

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES - APPROVED

Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

6:30pm Redeemer Lutheran Church

OFFICERS: Keri Bancroft, Leslie Campbell, Katrina Grose, Amber Pomper, absent: Nicki Brown

TEEN REPS: Miranda Ashley, Kelsey Bott, Emma Brown, Raven Butler, Molly Dane, Addisen Harrand, Aiden Harrand, Colin Heuser, Holly Heuser, Darlene Wilcoxon

STAFF: Rosalie Collier, Kristy Oosterhouse, Ali Olson

PRESENT: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

4-H MakerSpace Club – Paul F. Grayson, Club Leader

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Approved. Motion by: Miranda 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Gretchen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved. Motion by: Gretchen 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Holly

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(See Financial Report)

Outstanding checks need to be cashed soon or else they will be re-issued with a \$35 re-issue fee. Contact Katrina for the list of members with outstanding checks.

PUBLIC COMMENT\* - Agenda Items Only

None

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Frank Guerin

180 Days until Fair! Work Bees starting soon. There was a question last meeting about doing fair voting by QR code, but it is in our by-laws that everything must be done by pen and paper, so you would need to put forward an amendment to change the by-laws which happens at our annual meeting in November.

Question for Frank– How was MAFE?

Good, we were able to learn a lot and meet many different vendors. Those that were brave enough to come out during snowpocolypse! Some new vendors that we met were great and we have a lot of contacts. We booked many of our events and vendors for Fair 2024. More updates to come. Don't forget to get your megabands, they are available now.

#### STAFF SPOTLIGHT: (EMAIL)

Grand Traverse (Kristy O.) – The position for the GT Coordinator closed last week and we reviewed applicants this week, so we will be moving forward with the interview process next. It will take some time to get through the entire process so we are hoping by April, but we will see. The potential office move is still in flex and we will be going through all of the supplies and curriculum at the GT Office so at some point in the next year we will be doing a list of items that would be available to clubs for free.

Benzie County (Ali Olson) – Register in 4-H online. If Benzie Club Leaders would like access to their roster let me know, otherwise I will continue to email them out.

Leelanau County (Rosali Collier) –

Preparation for Expo: All 4-H youth and 4-H volunteers should be fully registered in 4-H Online by Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, in order to participate in the Education Expo. Reach out to your 4-H county staff for assistance if needed.

4-H Clover Award: All Grand Traverse, Benzie, and Leelanau County 4-H members ages 10-19 are eligible to apply for the 4-H Clover Award. Applications are due by Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> to the Grand Traverse or Leelanau 4-H offices. Finalists will be chosen and the top three will be interviewed the Monday of fair, by appointment. The top youth will be awarded the award during the 4-H Awards ceremony on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. The prize is a \$100 VISA gift card, certificate, and a ribbon. We have a few copies of the application here tonight, and a fillable version will be put on the Livestock Council website.

Tanner 4-H Exhibit Building: We will be offering a more competitive club booth display competition with the top three booths: \$100, \$75, and \$50 VISA gift cards to the first, second, and third place winners. This year's theme for the club booth displays is "Oh, The Places You'll Go with 4-H!". Every club can show what makes their club unique and how taking part in 4-H leads to amazing things.

Nicki Brown MSU Advisory Council Update –  
Update coming at the February Meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### a. Farm Bureau Record Books

Jeff Dreves – 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$20), 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$40), 1<sup>st</sup> (\$60)

\*Over \$1200 to hand out tonight!

3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> by species

Horses - Emma Brown, Rosalie Gibson, Adam Wilcoxen

Steer – Eleanor Valkner, Aizlyn McKinley, Garret Grant

Poultry – Xander Thompson, Dorian Wares, Sophia Shuff

Jr. Beef – Kenneth Grant, Ariyah McKinley, Eli Noonan

Llama – Kinsley Crowther, Grace Watson, Adam Wilcoxen

Rabbit – Miranda Ashley, Kyara Taylor, Kylie Brugh

Dairy Feeder – Cameron Bedrick, Gianna Needham, Taryn Willams

Lamb – Evelyn Appier, Mallory Guffey, Emma Herrington

Goat – Brookelynn Rosa, Addison Duvall, Madelynne Johns

Swine – Kaylee Schaub, Kylie Bender, Kelsey Bott

Reserve Grand Champion – Sophia Shuff

Grand Champion – Kelsey Bott

Livestock Council Overall Record Book Winner = Miles Shuff

### b. MAFE Conference Updates

4 of our Executive Board members were able to attend with the Fair Board members and sat through sessions on Building Relationships between Fair Board and 4-H, Animal Health & Welfare, How to Run an Effective Meeting, Auction Tips, etc. We were able to learn a lot and grow as a team.

