

## Council Board Meeting

### AGENDA

Tuesday, January 28th, 2025

6:30pm – Sauce

#### **1. Welcome**

- Keri called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

#### **Present:**

Board Members: Keri Bancroft, Nicki Brown, Shayna Conger, Faith Grose, Katrina Grose.

Specie Chairs: Lisa Ralph, Rick Tallieu, Greg Bancroft, Lynn Henning, Gwen Carter, Alisa Forton, Haven Bouwens, Amanda Wilkins, Robin Gildner, Gretchen Sauvage, Kathy Easter, Renee Hobbins, Clayton Porter, Jen Davis, Jodi Ortega.

Teen Rep: Adam Wilcoxon, Ashley Folkersma.

MSU: Allison Ballard, Sarah Bye, Kristy Oosterhouse.

*Record books passed out for review/ pick the best for award the rest goes to Farm Bureau.  
Each specie chair pick one to submit to the council for award from the council.*

#### **2. Communication from Fair Board, LC Members, MSU Staff or Public**

- Frank Guerin did reach out to confirm he was the one that there could be a potential rise in camping.
- Kristy Oosterhouse introduced Sarah Bye, the new Program Coordinator for Grand Traverse County.

#### **3. MSU Education**

- Anything MSU education is approved for education credit for us, it's up to specie chairs to approve other credits. 2 credits needed one specie specific and one general. This still good with everyone?
- All in attendance agreed it's good.

#### **4. Updates**

a. Registrations

- Ali Ballard has given leaders access as of today to the registration spreadsheet.

- There is a new tab to sort by club that was just added today. (Master sheet)
- Haven: What sheet should education and work bees go on?
- Keri/Nicki: Master sheet.
- Ali: Master sheet does not auto populate.
- Keri will send an email to leaders about the access update.
- Ali: You can contact between 8:00am-4:30pm

#### b. Band App

- Nicki sent all specie chairs a request for the Band app which will replace the Remind app but can send way more messages. Waiting until March to add membership.
- Question From Lisa: Will this alert when we get notifications?
  - If you have the notifications turned on, yes.

#### **c. Laurie Ashley – Buyer Lunch**

- Has a slide show for the price breakdown, she will present at the February meeting. If we don't get the donations, we need extra money to be able to have the buyers lunch. Budget is saying we could spend that amount, not we will.

#### **5. MAFE Convention Recap**

- Board members attended multiple sessions with very good info, we divided, conquered and took notes.

#### **6. Species Chairs**

- One Lamb specie chair for election- Clayton Porter
- Clayton introduced himself.
  - Motion to accept Clayton as lamb specie chair : Lisa Ralph
  - Second: Kathy Easter
- Keri: Any updates from other species?

- Haven: Top 15 on the lottery draw for cattle Market program is going to be in effect for 2025.
- Alisa: The horse protection act has been suspended for 90 days. Will continue to get more information.
- Lisa: No mixed breed for market you can have mixed breed for showmanship though. Will announce it at the next meeting and will send an email to list from 2024.
- Swine: 157 registration so far, shows on the same day we need **LOTS OF SAWDUST.**
- Lambs: Need more pens, we have a donor, we have to get them a quote. (Keri will help with quoting) Mandatory shearing that was brought up during the last meeting, it will be highly encouraged this year but required next year (2026). Open classes have added more. We need pens painted.
- Keri is working on this with Kayce from Wheelocks to get a quote that will need to be taken to the membership for special consideration.
- Anyone else for updates?
  - Nothing.

## **7. Policies & Procedures and Record Book Updates**

- MSU is still working through these, watch your email for any updates. Also working on Record Books.
- Question from Haven: Do we have an ETA? We have kids already that have projects.
  - Kristy : Yes soon. Most updates are just language in the record books.
- Question from Kathy: Is MSU in charge of record books?
  - Kristy: No just review of language. With the change from requiring two record books to only requiring one.

