. Additions to Agenda
  - a. Health Forms
- VII. Approval of the Minutes from April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - a. Would like the Leelanau County Fan store to reopen as the minutes did not go out before the 17th
  - b. Under DA raffle, will read "drawing" versus the "raffle" terminology.
  - c. Under Committee Updates: be sure it reads specifically committee updates.
  - d. Motion to approve minutes for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, approved after amendments by Kelly Stockfish, seconded by Gretchen Sauvage
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Jenni Wasson is reading the treasurers report.
  - b. Please get receipts submitted for sponsorship reimbursements to Megan to get checks out
- IX. Fair Board News
  - a. Mike Barley- Donation (Johnson Foundation)/builder step forward for a brand-new rabbit barn!
    - i. 12 ft ceilings, 6 ft wider, 3 ft longer, proper ventilation, fans, total 36ftx54ft
    - ii. The actual footprint will be taken down so ends won't be as steep.
    - iii. Windows/vent panels along the sides
    - iv. Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> clean-up will focus on getting the barn ready to be taken down.
    - v. Should be done by July 10<sup>th</sup>.
    - vi. MDARD grant request was \$90,000 and Johnson Foundation agreed to fill the gap for the total of \$135,000!
      1. However, if grant does NOT come through Johnson Foundation will forward all the funds for the new building.
    - vii. Extra help and assistance will be needed throughout the summer to prepare rabbit barn for construction and then put together after.
    - viii. New increases with camping, tickets, etc. will come out in the premium books.
    - ix. TSC donated \$5,000 for barn improvements
- X. 4H Staff Spotlight
  1. **Exploration Days June 22-24<sup>th</sup> at MSU:** Exploration Days Registration is now open through May 9<sup>th</sup>! Scholarships are available from each of our counties, and also from our Livestock Council. If you are taking a session that is livestock-focused, the council will provide funding assistance. You can also ride the bus to go down to campus

and back. Go to the Exploration Days registration page to get started, and be sure to select sessions with openings in them! [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/registration\\_information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information)

Want to go with a good friend? Get them to register, and enroll in 4-H, and you can room with them in the dorm! Reach out to your local coordinator with any questions, and for scholarship applications.

1. **Exploration Days GT County Orientation Dates:** Exploration Orientation Meetings will take place on Tuesday June, 7<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm, at the GT Office Location. We will be going over what is needed for chaperones, and for participants to reserve housing accommodations at these meetings.
2. **Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp** Registration is now open! Camp will be held July 31-August 6, 2022, in person, in Presque Isle. This year's camper fee is \$500.00 per camper and includes 6 nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt, and experiential learning provided by MSUE staff, MSU Fisheries and Wildlife and MSUE Sea Grant. Camper age is 13-15 and they do not need to be a 4-H'er to attend. Partial scholarships are available—contact your Program Coordinator for more information.
3. **Canoe/Kayak Training:** Anyone interested? There is an upcoming training event for adults (MSU/MSUE staff or Active Gold volunteers) planning to lead canoe and kayak experiences for 4-H youth. This event was crafted especially to meet the needs of youth program leaders, such as 4-H clubs and camps, YMCAs or scout organizations. Training will be led by 3 expert paddlers certified with the American Canoe Association (ACA). Event is scheduled for June 1-5, 2022 in Traverse City at the Go-Rec Outdoor Center and is open to only 10 (min) - 20 (max) participants. *We are pleased to offer a partial registration scholarship of \$295 for up to 10 Active Gold 4-H Volunteers. Volunteers are eligible for a partial reimbursement of program registration fees, while funding lasts; [apply HERE by May 4, 2022.](#)*
4. **Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign:** Now through May 8<sup>th</sup>, you can shop at our local Tractor Supply Company stores and purchase a paper clover (or several) to donate funds to our local 4-H programs. These funds support youth attending things like Exploration Days here in Michigan! Our US-31 store supports both Grand Traverse and Leelanau County programs, and we thank them for this.
5. **Tanner Exhibit Building:** "Explore Your Spark!". We now have the packets ready for clubs and youth for this year's exhibit information in the Tanner Building! We have them in hard copy and they will also be put on the Livestock Council website. We will have club booth displays, focusing on the Explore Your Spark theme, competing to win the best club display (banner, ribbon, and pizza gift certificate), individual youth projects (with ten different classes listed in the Fair Premium Book) will be put on display on four tables in the building according to age groups and will be judged for first, second, and third place (and cloverbuds will get participation ribbons and feedback). The independent projects will need to be registered as non-animal projects with the Fair: these registrations are due July 15<sup>th</sup>. We will also have the chance for all youth to take part interviews on Monday of fair, and these will be judged in different age brackets (cloverbud for participation, 8-11, 12-15, and 16-19) for first, second, and third place ribbons. The three finalists for the Clover Award will also have their interviews on the Monday of Fair. The information sheets also provide the link to the Club Space Registration Form (due Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>), as well as the fillable Clover Award application (for youth ages 10-19). Our free cloverbud craft activities will also be held in the building through fair week, twice a day, and our games day will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> under the DA tent. We would really love to see you all take part in the Tanner Building this Fair!

