

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES - Draft

Monday, April 3, 2023

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, Emily Kotz, Ali Olson

PRESENT: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER: Time 6:30 pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Blood Drive

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

MINUTES: Approved. Motion by Lisa Ralph, 2nd by Collin Heuser.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

See Financial Statements for March

No Questions

PUBLIC COMMENT*

None

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Milt is starting to pull out winter storage items, so get with him if he has something you need.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Grand Traverse (Emily Kotz) -

Andrew Olson Scholarship:

The 2023 Andrew Olson Scholarship Applications are open to any high school senior member of a Grand Traverse County 4-H Club who will be attending a post-secondary school or trade school in the coming fall. Three (3) \$775 scholarships will be awarded

in 2023. Applicants may re-apply annually if they maintain active 4-H club membership. Applications need to be submitted by April 28th, 2023. To apply, please send your completed application by email or in person with a current photograph of yourself to:

Emily Kotz at kotzemil@msu.edu, or to the Grand Traverse MSUE 4-H office.

Cone Drive Industries Tour – April 14th 3:30-4:30pm. Are you interested in learning

more about a local Traverse City business and future career opportunities? Cone Drive Industries is offering a 4-H career tour on April 14th from 3:30-4:30pm for 4-H youth

interested in learning more about their business and career opportunities. If you would like to attend, please reach out to Emily Kotz at

kotzemil@msu.edu for details.

Grand Traverse County summer family camping weekend at Interlochen State Park: July 14th-16th

– The Grand Traverse Youth Leader’s Association has reserved the group camping site at Interlochen State Park for GT County 4-H participants to use during the weekend of July 14-16th. There will be educational activities led by the park staff on Saturday and

other educational activities provided by 4-H staff. It is free to attend. Please contact Emily Kotz at

kotzemil@msu.edu or Gretchen Sauvage if you are interested in

participating! It will be tenting camping primarily, with the option of having 2 campers on site as well.

Benzie County (Ali Olson) –

There are still sessions open for 4-H Exploration Days and Benzie has scholarships available.

Benzie 4-H Advisory Council is reforming after nearly 2 years of inactivity and we are looking for youth and adult council members. Please contact Ali Olson at olsonal8@msu.edu for more information.

Leelanau County (Rosali Collier) -

4-H Tractor Safety Program: MSU Extension/Leelanau 4-H will host an in-person 4-H Tractor Safety Program for 14 and 15-year-old youth on Sundays, April 30, May 7, and May 21 from 3:00-5:00 pm at the NW MI Horticulture Research Center (between Suttons Bay and Traverse City on County Rd 633). The written and driving test will be held in-person, by appointment, on Sunday, June 4 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Rain date will be Sunday, June 11. Participants must attend all four days to become certified. The cost is \$60 per student, which includes the classes, manual, certificate, and snack on testing day. Some scholarships are available if finances are an issue. Youth must be 14 years of age by June 1, 2023. Space is limited to 20 youth. The registration deadline is April 21, 2023. Registration is online-only in a two-step process. First, register and pay at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/TractorSafety2023/>, and second, become a 4-H member with Leelanau County and create a family account online at <https://v2.4honline.com/>, choosing the Tractor Safety program as their club. Once registered, participants will receive more information about signing up for the testing day. For more information, contact Rosali Collier, Leelanau County 4-H Program Coordinator, at collierr@msu.edu or 231-256-9888.

Tanner 4-H Exhibit Building Information: We now have the Tanner 4-H Exhibit Building Packets ready to share, as well as the club booth display registration form. The theme for the displays is “Tell Your 4-H

Story”, and the registration form will be due by Monday, June 26th, at the Livestock Council meeting on the fairgrounds or at the Grand Traverse County 4-H office. The packet and registration form will be put on the Livestock Council website, and hard copies will be available at our 4-H offices. For more information, please email Rosali at collierr@msu.edu or Emily at kotzemil@msu.edu

OLD BUSINESS:

- a.) Education Expo 2023 – (See Education Expo Summary)

