

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

Minutes

April 12, 2021

- I. Call to Order @ 6:32p.m. (Pledges)
- II. Officers in attendance- Kayce Caugh, Keri Bancroft, Megan Town, Anna Fryer, Leslie is Absent
- III. Members in Attendance- Jason, Laurie Ashley, Gwyn Carter, Lisa Ralph, Amanda Wilkins, Ali Olson, Chris and Mike Barley, Gretchen Sauvage, Keri and Greg Bancroft, Sandi Pyle, Andrea Bedrick, David Robinson, Stephanie Steffens, Mandy Depuy, Jennifer Wasson, Rebecca Maddox, Leslie Littlefield, Heather Rosa, Kathy Easter, Deb Canfield, Jessie Milne, Nancy Vanderstel, Candice Rottman, Maddie Gallagher, Sami Zientek, JoAnn and Rose Bohrer, Melissa Rassel, Amanda Ocobock, Kim Franky, Elaine Taghon, Megan and Audrey Town, Allison Wittkopp, Heather Horn, Christine Snow, Mary Ann Wilsey, Rachel Raniszewski, Miranda Thompson, Anne, William, Garrett, Kenneth, and Evelyynn Grant, Lynn Henning, Shayna Conger, Kelly Kraeft, Drew Alpers, Baily Lautner, Bella Canfield, Heather Watson, Mary Lynn Robertson, Kelly Stockfisch
- IV. Teen Reps
 - a. Rachel Raniszewski (newly elected)
- V. MSU Staff
 - a. Rosali Collier
 - b. Suzy White
- VI. Changes to Agenda
 - a. None
- VII. March Minutes
 - a. Motion by Lisa Ralph, Seconded by Kelly Stockfisch to approve minutes
- VIII. Treasurers Report
 - a. Balance and financial sheets attached to email.
 - b. Leslie was unable to join this evening. If you have further questions we can hold over to May Minutes
 - c. General annual renewals are the only thing going out, nothing coming in.
- IX. Fair Board News
 - a. At this point "full steam ahead"
 - b. Fair is working on their covid plan
 - c. Workbee dates are released, and a lot of work to be done.
 - d. Masks would be mandated for fair.
 - e. Camping is TBD
- X. 4-H/MSU SpotLight

4-H Livestock Council MSU Announcements, April 12, 2021

1. The Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council tracks animal project registration for show and auction participation, but all youth signed up need to also be 4-H members of a club in good

standing in one of the five participating counties. If you know of youth not signed up, please encourage them to sign up now in 4HOnline 2.0. We will be going through the lists and reaching out to families who have not signed up, to help them. Remember that the state 4-H participation fee was waived this year and we do have a new sign up platform. We will put the link to the sign up in the Zoom Chat and please reach out to your respective county office for any additional help. Link to sign up in 4-H Online for all youth and

volunteers: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

2. MSU Extension and 4-H are working on safely returning to face-to-face programming. For now, we are focused on getting pre-fair activities approved. MSU Extension is planning month by month, and keeping the website updated as guidelines are changed. For the latest guidelines, please visit this website, which will be updated

regularly: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/about/approved-activities>

3. Important reminder: 4-H youth, volunteers, and staff will all be expected to abide by the MSU Community Compact, which provides guidelines such as wearing face masks, social distancing, washing hands, monitoring for symptoms, etc. Following these guidelines will allow us to take part in more 4-H face-to-face events in the near future. Here is an overview of the expectations: https://msu.edu/together-we-will/assets/pdfs/Additional%20Guidance%20for%20Engaging%20with%20Partners%20and%20Public%20Events_FINAL%20PDF.pdf

4. All volunteers must be in good standing with active profiles in 4-H Online, Volunteer Central, and have completed the new training module, **Communicating through Conflict**, before any face-to-face engagement with 4-H. The new training module is available through Volunteer Central, the same site you used to acknowledge forms and complete your background check. We are able to hold a Zoom training or two for multiple volunteers all at once—we will send out dates soon.

5. Leelanau County 4-H Tractor Safety Course: I am about to send out registration information for this course, which will be presented in a hybrid format this spring. The course is for 14 and 15-year-olds who plan to work on farms this summer. It will be a hybrid course, with the seatwork completed over Zoom, and then an in-person driving day, by appointment. Five Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, May 5th-June 2nd, with the in-person driving day at the Northwest MI Horticultural Research Center on Saturday, June 5th. Again, the driving day will be by appointment, though, “while we are hoping for the driving portion to happen, if the current situation needs to be modified, that all parties will respect that. The driving component would then have to be canceled or rescheduled for a later date.” The course will cost \$45.

