

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES

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Monday, January 12, 2015

Governmental Center Cafeteria

PRESENT: Drew & Trevor Alpers, Keri Bancroft, Chris Barley, Heather Barley, Wendy & Ryan Barker, Maddison Bannen, Barb Berta, Karla Blackmer, Jo Ann & Rose Bohrer, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Sara Bristol, Diane Brown, Riley Burch, Marianna Burns, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Chris & Cassidy Calderwood, Gwyn Carter, Kayce Caugh, Lori Cederquist, Carrie Chase, Jeremy Clous, Stacey Clous, Jackie Davis, Leah Delahanty, Mandy DePuy, Nancy Dow, Lyn Drzewiecki, Kathy Easter, Allison Fewless, Katherine Franke, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Robin Gildner, Margaret, Jim, Josie, Vincent, Max, Abigail, Margaret & Vinny Gorcyca, Archie & Katie Graham, Vanja Griffin, Shelly, Rex & Graham Gray, Lynn Henning, Renee Hobbins, Cara Isenhardt, Kim Kelderhouse, Laura Kirby, Milt & Iva Lewis, Melissa Lindsey, Suzanne Maul, Rudy, Jan & Karin Neumann, Jill Noel, Sandi & Abigail Pyle, Jozell Rexroat, Sharri Robertson-Craft, David Robinson, Sawyer Robinson, Candace Rottman, Gretchen Sauvage, Rebecca & Blake Schaub, Jennifer Seitz, Rosile Shaffer, Noelle Sietoff, Todd, Suzan & Ruth Svec, Heather Swinney, Elaine Taghon, Miranda Thompson, Amanda Wilkins, Allison Wittkopp, Sarah Wolf, Stephanie Wolf, Carolyne Woodhams, Cory Young, Shannon Young, Sonya Youker

WELCOME TO: Maddison Bannen-Crazy Acres, Barb Berta-Barn Busters, Riley Burch-Sew, Grow, Show, Robin Gildner-Pen Pals, Karin Neumann

OFFICERS: Darrel Robinson, Mark Barley, Angie Walker, Kelly Kraeft, Nancy Schroeder,

TEEN REP: Heather Swinney

MSUE 4-H STAFF: Karin Stevens –G.T. County Susan Lee – Leelanau County

FAIRBOARD: Jeremy Clous, Al Henning, Milt Lewis, Rudy Neumann, Carolyne Woodhams, Cory Young, Sonya Youker

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledges were recited. Sign-in sheets were passed around. 35 clubs were present & 29 clubs were not represented.

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted. A club has stepped forward & offered to update the Livestock Council website. Thank you – we look forward to improved communication in 2015!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Angie Walker presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Dale Fritz, seconded by Jackie Davis, to accept the report. Motion carried. There are still approximately \$4000.00 in outstanding auction payments & some lamb barn donations pending. There was an audit done & the processes we have been using are being updated & reorganized. Next month you will see 3 updated forms – they will be new to all of us so please ask any questions that you have. At the Livestock meeting the reports will be "unreconciled" since bank statements aren't completed until the 15th of the month.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Karin Stevens –G.T. County Extension

State Rabbit & Cavy Show – January 31, 2015 at MSU Pavilion

Michigan Vet Science – Feb 27-28 at Kettunen Center

Beef, Sheep, Swine – Feb 28 – March 1 at Kettunen Center

These are both very beneficial to any involved in the program & any interested are encouraged to attend. Scholarship funds are available.

State Goat Expo – Sat. April 25, 2015 at MSU

4-H Companion Animal Camp – May 30 – 31. Camp Tuhsmeheeta, Greenville

Endowment Campaign Fund – consider a make the match donation to our county. Funding is less from the State of MI

Susan Lee – Leelanau County Extension

4-H Capital Experience – March 22-25.

4-H State Award – Feb 1 is deadline. Need to have 3 years 4-H experience to apply
Leelanau County 4-H Expo – Sat. April 25

EDUCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT:

Ruth Svec attended Capital Experience in Lansing last year & thought it was a great experience to be able to see how our government functions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auctioneer Contract – Keri Bancroft volunteered. Thanks for organizing this over the years Amanda!

Auction Refreshments – Nancy Schroeder/Twin Lakes

Buyer Luncheon – Two by Two & Rowdy Ranchers volunteered to shadow & organize the 2016 lunch. They have a small club & will need another club to help them.

