

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, October 2, 2023

6:30pm Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

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:pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ROLL CALL (See Attached)

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved. Motion by, Lisa Ralph 2nd by Gwyn Carter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved. Motion by, Lisa Ralph 2nd by Laurie Ashley

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(See Financial Report)

a.) Auction Update

b.) Check Distribution (side room)

PUBLIC COMMENT*

Member – a suggestion might be, could we offer participation ribbons but not hand them out to everyone as they sometimes get thrown away and seems like a waste. Maybe it is more of an age thing?

Keri – yes we can discuss that with the fair board as they are the ones who purchase the ribbons.

Kelly Stockfisch – could we move DA into a category separate from species chair updates? They aren't a species and it seems like that might not be the best spot on the agenda for that program. They deserve to not be listed as a "species".

Keri – yes we could. In fact, in our by-laws they are not considered a species, they are a "special consideration".

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Frank – 5 board of directors are up for re-elections each year, so if you're interested in running for the board, applications are due tonight. Please send those to the fair email.

Other than that, it is getting quiet around the fairgrounds and we are getting ready for winter.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Grand Traverse (_____) –

1. The leader meeting for 10/4 has been rescheduled to 10/12 (same time and place, but please be sure to RSVP).
2. The Grand Traverse Extension office has hired the new support staff position. Jessica Protetch has replaced Jenna, and Kate is still the office manager.
3. The Grand Traverse County 4-H Program Coordinator position is still open (through the 24th), so please share with interested people.

Benzie County (Ali Olson) –

Club Leaders – Make sure I have your paperwork by October 15th.

District 3 Horse and Pony Fundraiser Update – Benzie hosted and raised \$2,505 and that money is available to all of District 3 Horse and Pony programs. The money is housed on campus and is available to Benzie if you have a club or activity that is Horse and Pony related. Right now we have a show slated in Benzie and a 2024 Tack Sale. The Fundraiser was easy and a great way to earn funds so we will plan to do that again.

Leelanau County (Rosali Collier) –

4HOnline Enrollment Time: All registered 4-H volunteers and 4-H youth should enroll in 4HOnline again for this new 4-H year, especially to be eligible for next month's Project Sponsorship Drawing. Remember to choose the county where your primary club is held, even if you don't live in that county. Please go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to re-enroll (if you have been a past member) or enroll (if you are a brand-new member). We also have paper forms you can use. Please reach out to your specific county office for assistance with the enrollment process.

4-H Club Leaders: We must have every club complete the Annual Financial Summary Report by October 15th this year—no exceptions. If clubs do not comply with this, the club disbanding process will be started. We 4-H staff want to help you with this and meet this deadline—please reach out to us!

Leelanau County 4-H Fall Leader Updates: I am doing these one-on-one, by appointment. A reminder to all of our Leelanau clubs: we will be holding our county awards celebration during the 4H4All event on January 14th. Please see me for your nomination packet.

Leelanau County School Farm Markets: We are holding outdoor school farm markets this fall at five of our county schools. As usual, we are inviting club members/adult volunteers to help us with providing some small animals or poultry for a petting zoo section at any of the markets. Rabbits, cavy's, poultry, and goats are just the right size for these events! Set up is about an hour before the market starts.

Lake Leelanau St Mary's – Thursday, 10/5/23; 9am-noon

Glen Lake School – Tuesday, 10/10/22; 9am-noon

Northport School – Thursday, 10/19/23; 9:30am-12:30pm

Free smoothies and other treats, and lots of fun outreach with excited kids! It's really nice if your kids go to school there. Please call or email me if you could join us for any of those dates. collierr@msu.edu

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign: Starts this Wednesday, October 4th and goes through the 15th. Leelanau and Grand Traverse share the proceeds of the fundraising from the clover campaign at our wonderful US-31 store in Traverse City, and twice a year the clover campaign brings in amazing donations that our counties use for scholarships for our 4-H'ers to attend camps and fun events like 4-H Exploration Days. If you are able to, please donate at any of our local stores, or, even better, set up a time for your club to help in some way at the store, set up a booth, hold a bake sale fundraiser, or show off some smaller animals. A big thank you to Tractor Supply for their support of our 4-H youth over the years!