### c. Animal Registrations

Swine is due tonight at 11:59pm

Each week registrations are “flipped” on Sundays, until we get closer to fair when they will be flipped daily.

### d. Education Expo

March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Grand Traverse Resort, there are fliers on the front table and if you notice a few typos, you can blame those on Keri – but to be fair there are 15 different people that look over fliers and agendas before they go out and some things are still missed.

We have 22 of 24 sessions filled, and we have some great sessions booked for this year! Schedule will be released once all sessions are full and then you will be able to go online to register. So be looking for that. We are hoping to have that done in the next few days.

Something new this year will be vendor spaces that are available outside of the Michigan Ballroom, sign up is available on our website and it is first come, first serve.

There will also be cloverbud activities available in the entry area as well this year.

Questions? – None

e. Committee Sign-Ups

Nicki has done a great job of reaching out to clubs about signing up for a committee. If you still need to sign up then let Nicki know. There is a list available here on the front table if you need to be sure you are signed up. Thank you.

f. Remind App

There are instructions on how to sign up and this will be a great communication tool. If you have any questions then please see Nicki.

## NEW BUSINESS

a. 4-H MakerSpace Club – Paul Grayson, Club Leader

“We have been in operation for about 20 years now. I would like to invite all of your clubs to come and use the tools and materials available in our shop. I can answer all of your technical questions, but I have no people skills so please be aware of that. Due to a large mechanical explosion, I have some hearing loss and need you to face me when you’re talking to me because I read lips. We have plenty of safety equipment available for youth to use. We have tools for working materials like steel, wood, and plastic. If you want special materials that we don’t have you’re welcome to bring them in and we can help you make what you would like to make. I am also looking into available scholarships. For more information, you can reach out to me best by 1<sup>st</sup> telephone, 2<sup>nd</sup> text, 3<sup>rd</sup>, email:”

Paul F. Grayson  
390 4-Mile Rd. S  
Traverse City, MI 49696  
(231) 883-4463  
pgrayson@chartermi.net

## SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

- Goat – Robin Gildner

Market goats have been born, they are being born still, so make sure you are on your breeders list. They should be born on or after November 1<sup>st</sup>, but ideally you want them to be born December through February. Minimum weight 65lbs. Possession by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration is due March 1<sup>st</sup>. With the fluctuating weather be sure to watch for signs of sickness. Lots of reported cases of polio and listeria. Lice and mites are

bad so be sure to treat it as you see it. I will start emailing again after the registrations close in March. When you go to get your goat project, be sure to take the Health Form with you so that you have all the information to ask your breeder.  
Facebook Page: Goat Barn – NWMI Livestock Council  
Any questions please let me know, 231-883-2002 or [info@luckyfarmsmi.com](mailto:info@luckyfarmsmi.com)