Cherry Festival Parade – Amanda Wilkins

Clinics – Kayce Caugh

Cloverbuds – Laura Kirby & Kathy Swinney

Differently Abled – Nancy Dow

Exhibit building – Melissa Lindsey & Chris Barley

Photography – Rudy, Jan & Karin Neumann & Iva Lewis. Thank you Sonya for organizing the photo's over the years

Special/Senior Awards – Barn Busters

Technology Team – Wendy & Ryan Barker

Teen Reps – if you are interested in participating please contact Darrel Robinson. We received a few applications & a decision will be made at the next meeting.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – registrations are due tonight. Tagging dates will follow. Keep an eye on water so it doesn't freeze. In the cold weather keep feed in the mangers.

Dairy feeder – be looking at least 90 lb calves. If you calf has not been vaccinated do it as soon as you get it home. A list of farmers is available

Dairy veal – calves need to be born in April. Veal is shown as dairy not as beef. If you have questions call Amanda

Swine – PQA certification will be required & clinic options are being planned.

Rabbits – contact Denise if you are looking for breeders.

Lamb – thank you to the 4-H members who showed up to talk about why 4-H is important to them & how it influences their lives. Nancy wrote a grant & received \$2500.00 for the lamb barn! Way to go!

Poultry – production hens & dual purpose birds should be ordered now. Must be in possession the 1st wk of Feb. Turkey & geese need to be in possession by April 20th – 30th. Meat chickens & ducks need to be in possession the week of June 8th & June 12th. Place your orders early to ensure you get your birds on time. Order extra birds to ensure you have selection for a market pen. Check the Guidebook for all requirements. Call Lynn Henning with questions 231-357-5132 or Hennhouse 2014@gmail.com

Horse – the barn project has begun! March 7th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. there will be a Horse & Pony tack sale & at 12:30 p.m. consigned items are for sale at the Grand Traverse Academy. ½ the proceeds come back to the horse barn.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Suzan Svec, seconded by Dale Fritz to accept the 2015 budget. Motion carried.

Educational Clinic – is being planned for May 2-3 at the fairgrounds. This will be a large clinic with many outstanding speakers & will be open to other counties in the state to attend. There will be a small fee & lunch will be provided. Camping will be an option & activities will be planned in the evening. Sponsors of the clinics will have banners & name printed on flyers etc. Kayce Caugh has volunteered to organize the clinic – thanks so much!

Farm Bureau Record Book Winners: Congratulations on an outstanding job!

Rabbit

1st Tristyn Klockziem
2nd Megan Klabunde
3rd Laura Klabunde

Jr. Beef

1st Olivia Hanson
2nd Shelby Cade
3rd Allison Fewless

Poultry

1st Brandon Hobbins
2nd Allison Gentz
3rd Caleb Gleason

Sheep

1st Abigail Pyle
2nd Annalea Hobbins
3rd Samuel Grant

Steer

1st Ashley Noonan
2nd Andrea Newman
3rd Jolene Therrien

Pig

1st Grace Kolbusz
2nd Emilee McIntrye
3rd Tanner Apsy

Goat

1st Kelsey Bott

Weather cancellations – if school is closed on the same day as a scheduled Livestock meeting it will be rescheduled for the next Monday but the location will be the Governmental Center

4-H members – please encourage 4-H members in your clubs to attend the meetings

Cliff Lindsey – passed away recently & will be greatly missed by the extended 4-H family.

Donations in his memory will be donated to the Jr. Beef program. Thank you for your kindness.

Trailer on the grounds – a trailer was left on the grounds for storage & the Fairboard does not know who it belongs to – there is a tin plate in the window with 4-H member on it. Please contact the Fairboard if it is yours or if you may know who it belongs to.

2015 Fairground Work bee dates:

April 26	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
May 16	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
June 2	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
July 12	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
July 25	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Next meeting – will be Thurs. January 16, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office

MAFE Convention – was last week in GR & was attended by many Fair Board members & Livestock Council Officers. We attended many sessions & roundtables gathering information & learning. When we compare our fair to others in the state we are in very good shape & many of these fairs are much larger than ours.

2014 Fair theme – tonight is the deadline to turn ideas in. A decision will be made at the Fairboard meeting on Thurs.

Premium Book – if any of the 4-her's are interested in designing the premium book cover after the theme has been announced let the Fairboard or Livestock officers know. A prize will be awarded.

Vet – an effort will be made to have college Vet students on hand during un-loading, weigh in & during fair week.

Horse barn – the project has begun!

New bath house – is the final planning stages!

Nancy Dow – wrote & received a grant for the new lamb barn for \$2500.00! That is what great volunteers can do!

Zoonotic – each club leader will receive an informational kit & booklets for the 4-H members.

Next meeting: Monday, February 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Civic Center

Specie Chairs meet at 6:00 p.m.

Greg Dreves from Farm Bureau will attend the meeting

