

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council Meeting

April 4th, 2022

- I. Welcome & Pledges
- II. Executive Members in Attendance
 - a. Kayce Caugh, Keri Bancroft, Anna Fryer, Megan Town, Jenni Wasson
- III. MSU Staff
 - a. Emily Kotz and Rosali Collier
- IV. Members in Attendance
 - a. Sandi Pyle, Abigail Pyle, Beth Stephens, Amanda Wilkins, Lisa Ralph, Hannah Gaither, Sarah Youker, Dan and Leslie Campbell, Elaine Taghon, Dannah Miller, Leslie Littlefield, Kim Franke, Chris Barley, Deb Canfield, Susy White, Heather Rosa, Andrea Bedrick, Debra Gatzke, Shayna Conger, MaryLynn Robertson, Kathy Easter, Gwen Carter, Lynn Henning, Nicki Brown, Jen Stephens, Laurie Ashley, Kelly Saxton, Haven Robinson, Crystal Breithaupt, Dave Robinson, Faith Grose, Mike Barley, Rosali Collier, Emily Kotz, Andrea Hagelstein, Alison Forton, Darlene Wilcoxon, Renee Hobbins, Mary Ann Wilson, Khiela Alpers, Grant family, Kelly Stockfisch, Ella Sockfisch, Sarah Wolf, Miranda Thompson, Gretchen Sauvage, Rosie Shaffer, Diane Moyer, Anne Seitz, Robin Gildner, Olivia Rice
- V. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Added to 11
- VI. Approval of Minutes from March
 - a. Swine Barn
 - i. Membership to see quotes change.
 - b. Motion to approve as amended March 2022 Minutes by Kelly Stockfisch, seconded by Gretchen Sauvage, approved.
- VII. Treasurers Report
 - a. Report Made by Megan and Jenni
- VIII. Fair Board News
 - a. Kayce- Final stages of premium book, if you want anything get ahold of Tom soon!
- IX. 4-H Staff Spotlight

Staff Livestock Council Meeting Announcements April 4, 2022

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. Registration is not yet open, but will open in mid-April. The list of sessions is on the Exploration Days website! https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Participant-Information/ We are taking buses down and back. 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. **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: Wednesday, July 6 or Thursday, July 7 are still available!
3. **Leelanau County 4-H Fan Store is Open!** Now through Sunday, April 17th, you can place an order through our personalized Threads site and purchase items for you, your family, friends, and more (with both youth and adult sizes available). I have also sent a coupon to our active 4-H volunteers to use to purchase one free item for themselves, as a thank-you for their hard work and dedication. We will all place our individual orders by that April 17th deadline, and then the orders will be printed by Threads and either delivered to your home (if you choose to pay the fairly reasonable shipping cost) or I will have the entire order available at the Leelanau County 4-H office in Suttons Bay (after a couple of weeks). An email will go out when the orders are ready for pick-up. Here's the link to shop for t-shirts and hoodies with the amazing graphic created by Leelanau County 4-H youth Bella Wolf. <https://www.threadscustomgear.com/your-store/leelanau-4h-fanwear/>
4. **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. What do you all think of using the Exploration Days theme "Find Your Spark" as the club booth theme? We are looking for ideas from you for this year's theme.
5. **Leelanau County MSU Extension Office Needs a New 4-H Assistant:** Brigid in our office is retiring this month! Please see the county job posting on the Leelanau County Government Center's website: <https://www.leelanau.gov/adminemployment.asp> Over \$18 an hour, 20 hours a week. If you know of anyone who would be interested, encourage them to apply!
6. **Rabbit & Cavy Clinic:** April 23 from 10a to 2p with Gayle Newton at Pleasant Valley Community Center in Arcadia. Register with the link on the Manistee 4-H Livestock Council website www.manistee4hlivestockcouncil.org The link is under the Upcoming Events tab. Stuffed bunnies available for those who do not have a bunny of their own.
7. **Dog Club Leader Needed:** Benzie is looking for a 4-H Dog Club Leader. Club size: approximately 10 to 15 youth. Have kids; need leader.
8. **GT: Scholarship deadlines and announcements:** The Olson Scholarship has not received any applicants yet, so we have decided to extend the deadline by one week. All applications are now due April, 26th. The scholarship is open to a past or present member of a Grand Traverse County 4-H Club who is attending a post-secondary school, including trade schools. Application is posted on our Grand Traverse County webpage but copies of the application are available to take tonight. Please reach out to me or Gretchen if you have questions!
9. **Upcoming Earth Day volunteer opportunities:** Take survey about Adopt a Forest Partnership opportunity on April 23rd. There would be an opportunity to either help clean up a section of local forest land or to help scout out an area and mark its updated status on the DNR database. This would help future groups who would want to go out and clean the same areas. Please complete the survey by the end of this week, April 8th. We have the resources to clean and haul away materials, just need a good group of at least 5-10 people to make it possible. Reach out to me if you have any questions.