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) 2024 Education Expo – Booked for March 3, 2024 at the Grand Traverse Resort. Although there are 4 spaces instead of 5, we will stick with 25 sessions. Mary Lynn asked if it was less than GWL. Keri answered that GT Resort gave us 50% off, making the rental \$2500, and the food cost is projected to be less, so ultimately YES it should be less overall. We can utilize our own sound equipment as well instead of paying for that. We are already able to start reaching out to potential guest speakers now, which puts us ahead of the game for next year.
- b.) Blood Drive (Gretchen Sauvage) – The blood drive is on the Versiti website to sign up for. This money goes toward the Tanner building events: cloverbud activities, Tanner building awards, etc. Hopefully there will be a QR code at the next meeting to be able to use to sign up.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

- **Differently Abled – Beth Stephens**

None

- **Goat – Robin Gildner**

Possession date is May 1st. Start preparing for your project to come home now. It is a good idea to print the goat health form off the livestock council website and take it with you when you pick up your goat. That way you can ask all of the questions you will need to know. Be sure your project has a scrapie tag already in the ear or that the breeder provides you with one, and that the corresponding numbers are tattooed in their ears. If your project is registered, you will need a pedigree from an accredited association.

There are currently: 49 youth registered, 13 market, 14 cloverbuds.

Updated record books have been uploaded to the livestock council website. Start them early and don't forget your beginning pictures.

Two tagging dates will take place at the back of the goat barn on the fairgrounds:

May 13th, 10am – 12pm

May 28th 10am – 12pm

There is a google doc form on the Facebook page (Goat Barn – NWMI Livestock Council), as well as having been emailed out. Please register for one of these two dates and if you cannot make these dates, then please reach out to make other arrangements.

If anyone is searching for a project, please reach out as there are two different families with goats for sale.

Upcoming clinics and education info will be posted to the Goat Facebook page, so keep an eye out for that.

Any questions please let me know, 231-883-2002 or info@luckyfarmsmi.com

- **Dog – Gretchen Sauvage**

Sign up your dog now, don't wait until June 5th. Time for Flea and Tick meds and Heartworm. Start your record books. Sign up for a workbee. The State Dog Committee will have a weekend workshop on June 2nd, 3rd & 4th at the Isabella County 4H Camp. MSU Events and Facebook will have more info coming soon, there will be camping available across the street from this event. Any questions please reach out: ges5250@gmail.com or 231-883-3378.

- **Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph**

Delivered 5 market pens yesterday and there's a total of 8 this year. You have until May 1st to sign up for one. If you need help finding a project let me know as soon as possible. With the break in the weather watch for health issues like sneezing, eye goop, etc. cleaning hutches and grooming right now are vital as they will start blowing their coat, watch for furballs. I give mine papaya enzymes to help break that up. Temps are going to get warm so watch carefully that they don't have heat issues in the next few days. Clinics will be coming in May and June and we will post information soon.

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

- **Poultry – Lynn Henning**

Turkeys have been ordered. If there is anyone who didn't answer my email then please reach out, TSC should have extra. If you are here tonight, I can add you to the list so let me know. We have two kinds of ducks and I am hopeful they have already secured their ducks. Clinics will be coming in May and June and we will get those posted.

Call with any questions, 231-357-5132.

- **Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins**

May 1st registration. Start deworming and schedule shearing. Clinics at the Fairgrounds:

June 28th, 5pm – 7pm

July 9th, 5pm – 7pm

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

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

- **Horse – Mandy DePuy**

Reminder to have coggins pulled as well as any vaccination your veterinarian recommends.

Registration deadline is at next month's meeting – May 1 so please get signed up asap. To date we have 27 registered 4hers.

We will be offering some new halter classes this year as well as championship classes for western, English and gymkhana divisions.

Education opportunity on May 13 & 14 at the NW MI Fairgrounds.

The 4H Horse & Pony Council will be holding their annual weekend bootcamp which is open to all 4Her's. Registration is currently open. Cost for the weekend is \$50 and includes a stall. If you do not want to bring a horse you can register to audit the weekend or a day for \$5 per day. We have 8 clinicians to date that will cover a variety of topics for the horse projects.

Updated Record books are available on the website.

