

● Council Board Meeting

● Draft Minutes

● Tuesday, April 22, 2025

● 6:30pm – Sauce

● Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM.
- **Board Members Present:** Keri Bancroft, Shayna Conger, Faith Grose, Katrina Grose, Nicki Brown.
- **Specie Chairs Present:** Rick Tallieu , Lynn Henning, Haven Bouwens, Amanda Wilkins, Robin Gildner, Kathy Easter, Renee Hobbins, Jen Davis, Mandy Depuy, Beth Stevens.
- **Teen Representatives Present:** Emma Brown, Holly Heuser, Adam Wilcoxon, Ashley Folkersma.
- **MSU Representative Present:** Sarah Bye, Ali Ballard, Danny Schaub.

● Approval of the Agenda

- Additions:
 - Registration sheets.
 - 4-H family that had a loss.
- **Motion by** Adam Wilcoxon
- **Second by** Holly Heuser

● Minutes from 3/18/25

- **Motion to approve the minutes.**
 - **Motion by** Renee Hobbins.
 - **Seconded By** Rick Tallieu.
- Do we want to email our council board minutes with the email for the council meeting, or should they look them up on the website?
 - Ashley F: We can move to the main page to link to the minutes and add in the email where the minutes can be added.

● Communication from Fair Board, LC Members, MSU Staff or Public

- Before the last livestock council meeting the board received some emails asking about some expenses. Katrina was able to answer the question about the cattle ear tags. Another question was what were the \$149 fees and why we had written a check to the NWMI Fair, \$149 were the speaker fees and the checks written to NWMI Fair was because Katrina didn't know she had to do that.
- Randy Stockfisch asked if we would hire a bookkeeper for the council and we were sent to Kristy.

- The board didn't get the email response from Kristy to Randy.
 - The Livestock Council can't hire a bookkeeper, this is a MSU policy. We will let the membership know this information and MSU does review our account.
- Question about the record eagle ad was asked because there were more kids missing, how can we make this better?
 - We are looking for suggestions to cut it down to something more simple to help cut down on the errors or possibility for errors and also the large cost.
 - Maybe a slideshow sent to the news could be an option, also it could be added to our social media account.
 - Corrugated sign at the auction trailer posted for the week of the previous years buyers
 - Any other questions, comments, concerns, or ideas send Keri an email.
 - The ad will go to all the specie chairs and they will sign off but its 24 hour turn around.
- A 4-H parent passed away; kids are 12,10 and 7. We reached out to the 4-H leader and asked how can we help? The leader asked if we could help with Easter baskets. Baskets were donated on behalf of the livestock council
 - They are in need of clothing. Bring any items to the Monday meeting. Sarah with Grand Traverse MSU-
- Friday, September 5th the Leader's Association will host at the Bancroft's a 4-H Family Reunion
 - Tell stories and appreciate Volunteers
 - Eat Great Cookout food and dishes to pass
 - Play games like competitive Euchre and Corn Hole
 - Questions asked if this is with advisory council, is it only for Grand Traverse County
 - Kathy we are all one that's not what 4-H is about.
 - Ali can see what her Benzie advisory committee would help with.
 - Ashley offered to contact and get donations.
 - Danny said Leelanau county can help.
- General Federation of Women's Clubs this Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 am – 12 pm looking for judges at the Park Place
 - ○ Arts and Crafts
 - ○ Photography
 - ○ Scrapbooking
- MakerFest at the Civic Center this Saturday 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM.
 - ○ How Birds Build Nests
 - ○ Volunteers to Bring Animals
- Expo Days Closes on Friday – Bring a Friend.

- Tractor Supply Sign up is still available for the paper clover campaign

Club Wish List is still open until May 15th.

- College Scholarship Deadlines coming up.
- Volunteer Recruitment Appreciated.
 - ○ Clubs who have all parents registered
 - ○ Leaders who look ahead for the need
- Ali with Benzie MSU-
 - Benzie spin dog club meetings June 2nd-29th meet Mondays.
- Danny with Leelanau MSU-
 - Tractor safety Sundays in May 4, 18, 25 testing June 1st, 14-15 year olds \$60 scholarships available.
- **Workbees**
- First is May 3rd double work bee.
 - Katrina and Faith will be there.
 - Let Keri and Amanda know any barn work that needs done.
- **Financial Report**
 - Katrina gave the report for March financial report.
 - Katrina discovered the restricted income doesn't reflect what we brought in for the auction in 2024 it reflects the previous years.
- **Expenditures**
 - Education Expo was over budget.
 - Request for the increase was proposed for our annual budget but it was denied.
 - Food was up \$500
 - We purchased the Technology package this year.
 - So far our overage doesn't count any youth that may ask for education reimbursement.
 - We will go to the membership and ask for a \$3,500 increase to our education budget.
- How many kids attended the Education Expo?
- Ali had a total attendance of 419 youth
 - About 800-1000 credits broke down to \$18.00 per youth.
 - Question on those amounts from Nicki
 - Not exact amounts, Ali will have them for the 05/05/2025 meeting
- Question: How many last year applied for the reimbursement?
 - We can go back and see, but the number varies from each year.
 - We could see an increase since everyone has been promoting this more.
 - Leaders association does reimburse ½ for GT County.
- We only reimburse if it's animal related education.
- The board is going to look at speaker fees for next year and see what guidelines we could use for cost in the future.
 - Someone brought up higher quality speakers do come at a higher cost.

- MAFE cost was up from the past couple years since all board members attended this year.

- **Project Give A Way**
 - A flyer and tri-fold is being worked on.
 - Faith does have a flyer for the auction book. (copy provided tonight)
 - It was proposed to change the wording from Project Give Away to Project Scholarship Opportunity.
 - We changed the feed grants to a \$50 and \$100 grant because it's too confusing to do small and large animals.

- **Fair Schedule**
 - Amanda mentioned we should check with Sonya about when youth and spouses will be able to get their wristbands at fair.

- **Name Tag & Livestock Shirts**
 - Name tag ordering is on the Livestock Council website under “the leaders corner” tab
 - Keri will be placing orders after the May 5th council meeting.
 - If you would like a shirt or other apparel embroidered keri will be placing the order at the end of May, price per item embroidered was \$9.00 it might be \$12.00 this year keri will confirm.
 - This is not a requirement.

- **Senior Awards**
 - Specie chairs go through your lists and send Keri an email with your graduating seniors' names.
 - Awards will be ordered mid May.

- **Barn Awards**
 - Specie chairs didn't have suggestions for new award names/ topics.
 - Each specie is going to do their own or stick with the Rising Star and

- Excellence in 4-H awards.
- Budget is about \$20 per specie.

- **Education Credits**

- Ali is working on the education breakdown further.
- All credits have been entered.
- May 9th Ali will have an email sent to leaders with their current registrations.
- Yellow is duplicates, reds are drops
- Ali will put a key on the spreadsheet.

- **Barn Needs**

- Keri has a list of Barn needs from Poultry and Swine.
- Everyone else get lists to Keri by May 15th.
- We get better pricing when we order in larger groups.
- Question: are we working on protection for the audio system for the Haberlein area? ● Yes we have a plan to build a cabinet for the audio controls.
- Anyone that has extra barn needs can also apply to the leaders association to help with funds.
- We will check with Frank on the Cattle hoses.

- **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm
 - ○ **Motioned By:** Rick Tallieu
 - ○ **Seconded By:** Beth Stevens