- Dog – Gretchen Sauvage  
Sign up! New today from MSU Dog Committee is a challenge to do 4-H Trick Dog. If you go online and accept the challenge to teach your dogs some tricks you could earn prizes.  
Any questions please reach out: [ges5250@gmail.com](mailto:ges5250@gmail.com) or 231-883-3378.
- Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph  
(Lisa absent – report given by Keri Bancroft)  
Please be watching for signs of sickness like runny noses or eyes. If you see this then contact your vet. Be watching for sore hocks, and wash with warm water and soap and apply preparation-h if you find sores. Keep the bedding clean as sore can be caused by water getting into the bedding and then freezing. Be watching your animals on their weight, this can be difficult to do when they have their winter coat on but if you notice your animal losing weight you can add a bit of sunflower seed and oatmeal to their feed to help with weight gain. Make sure they have food and water and are protected from drafts. I have roaster projects available. They will be available in the second week in March. Let Lisa know if you need roaster projects. If you are doing a pen of 3, start looking for your breeding stock now.  
If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call: 231-633-4492  
Email: [r4rabbitry@yahoo.com](mailto:r4rabbitry@yahoo.com)
- Large Beef – Haven Bouwens  
Total = 104 Registered  
We are 50% done with tagging. Thank you for your flexibility in scheduling tagging as we try to get this done. Weights are looking pretty good so far, but keep in mind that Fair is in 180 days. We are seeing a lot of lice, so keep an eye out for it and dust them to take care of that.  
Like Amanda said, AGR is this weekend. Don't forget to claim your education credit, you can send me a picture or track me down. There is also MSU Block and Bridle on February 25<sup>th</sup>. That registration is still open online. Reminder that the minimum weight is 1,000 pounds.  
For any questions you can email or call Haven:  
[havenmrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:havenmrobinson@gmail.com) 231-263-2217

- Poultry – Lynn Henning  
 (Absent – report given by Gwyn Carter)  
 Poultry Registrations are due March 4th.  
 Group emails will begin in March after all poultry has been registered.  
 Group orders for market poultry will be collected starting mid-March.  
 Tractor supply will be ordering poultry for us once again.  
 Feel free to order your own market birds, but orders must adhere to the poultry policies on the Livestock Council website.  
 Show birds must be in possession early April.  
 Local feed stores will be getting birds in soon.  
 Please remember, Market Meat birds CANNOT be used as showmanship birds.  
 The poultry section on the livestock website contains many items of interest: record book, showmanship information, the MSU poultry show and fitting guide and more.  
 Call or text with any questions, 231-357-5132.  
 Email: 4hchickenqueen@gmail.com
- Large Dairy Beef & Feeder – Greg Bancroft  
 Registration for Dairy Feeder is March 4<sup>th</sup>, possession by March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
 Large Dairy Beef = 7 total.  
 Dairy Feeder = 30 total until registration closes.  
 If anyone is still looking for calves and needs assistance, please reach out and I can point you in a couple of different directions. I am happy to help get them home as well. The weather is changing, if you have a barn with doors then open them and let the air flow. Watch calves with snotty noses and unruly disposition because there is something going on if that is the case.  
 Watch their water supply and keep the feed in front of them. If you have any questions, please call or email:  
 gbancroft1976@gmail.com 231-313-8063
- Horse – Mandy DePuy  
 Reminder to start thinking about making a vet appointment to get your Coggins and vaccinations done for this year.  
 Education opportunity at the Michigan Horse Expo on March 8-10 at the MSU Pavilions. Cost to attend is one day is \$5 for children 5-15 or \$20 adult ticket. 3 day admission is \$15 for children 5-15 and \$40 adult.  
 The Michigan Horse Expo has multiple vendors on site and will have over 25 educational clinics scheduled each day of expo. More information you can visit [www.mihorseexpo.com](http://www.mihorseexpo.com).

The 4-H Horse and Pony Council will be holding their annual tack sale on Saturday, March 16. Location is yet to be determined. Cost for a booth is \$40.

Don't hesitate to call or email with any questions:

Mandy DePuy - [mandydepuy@gmail.com](mailto:mandydepuy@gmail.com)

231-649-3102

- Lamb – Shayna Conger

I would like to first introduce my new assistant – Clayton Porter.

You will want to make sure you are getting on a breeder list. Lambs must be born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Registration is Due on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Possession is May 1<sup>st</sup>. We have 36 currently registered.

When you are getting your lambs, you will want to make sure they have their overeating shot. If they don't, it will be your responsibility to make sure they get it as that is a requirement. Education Expo is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our speakers are Auburn Moyer on Lamb Nutrition and Thunderstruck Lambs – Lamb Fitting & Shearing.

Any questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Facebook page: Sheep Barn – NWMI Livestock Council

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

Email: [sheepbarn4hnwmf@gmail.com](mailto:sheepbarn4hnwmf@gmail.com)

- Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins

Numbers as of Sunday afternoon:

Total 55

Market 31

Show Only 6

Clover Bud 18

Registrations are due March 4<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm. Get in your registration even if you are just thinking about a Jr. Beef project. You can always drop, but you cannot be added. Some people have had issues with using all zeros for the calves birthday, if you run into that issue just make up a spring birthdate and I can fix it later.