## **8. Education Expo – February 23, 2025**

### a. Schedule

- MSU is working on getting the registration up. Hoping to have registration open at the end of this week it will get “blasted out” email, Facebook, Website, Email, Etc.
- Specie chairs are needed to help direct kids to classes.
- We will have technology from the resort, and they will troubleshoot.
- Speakers can bring their own computers or flash drives.
- Rooms available \$149 per night.
- Any speakers that need a room or payment get with Keri.
  - Alisa: Horses need one room for their speaker.
- Please show up at 8am to help before it starts at 9AM.
- Vendors are needed. We have 3 right now.
  - Link is on the website for vendor sign up.
- Lunch is included for the kids and speakers and volunteers. Parents will need to pay. We are waiting on the dollar amount from the staff.
  
- Question from Amanda: Is there a way to get a survey from the kids that attended, some people feel this is a waste of time.
  - Keri: Do we want a survey monkey or ask them to come to the meeting and tell everyone.
  - Clayton: We should offer both.
  
- MSU will build a QR code for the online survey, but encourage kids to come to the meeting.
- Email Ali Ideas for survey questions.
- Registration through events management through MSU. If they didn't pre-register early please come early. Contact MSU if you can't register.
- List of sessions will be on the outside of the doors and labeled.

### → Needs:

- ★ Hall/room monitor.
- ★ Clean up trash in the hall and in rooms.
- ★ Specie chairs help direct kids to classes.

- Question to specie chairs- Anything else for the education expo?
- Nothing.

## **9. Upcoming Discussion Topics**

### a. Pictures

- Need to meet with the photography committee to go over budget and needs/ changes.

### b. New Committees - Help Needed

- Costume class needs a club chair.
- Pre fair set up and post fair clean up both need a club chair.
- Alisa will text Mandy and ask if Happy Hooves still wants the pop can committee.

### c. Barn Needs

- Animal Equipment \$2,000, instead of \$50.00 per barn like in the past.
- Send Keri a list of needs.
- Any major barn needs let Keri know ASAP.
- Lists from last year didn't get transferred, send a new list to Keri.
- Ordering new disinfected dries in 1 minute based on a Biosecurity course from MAFE.
  - Example: sanitizing nose plate on weigh scale or the mats when checking in rabbits.
- Jen asked for a spigot lock, so it stops hoses going across pens.

### d. Ribbon List

- If you have major class changes let us know we will revisit the ribbon list again.
- Missing banners from 2024 were ordered.
- Please let the board know ASAP for any added classes that will need banners; these will be ordered earlier than in the past.
- Keri: Anyone have anything else?
- Haven: Can we look at a different registration process for 2026 since Large Beef will be moving up registration for 2026.
- Keri: We are working on possibly moving to ShowWorks. More details to come.

- Fair schedule:

Monday

Swine market at 9:00am, showmanship at 1:00PM.  
Moving lamb practice to 5:00pm for the dog shows since they need shade.

Tuesday

Goats and lambs could swap to avoid show setbacks and obstacles for the show getting ruined. Clayton and Robin will chat after the meeting.

Cattle open starts at 8:00am then Market will follow  
Add Large Dairy beef to the schedule for open and market.

Order will be: Large Beef, Large Dairy, Dairy Feeder, Jr Beef, then Cloverbuds to follow.

Thursday- Auction day

Large animal arena- Swine first.

Small animal arena- Goats first, lamb last.

Friday

11-12:30pm No llama/alpaca skillathon.

No other changes right now.

- Faith is working on an auction committee meeting date.
- Aly is helping with collecting the outstanding balance from Meijer Traverse City.
- Vote for the best record book and award from the livestock council was the steer record book from Charlotte Tallieu, the rest of the final record books will go to Farm Bureau.
- Sarah Bye: Jess is looking for an image for a 4-H coin. There will be more info to come in the newsletter. It can't be a hand sketch. Hopefully this can be an annual thing for each year for each kid.
- Small and large tags were ordered.
- We will have a new meeting structure to help the kids' voices be heard and get the rest of the board sitting together. We will encourage the kids to sit in front to help engage them more.

**10. Adjourn**

- Motion by Jen Davis to adjourn at 7:48PM
- Second by Clayton Porter