

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, July 24, 2017

OFFICERS: Mark Barley, Brad Jewett, Barb Crosley, Kelly Kraeft, Keri Bancroft

STAFF: Karin Stevens, Rosali Collier

PRESENT: Tom & Denise Bretzke, Amy Nagley, Alison Witkop, Rosie Belles, Beth Stephans, Jen Stephans, Michelle Reinke, Karla Blackmer, Melinda Coger, Staci Alpers, Libby Alpers, Jessica Dane, Kim Kelderhouse, Alan Henning, Julie Nowland, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Kay Wagner, Suzanne Maul, Sonya Youker, Renee Hobbins, Kathy Easter, Tammy Leishman, McKenzie Leishman, Madison Leishman, Rosile Shaffer, Vanya Griffin, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Elaine & Andrea Taghon, Lane & Jenny Wildfong, Michael Barley, Gretchen Sauvage, Jacob Barley, Chris Barley, Drew Alpers, Genessa Gutzka, Todd Gutzka, Kayce Caugh, Nancy Schroeder, Rebecca Schaub, Wendy Barker, Kim Town, Taylor Town, Diane Moyer, Charlie Kolbusz, Mary Lynn Robertson, Heather Rosa, Nicki Brown, Jill Noel, Suzan Svec, Ruth Svec, Caleb Svec, Mike Luther & family, Stephanie Wolf, Darrel Robinson, Karen Zenner, Maddy Johns, Janet Siefert, Amanda Wilkins, Greg Bancroft, Mandy DePuy, Gwendolyn Neumann, Jodi Willard-Ortega, Montana Bevier, Tracy Izatt, Roger, Tara & Hannah Steffes, Katherine Franke, Candace Rottman, Samantha Tracey, Lynn Henning, Gwyn Carter, Emily Henning Woods, Tim Woods, Anika & Braylyn Peterson, JoAnn Bogart, Carolyne Woodhams, Alyssa Rottman, Joey Send, Lisa Ralph, Rose Plagens, Ashela Sexler, Hannah Gaither, Jennifer Stephans, Betty Parsons, Nancy Kayser, Lori Cederquist, Pam Zientek, Charles Kolbusz, Diane Moyer, Kim Franke, Stacey Clous, MaryAnn Wilsey, Deb Canfield, Reece & Spencer Canfield, Bella Canfield, Andrea Hagelstein, John Hagelstein

CALL TO ORDER: Pledges were recited. 40 4-H Clubs were present

MINUTES: June 26th minutes were approved. Motion by Gretchen Sauvage, 2nd by Todd Gutzka.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelly Kraeft presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Greg Bancroft seconded by Lori Cederquist to accept the report. Motion carried. Kelly also needs a motion to add a line item in the budget for the Talent Show of \$1500. Mike Barley made a motion to add a line item to the budget of \$1500 for the talent show, 2nd by Stephanie Wolf, approved.

FAIRBOARD NEWS: The restaurant is gone. There is a new manure pit east of the calf barn, goat mountain is gone and ticket booths are being re-done at the gate. A reminder there is no parking on Blair Townhall Road, no scooters or bikes. Security Sanitation will pump tanks for \$30 each you need to go to the Fair info booth to purchase a flag and they will come the next day if the flag is purchased the morning before. Tri-Folds are available. The Rodeo is Saturday at 5pm. There is a new map. Wi-Fi will be available to everyone Saturday and Sunday then come Monday you will have to purchase the passcode. Pricing is still TBD. Campers start coming in on Aug. 2nd, placements are still being worked on. Please put your name in the window of your camper in case we need to locate anyone. Do not leave your dogs tied at your campsite if you leave. 1 camper per site same with tents. Generators can be used 8am – 9pm. Golf carts must have headlights, registration forms must be completed and all carts will be inspected after the Saturday meeting in the Grandstands. \$60 fee for golf carts, if they don't pass you must take them home. The Fair is looking for volunteers to help sell fair merch. The profit will go towards power upgrades for camping.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS: Autumn Rector – Greenstone passed out the essay contest. The program has changed as they are going to give 5 - \$500 scholarships away. 1-steer, 1-swine, 1-dairy feeder, 1-

sheep/goat & 1-junior beef. Essays are due Aug. 4th and the winner will be announced Aug. 7th there will be a sign made for the winners to put up at their stalls.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Karin Stevens –