Calves are starting to be born, so make sure you are on a breeder list. There is a list of breeders on the Jr. Beef page on the website. Ask questions about calves you are looking at. Who is the sir, will they be vaccinated when you get them, etc....and make sure they are 100% Beef breed calf.

When picking out your market calf remember new this year there is a minimum weight of 300lbs and maximum weight of 700lbs. Cloverbuds and show only can still use smaller calves. Also, new this year the market classes will mirror that of the Large Beef and Steers and Heifers will show separately .

Possession date is May 15<sup>th</sup>. After the possession date, I will send out a form to collect accurate information for the auction booklet.

Don't forget about Education Expo on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, great way to get both of your education credits done! Also the AGR Cattle Show is this weekend at MSU. Call or text with questions: 231-357-0777, [jr.beef4h@yahoo.com](mailto:jr.beef4h@yahoo.com)

- Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins

I would like to thank Jeff and Farm Bureau for including Llama and Alpaca and all you do for the record book awards. We had our 4-H for all in Maple City and we had a great time. Thank you to all that helped with the 4-H for all event.

Shots, toes and ice in the water bucket are the main things right now. Meningeal worm likes to rear its head in January, February and March. They pick it up in the fall and it makes its way into the spinal cord and that's when you see it, so make sure you have your de-worming done. Education Expo is coming and we have Diane Kotesky coming to present, there will be direction on obstacle and pack. We are working on our summer clinic dates, most likely they will both be in June.

If you have any questions, you can call: Kathy Easter 231-499-7434,

[ndalpacas@aol.com](mailto:ndalpacas@aol.com)

Renee Hobbins 231-835-0441, [hobbins@centurytel.net](mailto:hobbins@centurytel.net)

- Swine – Jennifer Davis

Tonight is the night to get your registrations in, it closes at 11:59pm!

Currently we have 181 registered.

Per our policy book, Cloverbud participants can bring their own swine projects if our numbers are under 225 total in the barn.

The link to register is on the home website page for the Livestock Council. If you need any help at all, you can find me after the meeting and I am happy to help you. Breeders are currently taking orders for show pigs. You can find breeder information on the swine page. Now is the time to create your list of items needed for your project: feed, bedding, shelter, clean water system, etc. There are a lot of resources available online from MSU. Record Books and Policy/Procedure information is also available online. Education Expo is March 3<sup>rd</sup>! Possession date is May 1<sup>st</sup> with virtual tagging to be done by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

You can text or call with any questions 231-649-2443. Email:

[swinebarn4h@gmail.com](mailto:swinebarn4h@gmail.com)

## DIFFERENTLY ABLED REPORT

We are going to have a session at the Expo with record books for the kids and a mini session on nutrition and care for their animals. We are revising our record books; we



are adding feed and animal grants. We are trying to keep it simple but also help them stay accountable for their income and/or loss for their project.

Any questions, please Call Beth Stephans: (231) 883-6189.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Workbees (Amanda Wilkins) -

May 4<sup>th</sup> 9am – 11am & 2pm – 4pm

May 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8:30pm

June 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8:30pm

July 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8:30pm

The sign-up link is live and can be found on the Livestock Council website.

When signing up make sure you sign up one youth per entry and that the display name is the youth's name, and you can put the club's name and animal being shown in the comment section.

All 4-Hers 8-19 need to complete a 2hr work bee, Cloverbuds and D.A. youth are encouraged to attend but not required.

The Auction Committee is looking for buyer invite photos for their post card. If you have photos you took of your child at auction last year, please send those to Leslie, and/or the Livestock Council so we can look through those. Thank you.

### PUBLIC COMMENT\*

Kathy Easter – 180 days until Fair

Amanda Wilkins – did you say March 6<sup>th</sup> for our registration because it is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Keri – March 4<sup>th</sup> is registration for Dairy Feeder, Jr. Beef, Poultry, Lamb & Goats.

Adjournment: Approved. Motion by Miranda Ashley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Holly Heuser

Time: 7:30 pm

Next Meeting: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church