10. We also need a new office assistant! Veronica Wilson has moved to a new position with MSU extension. [Job Postings | Grand Traverse County, MI \(gtcountymi.gov\)](http://gtcountymi.gov)
11. Shooting Sports Update: 4-H Ready Aim Shooting Sports club is starting tomorrow night, April 5th at Kingsley Sportsmans Club. See me if you'd like to register, call club leader Rich Steffe with any additional questions or information.
12. Sewing club still accepting members: Meeting on Thursdays, 6-8pm at the MSU Grand Traverse Extension Office. Next meeting is this Thursday, April, 7th.

X. Old Business

- a. Education Expo Expenses
 - i. Kayce provided details. It is on the webpage in the financial section.
 - ii. \$4,559 total for the expo.
 - iii. 757 Contact hours with registered youth
 1. 310 kids total attended
 - a. \$14.71 per 4Her
- b. Appreciation Fund
 - i. Kayce provided a detailed "Appreciation Fund Expenditures" as talked about at previous meetings.
 1. Change Facility Supervisor to Facility Host
 - ii. Under "Council Info" Tab on Website

XI. Species Chair Updates

- a. DA & Goats
 - i. Goats
 1. May 1st Possession, babies Nov/Dec, minimum is 65 ideal 110
 2. CD & T shots
 3. Scrapies Tag and/or registration paper, must have for fair
 4. May tag two animals, both can come to fair if they are both shown
 5. 5/18 6-8 tagging
 6. 4/16 Montcalm County- \$5 for goat and \$5 for showman, counts for education. Will be shared
 7. 82 Show only, 20 Market
 - ii. DA
 1. Waiting on Drawing as mentioned before
 2. Waiting for registrations due and will have the raffle just after
 - a. 3-\$50 scholarships
 - b. 2-\$30 scholarships
 3. Beths 883-6819
 4. 22 kids registered
- b. Dog
 - i. 6/5 Registration
 - ii. Heart Worm Treatment
 - iii. Very willing to help in Benzie County as well
- c. Rabbit/Cavy
 - i. 38 Show, 9 Market (5 roaster, 4 (pens of 3))
 - ii. May 2nd Deadline
 - iii. Fryer/trios 70 day project 4/28-May 1 breeding, born May 28th
 - iv. Rosters \$30 (next week)
 - v. Last Minute Kids, Rabbit is it

- vi. Watch for too much moisture, susceptible for getting ill due to weather.
- d. Poultry
 - i. 4 prod pens, 20 meat pens, 1 duck pen, 7 turkey pens, 4 pens Cornish game
 - ii. Turkeys in possession 4/11-4/23
 - iii. Other birds...Lynn sent an email
 - iv. Questions call 357-5132, all email on poultry tab of website
- e. Llama/Alpaca
 - i. Hillsdale show 4/9, not allowed to groom or show clothes, fun show
 - ii. Thank Jason and Rebecca Gill for program at Education Clinic
 - iii. More online options are available
 - iv. Watch for Meningeal worms starting now, (dragging back legs). Contact ASAP if you notice for proper medication.
 - v. 6/29 @ 5:00, 7/10 @ 5:00- Clinics at Fair Grounds
 - vi. Seniors- Spending 1 day a week on record books! Keep updated for quick turn in directly after fair
- f. Horse
 - i. Registration 5/2
 - ii. August 19th and 21st, state show
 - iii. Bootcamp 5/14 and 5/15- \$50 includes stall, start 8am both days. Reservations by 5/9.
 - 1. You can audit if needed, \$15 family cap. Counts at education
 - iv. Print record books, get started for the year
 - v. Website will be updated today with shows and trainings.
 - vi. Schedule for Coggins.
- g. Swine
 - i. 138 Market, Cloverbud 15, Seniors 9, SS 5 DA 1 total of 168
 - ii. Possession Date May 1st.
 - iii. 5/18 6-8 and 5/22 noon- 3 tagging
 - iv. \$10 for second Pig
 - v. 1 Breeder still waiting for 840 tags
 - vi. Record Books will be done very soon
 - vii. Senior bios send to Nicki
- h. Lamb
 - i. 44 market, 10 show, 15 Cloverbud total of 69
 - ii. Tagging 5/18 6-8 and 5/22 noon-3
 - iii. Shearing/Triming TBD
 - iv. Senior Bios turned in by 5/30
 - v. Volunteers during fair week needed
 - vi. Blue/Gold show Barry County 5/28 (Hastings Michigan) entries due May 7th.
 - vii. Anyone with Lamb.....be sure you have dry bedding and watch with changing weather.
 - viii. Possession is May 1st.
- i. Dairy Feed
 - i. Registration- 26 Market, 6 Cloverbud, 3 Show only, 1 Senior
 - ii. Tagging Beginning of May
 - iii. With questions email, call or text 231-632-8640 ghannah6115@gmail.com
- j. Jr. Beef
 - i. 96 total, 27 cloverbud, 67 market, 2 show only, 2 seniors