1. 4-H Food Booth
 - a. We still have three spots we are looking for help during fair week: Tuesday, August 8th from 11-2 about 3-4 people; Thursday, August 10th 5-8 p.m.; and Saturday, August 12 from 2-5 p.m.
 - b. We are serving coffee and donuts from 8-11 at the food booth Monday-Saturday of fair.
 - c. Hours for the food booth will be posted at the booth so folks will know when it is open.
 - d. Youth and adults who work in the food booth will receive a \$3 certificate for helping. This is to be used fair week.
2. 4-H Cloverbud activities
 - a. We will have special 4-H cloverbud activities Monday-Thursday during fair week. Look for the tent between rabbit and poultry barns.
 - b. Games for Cloverbuds will be held after the Queen's Pageant on Saturday, August 12 but under the Differently Abled Tent.
3. Exhibit Barn Registration forms are available tonight if you plan to have your club display their work in the Tanner building during fair. Please turn them into Melissa Lindsey or myself tonight.
4. If you brought any gently used show clothes for fair week to give to Jodi Ortega, please give them to her tonight or during fair week.
5. Friday Night Live is happening in August downtown Traverse City, and 4-H will have a booth on Fridays, August 18th and 25th. We are looking for 4-H clubs, members and/or leaders willing to help provide a craft, activity or animals like rabbits and/or chickens for one of the evenings from 4:30-9:00 p.m. Let me know if you would like to help!
6. Beach Bums game on Saturday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. We would like to offer a block of tickets at a discounted rate of \$8 if we have 25 people interested in attending. Are there people who might be interested? Please sign up on the flyer we are passing around if you are interested in attending this game and bring any family and/or friends. Our office will call you to let you know how to pick up and pay for tickets.
7. 3rd Annual 4-H Extravaganza will be held on Tuesday, September 26th at the First Christian Church at 6:00 p.m. We have a special guest – Jack O'Malley from WTCM Talk Radio! As part of this evening we will have a 4-H awards ceremony. Nomination forms are available today for 4-H club leaders in Grand Traverse County. We hope you will notice 4-H youth in your clubs who are showing exemplary behavior, skills and knowledge during fair and nominate them for our 4-H Extravaganza awards. Watch for more details about this evening of fun following fair.

Rosali Collier –

A big thank you to all of the clubs who showed up for **Cherry Connection** this year in Leelanau County— it was a real success, with great outreach from Leelanau and Grand Traverse County clubs. The youth especially did a fantastic job answering questions and showing others how to behave around the

livestock. So many people found out new things about 4-H just from this one experience with our 4-H youth and volunteers, and it will be very exciting to see how much outreach happens at fair this year!

Animal Health Tips and Protocols for Fairs: handout from MSU because of outbreaks of swine influenza in Ohio. This handout summarizes some really good tips for keeping our fair safe and clean for both our livestock and the people visiting and taking part in fair. One of the big focuses is on early detection of illness to prevent an outbreak.

4-H Teen Spokesperson Training: Takes place Thursday, August 17th, 2017, from 9 to 3:30 p.m., in Mount Pleasant. \$15. For 12 to 19-year-olds. Learn about dining etiquette, public speaking, and promoting 4-H, preparing for an interview, and take part in break-out sessions for practice.

Michigan 4-H Science Expo: Takes place Saturday, August 26th, 2017 at MSU. Open to 4-H members ages 9-19. Registration fee is \$15. The Registration deadline is next Friday the 4th. This is a statewide contest where youth can demonstrate their science skills in robotics, forestry, wildlife habitat education program, and science exploration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Went thru each committee.

Auction Committee - Looking for more volunteers to sign up, we need your help please. Various positions available including ring people. Buyer's invitations were sent out. There is a change to the trucking system this year. When a buyer checks out and picks the processor it will be final and no changes can be made. \$50 fee for cloverbuds to use the trucking. Each 4-Her will receive 2 invoices from their specie chair. They must have both when they put their animal on the truck. The pink copy will go with the trucker and the 4-Her keeps the white copy. The invoices are required to load your animal. Re-sales – you can donate the meat to Goodwill or Father Fred. If buyers want to donate to the Livestock Council it will go towards the education fund. No donations will be taken for barns or ground improvements. If a buyer wants to donate to the Fair they must go directly to the Fair to do this. Fill the Freezer program is still available.

Auction Refreshments – Miranda & Ginger with Forever Farmin will handle the refreshments this year. A big thank you to them for stepping up. The Refreshments will be stationed at the Leather n Laces camp site. Sign-up sheet is available to hand out refreshments day of auction.

Barn Awards- This is judged on how well you know your project, decorations, talking to buyers, respect and helpfulness.

Buyers Luncheon – Have donated items, requests for Pop and water are still pending. You must have a ticket for lunch. Autumn-Greenstone will donate water for the auction as well. Keeping count of the 4-her's eating will be re-evaluated so we can get a count.

Cherry Festival Parade - Parade was a success and a lot of fun. Thank you Amanda for handling this.

Differently Abled - Still looking for a couple more teens to help mentor.