OLD BUSINESS:

- a.) Incomplete Record Books = Temporary Program Suspension
- b.) Thank You Notes Due
- c.) Officer Applications Due TONIGHT by 11:59pm – Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
- d.) Species Chair Applicant Speeches & Voting – Dairy Feeder, Poultry, Llama/Alpaca, Lamb, Swine, Large Beef
 - *All species ran unopposed, so they will give a speech and then a motion will take place to approve the applicants. Motion by Gretchen Sauvage, 2nd by Beth Stephens. Approved.
 - Dairy Feeder – Greg Bancroft
 - Poultry – Lynn Henning
 - Llama/Alpaca – Kathy Easter
 - Lamb – Shayna Conger
 - Swine – Jen Davis
 - Large Beef – Haven Bouwens

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**

We are a year round animal, so I want to make sure everyone knows to get their animals out of the cool breezes and watch for illness. I still have guinea pigs available, so please reach out if you're interested. I also have breeding trios of New Zealand available. I was also contacted through the MSU office regarding a 5 year old Netherland Dwarf Buck, he is litter trained and comes with a cage, toys etc. he just needs a home. Please get ahold of me.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call: 231-633-4492

- **Large Beef – Haven Bouwens**

Possession date is January 1st, I know a lot of you are already getting your animals if you don't already have them. Remember that you can tag two. Make sure you are getting your RFID's from the breeders, you should have those before you travel home with your animal. Also, you will want to inquire with the breeder about vaccines and have all of that information. With the changing weather, keep an eye on your animal for any signs of illness. I will begin doing check-in's with the raffle winners next month. If you haven't already picked up your record books, please do. There are some upcoming shows to be aware of, you can reach out with any questions.

Question about the new weight change?? It isn't official yet but we are discussing moving the minimum weight to 1,000lb from 900lbs. We will be taking all of our meeting notes back to the species chairs and then we will roll something out before the 1st of the year (hopefully by December 1st) to make sure everyone is on the same page.

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**

There are a lot of farms in the state that you can buy your calves from, but if you don't have anyone lined up then reach out and I can help you find one. There is a January 1st Born date and possession of March 1st. Even if you have to look out of state or elsewhere, I can help with that too. We have a list going, don't hesitate to reach out. 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**

I was missing a couple of record books so please get those in by November. Sorry, I was helping to package pictures at the last meeting, so I just wanted to say Thank you again for a great year this year and good luck to any of the kids moving up to the "big barn" next year. I cannot wait to watch you apply what you have learned in Junior Beef to your Large Beef projects. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have.
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 Project Sponsorship – taking sponsorships until October 15th, that way it gives us enough time to figure out what we have donated. There are cards you can put your info on to be billed or you can pay Tammy or Leslie tonight. We have quite a few already but I don't have the exact numbers. Once we have them all in we will email those out so you can see what we have to give away. We will also email out the rules, but the big ones are that you must be present to win, and you must be registered in 4-H online.
- b. By Law Change Proposals
 - i. None

2024 SPECIES REGISTRATION

Going live tomorrow on our website so that you can pre-register.

If you want to take advantage of the DA program then please mark that when you register, and the same for Seniors please mark that box. Seniors it is especially important that we have that count for senior ribbons and awards.

Registrations will be flipped every 2 Weeks.

Question – Mary Lynn, is the registration for workbees up?

Keri/Nicki – no, not yet but we will figure it out.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

QUESTIONS

How did the goat show go?

Robin – it went amazingly well! We had 54 entries per show and there were 4 shows.

Adjournment: Approved. Motion by Miranda Ashley, 2nd by Gretchen Sauvage.

Time: 7:21p.m.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2023 @ 6:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church