- ii. Watch for welcome email the next week.
- iii. Possession day 5/15, tagging in June
- iv. Tag second for \$10
- v. Birthday after 1/1
- vi. 100% beef, no dairy cross
- vii. Ask breeder for vaccine info and health information.
- viii. Try to stay away from sale barns as they may have dairy mix.
- ix. If you need help finding a calf, please let Amanda know and there is breeder list.
- x. Have pens ready....set up and disinfected before bringing animal home
- xi. 6/15 and 6/23 6-8pm cattle practices and 7/13 6-8pm, 7/24 430-630pm
- xii. Summer shows on mishowpoints.com

k. Large Beef

- i. 71, 5 heifers, 2 show only
- ii. Tagging is complete- if fall out please let Crystal know
- iii. Great turnout on 3/17 clinic.
- iv. Watch changes with weather, dry pens!
- v. Watch for ringworm and lice
- vi. Be about 1000lbs currently
- vii. Complete Education credits ASAP to get out of the way, some online
- viii. Hoof trimming TBD

XII. New Business

a. Expenditures Outside of Budget

i. Met with MSU about expenses.

1. Found that there were 3 bank accounts, they all were combined and found that we had \$114,000 in our bank account.
 - a. Budget: \$27,400 (increased budget)
2. Have a few things that struggle that we could potentially use the additional funds on.
 - a. A few things we could do for the kids.
 - i. T-shirts for 50th Anniversary for kids or a few other things for 50th anniversary.
 - b. Equipment in the Barns
 - i. Lambs...grooming stanchions
 - ii. Cattle...grooming stanchions for 200 head of cattle
 - iii. Rabbits...Freezers that fail and old wooden tables
 - iv. Poultry... Very old cages
 - v. Fencing... Filled with cement, need fencing for other events.
 - vi. Additional equipment around the grounds (nothing permanent due to regulation)
 1. BENEFITS ALL KIDS
3. If we brought in nothing this year, we would still have over \$58,000 in the account.
4. Board is asking the membership to help determine how to spend the funds and seeking support to spend \$50,000 to put into equipment for the program.
 - a. Elaine- doesn't believe we should decide tonight.

- b. Shayna-needing for her barn quick and must be ordered soon as we are having issues with back orders. HAS TO BE DONE!
- c. Kelly and MaryLynn- Potential that 4Her needs to do fundraising.
 - i. Poultry has done a raffle, made \$800
- d. Andrea- Can we use for swine water?
 - i. Swine water is permanent so we are unable to.
- e. Sandi Pyle
 - i. Safety- we shouldnt worry about \$50,000
- f. Leslie Littlefield- Swine Barn waterers
 - i. Great idea from Board!
- g. Stephanie- Potential use resources like ordering from Menards with 11% back....will help to put money back.
- h. Kelly Stockfisch- Would like to see a priority list.
 - i. Doesn't want to just "say" spend \$50,000.
 - ii. Would like to plan a special meeting ASAP.
- i. Crystal- 2 Year plan to bring down the fund balance
 - i. Cut in half
 - ii. Give go ahead for Poultry immediately
 - 1. Rough estimate for Poultry-\$27,000
- j. Robin
 - i. Bulk Discount- Better Discount
- k. Kayce
 - i. Will do multiple bids and will look for discounts
 - ii. Will come up with a priority list.
 - iii. Planned a meeting in two weeks. (April 18 @ 6:30pm to make a final plan to begin ordering) Species chairs and members are to bring ideas and priorities to discuss and for approval.

XIII. Committee Updates

- a. Workbees on agenda for April Meeting and Link on Website
 - i. Do on Sign up genius!
 - ii. Get signed up!
- b. All clubs must be signed up for a committee, please reach out to get signed up, if not signed up Keri will sign you up 😊 .
 - i. Keri's phone number 231-633-5374
- c. Buyers Lunch
 - i. Ebels is once again catering, pulled pork and coleslaw
- d. Cherry Festival Parade
 - i. Amanda will work on the application and help someone organize

XIV. Questions/Comment?

- a. Is the savings on the balance sheet?
 - i. Quarterly on the sheet as the checking account is monthly.
- b. Financials were a big shock, ready to put back into the programs.
- c. Have the accounts been audited?
 - i. Has been, perhaps not recently. It will be requested by MSU (specifically stated by MSU attendees)

- ii. Potentially have a professional look over the accounts.
 - 1. Did do but did not understand how the livestock funds worked.
- iii. Balance sheet needs to be a part of the monthly financial report.

XV. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Shayna Conger, seconded by Lisa Ralph, adjourned at 8:17pm.