Fair Books - any changes/updates will be due by November

Fair Week Entertainment- we will be having movies again.

Ice – will be available at the Long Lake Livestock camp site only. Also working on setting up a daily run. \$5/bag

Photography - all set if you have any questions call Karin Neumann @ 231.668.2745, will need sawdust. Cloverbuds must pay at the time the picture is taken. All market kids will be charged for pictures regardless if they had one taken.

Radio Advertising – Still being worked on, Mark will update once he has the info.

Round Robin - There will be 3 phases now – written, handling of 6 animals which won't be known until they are drawn the day of and jeopardy. The winner will then come out of that

4-H Dance - All set there will be a DJ.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – 53 market steers. Super Seniors will be able to show in 2018.

Dairy Feeder – 14 market & 2 showmanship, 14 cloverbuds. Health records & vaccinations & RFDT tags are required. Get your stalls ready before Saturday and decorations up. Unloading is the same as 2016.

Junior Beef: 59 junior beefs

Weigh in is Steers, junior beef then dairy feeders. 5 Clubs – 10 junior beef will be moved to the steer barn as overflow. Signage will be made stating where you can find these 4-her's and their animals. Barn duty is according to the barn you are in. There is a new manure pit on the east side of the calf barn. Please take the manure to the back of the pit. Amanda still has BQA certificates. Last cattle practice is July 30th 4-6pm.

Swine: 227 Market, 21 Seniors, 27 Cloverbuds. Unloading they must be clean and ear tags visible.

Need records and PQA cards. 4-Hers must be present at weigh ins which will be at unloading. Min. weight is 215 with 300 being max. Get your own lattice don't use others. Need senior pics. Get your pens and decorations done before you bring your animal to the fair. Unloading process same as 2016.

Sheep: 48 market, 14 cloverbuds Last shearing will be Saturday – 9 -11:30am cost is \$10 each and if dirty will be an additional \$5 fee. Go to gate 3 to unload. All lambs will be examined at the gate under the blue tent. Need senior pics. There will be a 4pm mandatory meeting. No boards on top of the pens.

Goat: Need tags and health forms when bringing your animal. All goats go to gate 3 and they will be examined at that time. 2 clubs will be moved to the Llama barn as overflow. 15 market, 47 cloverbuds, 42 breed. There will also be a goat given away to be used for the 2018 fair. It will be an essay contest, more info to come.

Rabbit/Cavy: Last clinic will be Tuesday, July 25th. 109 show, 52 cloverbuds, 8 market – rabbits 11-show, 7 cloverbuds – Cavy. Need senior pics. There will be a 3:30 mandatory meeting.

Poultry: 4 Cornish, 1 duck, 10 meat, 9 production, 4 turkey, 18 show and 25 cloverbuds. Bring your animals in crates, anything else must have holes. Give them sawdust, carpet or towel to transport safely. Must have paperwork from hatcher. They must be bug free – no dust mites, lice or ticks. Put your decorations up before Saturday and pens ready. They all will be assigned, no changing.

Llama/Alpaca: Use gate 4 to go to the barns to unload. Pens will be assigned. Also blood drive will be Tuesday up front and Friday back by the barns. \$10 donation.

Dog: last Ed. Clinic will be Saturday, Aug. 29th @ 11am – Fairgrounds. When coming to the fair use gate 2 – DO NOT go in the food court area.

Horse: Must have Rhino & coggins at unloading time. Waiting on final numbers. Most likely we won't have tack areas at the barns so will need to store at your campsite.

OLD BUSINESS: Work bee – All done been a great process this year. The sign ups went well. Amanda will have final numbers, still have a few out there doing odd jobs.

Education Requirements – 2 were required for each 4-Her. We had 682 projects signed up, 1035 education credits, 64 cloverbuds that did education clinics. 6 more kids committed that need paperwork and we have 5 kids missing that still need education credits.

Memorial Fund – When Gavin Luther's pig was sold it was agreed that a memorial wall would be built. We are working on getting bids and working on a design. Goal is to have this built by winter. Will keep everyone updated.

Pizza Party – Barb is looking for a volunteer to do this as she is out of town that night.

Unloading Animals – There is one change this year – Rabbits will go to gate 4 and to the barn to unload. They are still able to go to Gate 3 and walk them in if they prefer.

Talent Show – Jennifer Marsh will be doing this. We are waiting on more info and will get it out to everyone. The talent show will be Friday, Aug. 11th @ 5pm.

Awards Banquet – The time has changed to 8:45am as there was a time conflict with the rodeo.

Adjourn: 1st Al Henning, 2nd Drew Alpers – motion approved to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11th - 7:00pm
Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds
Specie Chair Meeting – 6:00pm
MAKE SURE TO BRING A CHAIR!!!