Don't hesitate to call or email with any questions: Mandy DePuy -
mandydepuy@gmail.com

231-649-3102

- **Swine – Jennifer Davis**

May 1st possession date. Make sure they have an 840 yellow tag and/or there's a method for you to get them. NEW TAGGING SYSTEM!!! Virtual tagging will now be the main method. This is exciting news! There will be pictures that you will need to take from each side, including the ear tag. Then you will upload this to a google form that will be emailed to you. June 30th is when all education is due, so please ensure that is met. There are education opportunities listed on the website. There will also be a water clinic coming in May or June. Record books and policies are being reviewed and will be posted to the website as soon as they are complete.

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

- **Lamb – Shayna Conger**

Possession coming up on May 1st. Lambs should be born after January 1st. Tagging and Shearing coming up on May 20th, 10am – 1pm. You can tag an extra lamb for \$10. Shearing cost in \$10. Don't forget to sign up for workbees. Minimum weight is 105lb, and we are working out a way to weigh lambs at shearing. If you are looking for breeders, there's a list available on the website. Brenda Bigelow has one lamb available, you can contact her at 231-649-0901. If you already have your projects please make sure they have fresh bedding, food and water. They will need CDT shots in order to come to fair. Most breeders should have already given them this shot, but please make sure.

Clinics:

June 24th, 4pm – 7pm at the fairgrounds

July 1st, 10am – 1pm at the fairgrounds

July 15th, TBD at Lucky Farms (AI Clinic)

Current Registration = 75 total, 17 Cloverbuds, 9 Show Only, 49 Market

Facebook page is: Sheep Barn – NWMI Livestock Council

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions: 231-357-6898

- **Dairy Feeder – Hannah Gaither:**

Since we live in Michigan the weather fluctuates so please watch for snotty noses or sickness. Ensure there is fresh water, bedding and hay for your project. It is never too late/early to start your record books. It is never too early to start working with your project as far as putting a halter on them.

Aiming for May to do tagging. Possible education opportunity on June 30th at 4pm – Stars and Stripes Dairy cattle show in Columbus City, IN. They have all the classes for you to watch a full Dairy show.

If you have any questions, please call or email: 231-492-7709, hannah@fortyfivenorth.com

- **Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins**

Total Number of registrations = 106

58 Market

34 Cloverbud

14 Show Only

14 Youth sharing a calf

2 Seniors

1 DA Participant

If you drop the Jr. Beef program, please let me know as I am working on a tagging schedule based on the numbers we currently have.

Possession date is May 15th. You can tag an extra calf for \$10 and the calf may only be used within the family that tagged it.

Calves are starting to be born, make sure you are on a list with a breeder. 100% Beef breeds (Angus, Chi, Hereford, etc. or a cross of beef breeds), No dairy crosses. Smaller breeds such as Dexter and Highland Cattle should only be used for cloverbud or show only participants, as they do not meet the standards for the large beef program and many market Jr. Beef will go to youth in the large beef program.

Calves must be born after January 1st. Make sure you get an RFID tag from breeder.

Vaccines: when you pick up your calf ask if it has been vaccinated and make sure to take a health record form with you, if the breeder vaccinated the calf you will need to get the vaccine information for the health record. If your calf was not vaccinated, it will be your responsibility to vaccinate your calf for Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Parainfluenza 3 (PI3), and Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV) before unloading at fair.

All the record books and policy and procedures have been updated and uploaded to the website for the 2023 year.

Cattle practice (for all cattle) dates:

June 15th, 6pm – 8pm (Tagging available)

June 25th, 4:30pm – 6:30pm (Tagging available)

July 11th 6pm – 8pm

July 19th, 6pm – 8pm

Education credits are due June 30th. There are still MI show point shows coming up throughout the spring and you can find the dates on the MI show points website. June 3rd Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp @ Ionia County Fair limited to the first 100 youth. \$75, deadline to register is May 15th.

Beef Series Part 2 at Kent County. Must be enrolled in 4-H to attend:

April 16th Showmanship and Judges perspective

May 14th Fitting and Clipping

June 11th Hair and Skin

July 23rd Fair Prep and Show Success (After education deadline)

Michigan 4-H/FFA State Meats Judging contest May 10th MSU Meat Lab Registration due May 1st. Online opportunity – Beef Quality Assurance. To receive credit you must complete the class and send the certificate of completion to me. All the registration links are on the Livestock Council and Beef program Facebook Pages. Also, if you attend a clinic that has a cost, you can submit for partial reimbursement by filling out the reimbursement form and giving a brief presentation at a livestock council meeting.

