

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, November 6, 2023

6:30pm Redeemer Lutheran Church

OFFICERS: Keri Bancroft, Nicki Brown, Leslie Campbell, Amber Pomper, *absent: Tammy Nemeskal*

TEEN REPS: Marin Barrett, Noah Send, Kelsey Bott, Holly Heuser, Ellie McKenzie, Collin Heuser, and Darlene Wilcoxon.

STAFF: Rosalie Collier, Ali Olson,

PRESENT: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:45pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ROLL CALL (See Attached)

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

New Business

c. Cattle Program Changes

b. Miranda Ashley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved. Motion by, Shannon Baker 2nd by Laurie Ashley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved. Motion by, Kelly Stockfisch 2nd by Gretchen Sauvage

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(See Financial Report)

Given by Leslie (Tammy absent due to Passing of Mother)

Kelly Stockfisch – why is “animal equipment other” not listed under a specific species?

Keri – I am not sure, but I will get ahold of Tammy and get an answer for you.

PUBLIC COMMENT*

Linda Oosee (Frontier Quest) – my son JD participates in the DA program and I wanted to give kudos to whoever redesigned the DA record book because it was so much better for him this year!

Thank you Beth Stephens for that change

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Frank – we had our annual meeting last Thursday. We had two board members who didn't re-run and one of those was Mike Barley who we want to thank for his years of service. For our two new board member we have: Laurie Ashley and Molly Caminata.

271 Days until fair! With our new Board we have openings on committees and you are welcome to attend our next Fair meeting on Thursday at 7pm at the Fair office. You don't have to be a director to help out.

Premium Book revisions are due January 1st, 2024. It's not that far away. Any questions?
Thanks so much!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: (NONE)

Grand Traverse (_____) –

Benzie County (Ali Olson) –

Leelanau County (Rosali Collier) –

OLD BUSINESS:

- a.) Incomplete Record Books or Thank You Notes = Temporary Program Suspension
- b.) Officer Speeches and Voting
Unanimous Ballet - Motion by Greg Bancroft and 2nd by Shayna Conger. Approved
Vice President: Nicki Brown, Treasurer: Katrina Grose, Secretary: Amber Pomper
- c.) Cattle Program Changes – Haven Bouwens, Amanda Wilkins, Greg Bancroft
Moving the minimum weight for Large Beef from 900lbs to 1000lbs. We have reached out to surrounding counties and we are right in line with all of them. We are not going to do a lottery draw this year for placing, we will move up the swine show and keep open shows moving to see how this year goes.
Jr Beef will be a 300lb min weight and max 700lb. Since there will be a min weight this year be sure to double check birth dates with your breeders. We will begin separating steers and heifers.
Dairy Feeder – we will have a Large Dairy Feeder program this year. The registration is open on the website now. Our numbers will be limited this year but we are excited to have this program in effect this year. If you need help finding a project there are some available and we are happy to help you. This year the Dairy Feeder will follow the minimum weight of Large Beef for 1,000lb.
Any Questions? None

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

- **Differently Abled – Beth Stephens**
Any questions, please Call (231) 883-6189.
- **Goat – Robin Gildner**
Any questions please let me know, 231-883-2002 or info@luckyfarmsmi.com
- **Dog – Gretchen Sauvage**
Any questions please reach out: ges5250@gmail.com or 231-883-3378.
- **Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph**
If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call: 231-633-4492
- **Large Beef – Haven Bouwens**
For any questions you can email or call Haven:
havenmrobinson@gmail.com 231-263-2217
- **Poultry – Lynn Henning**
Call or text with any questions, 231-357-5132.
- **Dairy Feeder – Greg Bancroft**
If you have any questions, please call or email:
gbancroft1976@gmail.com 231-313-8063
- **Horse – Mandy DePuy**
Don't hesitate to call or email with any questions: Mandy DePuy -
mandydepuy@gmail.com
231-649-3102
- **Lamb – Shayna Conger**
Facebook page: Sheep Barn – NWMI Livestock Council
Feel free to reach out if you have any questions: 231-357-6898

- **Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins**

Call or text with questions: 231-357-0777, jr.beef4h@yahoo.com

- **Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins**

If you have any questions, you can call: Kathy Easter 231-499-7434, ndalpacas@aol.com

Renee Hobbins 231-835-0441, hobbins@centurytel.net

- **Swine – Jennifer Davis**

You can text or call with any questions 231-649-2443. Email: swinebarn4h@gmail.com

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2024 Proposed Budget – read by Leslie to present to council for a vote at the January Meeting.

Question – Kelly Stockfish, why increase the auction receipts?

Keri – due to the fact that we have been over a million

Mary Lynn – why are we increasing the buyers luncheon?

Keri – because food prices have increased and we are getting less donations. We had to buy pop this year and there was a lot coming out of our pocket. The budget doesn't represent what we will actually spend, it represents what we are allowed to spend.

Mary Lynn and Kelly – why increase the auction refreshments?

Keri – because we didn't receive the items that people signed up for and had to go out and buy them.

Mary Lynn – could we find a way to track that? Maybe someone on a committee could double check that these have gotten turned in? And instead of raising the budget for that line, can we try a different avenue instead of spending more money?

Keri – you would like to propose that we leave it at \$250?

Mary Lynn – yes.

Kelly – question about education reimbursement.

Kelly – why are we going up on the photos?

Keri – because we know we need to buy a new backdrop.

Kelly – what are we buying in technology for the increase?

Keri – laptops need to be replaced to run our new software.

Mary Lynn – on the postage we only used half of this years budget, are we assuming it will increase more?

Keri – I use my personal bulk mail permit and save us money, but if that isn't available then our budget would increase greatly.

- b. Miranda Ashley – Scouts Presentation/Eagle Project
Working to build 3 small libraries based on 4-H that will be located at McGough's, Square Deal Country store, and MSU Extension office (moved to the Tanner Building during the week of Fair). I would like to present the first of these libraries tonight to the MSU Extension and Livestock Council.
- c. 2024 Project Giveaway – Must be Present to Win

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

QUESTIONS

Adjournment: Approved. Motion by Shayna Conger, 2nd by Laurie Ashley .

Time: 8:10pm

Next Meeting: January 8th, 2024 @ 6:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church