#### **Benzie:**

1. June 18 – Cattle Fitting & Showmanship Clinic at Manistee Co. Fairgrounds, GT, Leelanau, Antrim, & Kalkaska youth in need of education credits are welcome to attend and observe. Space is limited on the Fairgrounds so preference will be given to Manistee & Benzie youth to bring their 4-H projects. Register by June 10 via the google form, can be found on Manistee 4-H Livestock Council webpage under Upcoming Events – [www.manistee4hlivestockcouncil.org](http://www.manistee4hlivestockcouncil.org)

#### **XI. Old Business**

##### **a. Important Upcoming Dates**

##### **i. Possession Dates**

1. Junior Beef- May15th

- 2. Poultry Still have time based on bird
    - ii. Tagging Dates
      - 1. Species Chairs will go over in their updates
      - 2. Every species has a table at top of website with important dates
    - iii. Work bees
      - 1. All listed to the right on the agenda
        - a. May 7<sup>th</sup> is our first one, 2 different timeframes
          - i. A lot of clean up including raking, picking up
  - b. Expenditures Updates
    - i. Held a special meeting, voting on improvements
      - 1. \$53,000 was approved.
    - ii. Contracted with Highland Metals out of Marion for 10 lamb and goat stanchions.
    - iii. Eric Alpers is building cattle structures
    - iv. Wheelock is doing Poultry Pens
    - v. Still working on the gates for Llama/Alpaca barns
      - 1. Shipping with the previous business was more than the gates cost.
    - vi. Pig Barn waterers?
      - 1. The status is TBD
- XII. Species Chair Updates
  - a. Differently Abled
    - i. Johnson Foundation- donating, not sure of full amount but in the \$1000s of dollars.
    - ii. Registration for all kids will be complete this evening.
    - iii. Drawing-will be revisited after the donation from Johnson Foundation has been received.
    - iv. 22 4Hers in the program so far
    - v. 231-883-6189 if anyone needs to reach Beth
  - b. Goats
    - i. 90-110lbs goal weight, minimum weight is 65lbs.
    - ii. 82 show only, 20 market
    - iii. Must have scrapie's tag/registration papers
    - iv. May 18 from 6-8pm
      - 1. If goats are not able to
    - v. Tag 2- \$10 for second, money will stay in for barn improvement
    - vi. If you chose not to market doe, it can be in breed classes, only marketing one.
    - vii. No horned goats shown by cloverbuds
    - viii. Dairy bring can be shown with horns in pack, and must be going home directly after show
    - ix. Minimum age for goat to come to grounds is 4months old. Babies may not come if Dam/Daughter just had babies
  - c. Dog
    - i. Registration June 6<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Volunteer option for kids that are under 11-therapy dog evaluations
      - 1. 5/14
      - 2. Questions/Participate contact Gretchen Sauvage
  - d. Rabbit/Cavy
    - i. 42 show, 6 pen 3, 6 roast, 4 cavy
    - ii. Keep out of wind
    - iii. Groom out from winter coats
    - iv. Wool breed groom daily
    - v. Be sure ventilation is good
    - vi. Trim nails frequently
    - vii. 2 Clinics
      - 1. TBD
    - viii. Does bred and ready
    - ix. Saturday-Cleaning Rabbit barn

e. Large Beef

- i. 71 Market, 5 heifer, 2 show only
- ii. If tags need to be redone, please contact Crystal or Haven
- iii. June 11<sup>th</sup> 8am hoof trimming (sign up genius this week) \$20
- iv. Scales should be opened to be sure you are on track during practices only
- v. Remember to sign up for Work Bees
- vi. Education Credit no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- vii. "Middle of the Mit" May 7<sup>th</sup>
- viii. Lakeshore Beef Classic 5/28 and 5/29
- ix. Practice Clinic
  1. June 15, 6-8
  2. June 23<sup>rd</sup> 6-8
  3. July 13 6-8
  4. July 24 430-630

f. Jr Beef

- i. 27 Cloverbud 67 market 4 show only
- ii. May 15 possession date
- iii. Let Amanda know if you need help finding a calf
- iv. Ask questions of breeder
- v. Must be 100% Beef breed, no sale barns (dairy breed perhaps in them)
- vi. 1<sup>st</sup> page of health record is on website
  1. Get vax info from breeder if done
- vii. Ask about twins, bull calf twins cannot be bred, heifers that are twins to a bull calf cannot be bred.
- viii. Ask if naturally pulled (will not grow horns)
- ix. Dehorned by fair, early to keep flies out
- x. Cannot be longer than 3 inches for fair
- xi. Amanda will begin tagging in June
- xii. Cattle Practices are same as Large Beef- If your calf has not been tagged by June, Amanda will do those at a practice.
- xiii. Will also try to have scales available to see where weight is at. This will be at practices.