Call or text with questions: 231-357-0777, jrbeef4h@yahoo.com

- **Large Beef – Crystal Breithaupt**

June 17th - Noble Hoof Care Clinic @ Fairgrounds, 8am – 2pm price TBD

If your animals hooves are getting too long and you need help with hoof care prior to June please reach out and I can help you.

Market record book is available online, please get started on these. Currently working on a show only record book. Policy book is still being updated, but nothing major. Tagging has been complete for awhile, if you lose a tag please let us know right away. They need to have an RFID tag. Remember to update the Health Record Form throughout the project. As we get closer to fair, be conscious of withdrawal dates. This is a good time to do a check on feed/rations. Your project should have doubled in size by now and will be eating considerably more.

Cattle Dates (See Jr. Beef notes)

Upcoming Shows:

April 22nd – Heart of MI, Reed City

May 6th – Middle of Mitten, Midland

May 21st – Cherry Capital Beef Classic @ Fairgrounds

For any questions you can call 231-620-0407.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a.) Sign ups – Nicki – We are not officially done with sign up, still a couple needed. Next month will start committee updates from each committee. If you don't remember which committee your club has signed up for then please get with me.
- b.) Work bees – Amanda – continue to sign up on the sign up genius, the link is on the website and Facebook page. Make sure you are signing up one 4-Her per slot, I am still getting sign ups that say "Smith Family". When you sign up that way I don't know the kid's name so you will need to sign up on a blank sheet at the work bee to actually get credit and your name will not be on the pre-printed sheet. One, 2 Hour Work bee is required for all 4-Her's aged 8-19.

Dates:

May 6th 9am – 11:30am and 2pm – 4pm (Spring clean up, lots of raking and moving debris)

May 10th 6pm – 8:30pm

June 13th 6pm – 8:30pm

July 26th 6pm – 8:30pm

As dates get closer, I will be working with the fair board on projects that need to be done and which tools will be needed. You will be asked to bring those tools and if you do not bring tools with you then you will be on trash pick up duty. Let me know if you have any questions regarding sign up. Email: jrbeef4h@yahoo.com

- c.) Auction Committee – Leslie – provided copies of quotes received to print auction books, and we are going to use Copy shop. They came in quite a bit lower than everyone else. The bid cards have already been printed and are in our office at the Fair offices. Steers are first this year and swine are last, it's been 2 years and was time to rotate. I would personally like to thank Dave Robinson for doing all the wooden clovers. Next meeting is May 4th at the fairgrounds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Ralph – so glad we are moving to another venue for the Expo due to parking issues and classroom locations. Thank you to the board for looking into that and making a change.

Keri – We found some senior plaques while cleaning the office so if you know any of these seniors please come and collect them. Record books are on the back table to be picked up, after tonight you can pick them up at the MSU office from Emily. There are also two boxes of stuff from the office that are up for grabs before they get donated.

QUESTIONS

None

Adjournment: Approved. Motion by: Colin Heuser, 2nd by Michelle Reinke.

Time: 7:16 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 1st, 2023 - 6:30pm – Livestock Council Meeting - Redeemer Lutheran Church

Club	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
A Backyard Bunch				x			
All Creatures Great & Small	x	x		x			
Barn Busters	x	x					
Beef & Bacon Bunch	x	x	X				
Benzie Cowabungas	x	x	X	x			
Bits & Grits				x			
Boots & Roots	x	x	X	X			
Caring Critters							
Carousel Club	x	x	X	x			
Country Cousins		x	X				
Country Kids	x	x	X	x			
Country Roots			X	x			
Crazy Acres	x	x	X				
Dirty Boots & Country Roots							
Dogs R Us							
Dusty Trails	x	x	X	x			
Excalibur Mazkaraders	x	x		x			
Farm and Fleece	x		X				
Forever Farmin'		x	X	x			
Frontier Quest		x					
Gotta Lluva Cool Critter	x	x	X	x			
Green Acres	x	x	X	x			
Happy Highlanders	x	x	X	x			
Happy Hooves	x	x	X	x			