XI. Old Business

- a. Education- 2 required....there are multiple on our website “education” tab.
 - i. Broken up by species
 - ii. Deadline is June 30th
 - iii. Anyone who is registered, and bringing in an animal must follow the requirement, cloverbuds are encouraged but not required.
 - iv. The proof, document, project is outlined in the education tab.
 - v. If youth are unsure about if it counts, reach out.
 - vi. With Multiple animals just seek out a specie chair to sign off
 - vii. If youth attend shows it will be counted as education
 - viii. New tracking on google forms
- b. 2020 Record Books

- i. Farm Bureau
 - 1. First
 - 2. Second
 - 3. Third
 - ii. Overall Winner- 2020-Bella Wolf- receives a \$100 Check for Congratulations and Hardwork
 - c. WorkBees
 - i. MSU gave clearance
 - ii. Masks are required
 - iii. Work within Family Group and Socially distanced....no sharing of equipment.
 - iv. Sign-up on "Sign up genius"
 - v. One 2-hour workbee is required, cloverbuds are encouraged not required.
 - vi. May 1st is the first workbee (all day)
 - d. Taggings
 - i. May 15th- Swine, Jr. Beef, Goat (waiting on approval)
 - ii. May 16th- Swine, Lamb (waiting on approval)
 - iii. Jr. Beef and Dairy Feeders may go farm to farm (approved)
 - iv. Will need to follow strict protocol including masking, and social distancing
- XII. Specie Chair Info
 - a. Horse
 - i. Registrations due May
 - ii. Working on education opportunities and will be signed off on after registration
 - iii. Get Coggins, Rinal Flu requirements
 - b. Dairy Feeder
 - i. No new news
 - c. Junior Beef
 - i. 63 market, 8 show, 9 cloverbuds, 2 seniors
 - ii. June Tagging-Farm to Farm
 - 1. Headgate or Shoot would be ideal or tied up to maintain social distancing.
 - iii. RFID tags in when picking up calves, required to move cattle throughout the state. Premise ID if raising own calves
 - d. Steer
 - i. 56 steers, 1 show only, 9 seniors
 - ii. Vaccinations must be done by April 30th
 - iii. Beef Shows- Education
 - iv. MLE registration day April 15th
 - v. Hoof Trimming is TBD
 - 1. Drew will get info on that
 - 2. June 26th would be a good day for a request
 - e. Swine
 - i. Swine possession date is May 1st
 - ii. If you need assistance with breeder let her know
 - iii. Record Books will be loaded soon.

- iv. Tagging is pending
 - v. 146 market, 24 cloverbud, 14 seniors, 1 show only
 - f. Lamb
 - i. 33 Market, 12 cloverbuds, 1 show only 5 seniors
 - ii. Tags
 - iii. Vaccines completed including soremouth
 - iv. Be careful with weather changing (pens dry, plenty of food and water)
 - g. Rabbit/Cavy
 - i. Lisa has quite a few markets picking up their rabbits.
 - ii. Watch the weather fluctuation, keep away from drafts. Ensure food and water is always available.
 - iii. Missaukee county- virtual education was sent out. It is April 24th, 2021.
 - h. Poultry
 - i. Turkeys need to be in possession by April 23rd
 - ii. If you are getting broad breasted brauns... check with Tractor supply or Cadillac Feed Supply. April 12th-23rd birthdays (10 minimum)
 - iii. Education on poultry on the website currently.
 - iv. Embryology program 1 hour each
 - v. Possession dates are ALL listed on website under Poultry
 - i. Llama/Alpaca
 - i. Registration due May 3rd
 - ii. Worming needs to be done
 - j. Goat
 - i. Beth is not in attendance
 - k. Dog
 - i. Sign up for Dogs!!!!
 - ii. Hoping for face to face trainings soon. Education on the website.
 - iii. Registration June 7th
 - iv. Tick and Flea Season-watch for that!
 - v. Heartworm Awareness
 - l. Differently Abled
 - i. Beth is not in attendance
- XIII. New Business
 - a. GT County Leaders Advisory Board
 - i. Hope Lockers-Community Service Project
 - 1. Hope Lockers is clothing for people/children in the community that cannot afford to purchase clothing.
 - a. Very Gently used or New
 - 2. Volunteer to bring clothing, clothing items, monetary donations
 - b. Scholarships
 - i. Johnson Foundation Scholarships
 - 1. Seniors-Posted Online
 - 2. Due May 15th
 - ii. Andrew Olson Scholarships-Application on the Livestock Council Page

1. Monday April 19th is last day for the application
 2. Reviewing on Tuesday
 3. For Seniors and Super Seniors of GT County Only
- iii. Heather Barley Memorial Scholarship
 1. Seniors-Posted Online
 2. Due May 3rd
 - iv. Farm bureau
 1. Due May 14th
- XIV. Questions???

Motion to Adjourn by Gretchen Sauvage, seconded by Kelly Stockfisch, adjourned at 7:41p.m.