g. Poultry

- i. 4 Pens prod, 20 Meat, 1 Duck, 7 Turkey, 4 Cornish Game Hens
- ii. Guidelines are on the website
- iii. In process of ordering Meat chickens, please get to Lynn by May 4<sup>th</sup>, delivered week of 6/6.
- iv. Turkeys should already be in possession
- v. Cornish should be delivered in July
- vi. So happy with the Poultry Barn being updated.
- vii. Please inform yourself about Avian flu
- viii. Clinics
  1. TBD likely June, can be educational credit

h. Dairy Feeder

- i. 6 cloverbud, 25 market, 3 show only, 1 senior
- ii. Hannah will send emails, all will be tagged this month
- iii. Clean bedding, fresh water
- iv. Begin walking, get them associated with halter
- v. If you have any questions call Hannah 231-632-8640
  1. Ghannah6115@gmail.com

i. Horse

- i. Registration tonight
- ii. Coggins due, vax (vet recommendations)
- iii. Bootcamp 5/15 and 5/15
  1. Registration 5/9 \$50 includes stall

2. Come and audit \$5

j. Lamb

- i. In possession by 5/1
- ii. Clean bedding, fresh water
- iii. Notes for deworming/vaccines
- iv. Have starting weights
- v. Form relationships
- vi. New record books are on website and was emailed
- vii. CB 15, SO 9, Market 44
- viii. Tagging dates 5/18 6-8, 5/21 12-3
  1. \$10 for second lamb
- ix. Senior Bios May 30<sup>th</sup>
- x. Shearing/Showmanship Clinic 6/25 10-1
  1. Steer Washes rack
- xi. Shows
  1. Grand Preview 5/29 Kent County
  2. Blue/Gold 5/28 Hastings
  3. Clover Classic 5/14

k. Llama/Alpaca

- i. Registration due tonight
- ii. Mid-Michigan llama show this weekend in Charlotte
  1. Obstacle and Pack classes
- iii. Get sheared soon before the heat, in order to stay cool.
- iv. Monthly worming and toe trimming
- v. Obstacle, June 29<sup>th</sup> Showmanship July 10<sup>th</sup> both 5 o'clock at fairgrounds

l. Swine

- i. 169 total, 139 Market, 15 CB, 15 graduating seniors, 5 super seniors, 1 DA
- ii. Possession date, May 1<sup>st</sup>
- iii. If you do not have 840 tags already on swine, please let Nicki know ASAP
- iv. A lot of questions about vaccines. They are the same as always, on the website and on the health forms.
  1. Any questions please reach out to your breeder or your vet.
- v. Tagging May 18 6-8pm and May 22<sup>nd</sup> 12-3pm. Verification form is on the website.
  1. Before pulling in fill out its entirety, especially the 840 number.
- vi. Watering Clinic
  1. TBD
- vii. Record books are uploaded
- viii. Please send senior bios and pictures to the swine barn email.
- ix. If your swine breeder wants to be added to the list on the website, please let Nicki know and she will reach out to them for further verification.

XIII. Committee Reports

a. reporting committees- A

- a. Auction
  - i. Please reach out to Jenni for auction volunteers
- b. Cherry Festival Parade
  - i. Working with the fair to get lined up
  - ii. Will be Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Looking for a staging area downtown, if you know of one please reach out.
- c. Work Bees
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Saturday alphabetical order sign in, Rosa arena
  - iii. Please sign-up on "Sign-up Genius"
    1. Change display name- 4Her name

- iv. Tools
  - 1. Rakes, Leaf Blowers, dress for yard work, gloves, etc.
  - 2. Reminder will be in email
- v. Watch Website for remaining dates

XIII. non-reporting committees

- a. Auction Refreshments – Auction Ring Set-Up – Buyers’ Luncheon – Can Drive – Cloverbud Fair Week Activities – Fair Set-Up & Tear-Down – Fair Week Evening Activities – Fun Saturday – Friday 4-H Dance – Pizza Party – Showmanship Showdown

XIV. New Business

- a. Health Form
  - i. Everyone has the Page one on the website, page two will be coming
    - 1. Page 1 is Species specific
    - 2. Page 2 is for EVERYONE and will require signature from the youth and the parent.
  - b. Heather Barley forms are due tonight

XV. Questions

XV. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn by Lisa Ralph, Seconded by Beth Stephens, adjourned at 7:45p.m.