

Council Board Meeting

Draft Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

6:30pm – Sauce

Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM.
- **Board Members Present:** Keri Bancroft, Shayna Conger, Faith Grose, Katrina Grose.
- **Specie Chairs Present:** Rick Tallieu, Greg Bancroft, Lynn Henning, Haven Bouwens, Amanda Wilkins, Gretchen Sauvage, Kathy Easter, Jodi Ortega, Renee Hobbins.
- **Teen Representatives Present:** Emma Brown, Holly Heuser, Collin Heuser, Adam Wilcoxon.
- **MSU Representative Present:** Kristy Oosterhouse.

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

- Danny Schaub began as Program Coordinator in Leelanau.
- Discussion on reintroducing tables for member meetings.
- Kristy, if people have individual concerns they need to reach out to their program coordinator.
- We will send out the minutes for the board meeting and approve them at each meeting.
- Clarification regarding rumors that questions were not allowed:
 - Neither MSU nor Livestock Council Board Members have restricted questions.
 - Efforts are being made to create a welcoming environment for youth.
 - Questions may take 24-48 hours for responses based on complexity.
 - We will address the rumor mill before the meeting saying questions are welcome.
- **Votes Taken:**
 - Agreement to allow 48 hours for response to questions (unanimous).

Updates

Registrations:

- Updates to columns for work bees and education underway by Ali.
- Combined master project registration spreadsheet is being updated by Ali.
- Leaders and co-leaders registered by MSU will have access to view and sort.
- Haven Can we have access to the leader list so we know who we need to reach out to?
- Keri, yes I can send that to specie chairs.
- Amanda, do leaders have the ability to sort?
- Kristy, they should be able to, please contact me if they are having issues.
- Haven, where are we putting drops
- Keri, mark the drops as red on the master sheet, we can get them moved.
- Ricky, is the list live?
- Kristy, Yes but the master list is not live. Ali is adding or editing that sheet.

- Kristy will send out an email with this update so everyone knows what is going on for the specie chairs.

Record Books- at GT County Office

- Uploads ongoing; awaiting responses for some species.
- All record books that were left are at the MSU office.
- Amanda, could we get a list of the clubs that have some left?
- Keri we can work with Sara on this.

Treasurer/Finances:

- Financial report presented by Katrina.
- Grand Traverse Resort contract for next Education Expo supported by attendees.
- Meijer should be coming soon and it's at corporate per Ali.
- The other two individuals will get a strongly worded letter and if it goes to small claims we will do that.

Committees

Auction Committee:

- Drivers' licenses will be required for buyers to reduce misinformation.
- Discussion on managing proxy bidders and addressing ownership verification.

Education Expo Recap:

- Participation: 409.
- Cost breakdown pending for April meeting.

Awards by Species:

- Rising Star awards are set at \$10 per piece, with medal costs at \$6-\$7.
- Specie Chairs to provide updates on their plans by the next meeting.

Barn Needs:

- Barn wish lists discussed; limited funding noted.
- Fairboard will purchase antiseptic supplies.
- The Livestock Council is purchasing antiseptic supplies as well.

Fair Schedule

- **Swine Show Changes:**
 - One-day format: Showmanship in the morning, Market in the afternoon.
 - Adjustments may be made based on temperature that day.
 - The reason we reached out to others outside of the area to see what other fairs and breeders do for fairs our size.
 - Amanda, I heard youth that are excited for a one day show.
 - Rick I spoke with someone and they were excited for a one day show.
 - Any other schedule changes?
- Goat and Lamb show schedule change for Tuesday: Goats at 9 AM; Lambs at 1 PM.

Ribbons

- Participation ribbons to be phased out due to waste concerns.
- Those in attendance review the ribbon counts needed per species.

Seniors

- Look at your list for this we ordered in May, I will have a list for the next meeting.
- Anyone have any questions?
- No.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.
 - **Motioned By:** Adam Wilcoxon.
 - **Seconded By:** Collin Hauser.