

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, July 23, 2018

OFFICERS: Brad Jewett, Kelly Kraeft, Keri Bancroft, Amber Pomper, Barb Crosley

TEEN REPS: Jennifer Stephens, Hannah Gaither

STAFF: Karin Stevens, Rosali Collier

PRESENT: Gretchen Sauvage, Tracy Jenkins, Parker Jenkins, David Robinson, Haven Robinson, Betty Parsons, Pam Zientek, Andrea Hagelstein, Bella Canfield, Spencer Canfield, Reece Canfield, Halle Nesky, Miranda Thompson, Diane Moyer, Charlie Kolbusz, Andrea Bedrick, Jessie Milne, Ned Milne, Baily Lautner, Laurie Ashley, Lisa Ralph, Rosie Belles, Beth Stephens, Gwyn Carter, Grace Keyser, Cindy Conquest, Chellsie Powers, Jeff Jarvis, Tammy Jarvis, Chris Barley, Mike Barley, Nancy Keyser, Tammy Nemeskal, Tegan Elkins, Amanda Wilkins, Lori Cederquist, Kathy Easter, Renee Hobbins, MaryLynn Robertson, Stephan Wolf, Roger & Tara Steffes, Trevor Alpers, Drew Alpers, Nikki Meredith, Libby Alpers, Tess Reimber, Amber Reimer, Travis Reimer, Anne Seitz, Jodie Kaley, Kelly Lemcool, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Stacy Shafer, Jack Halligan,

CALL TO ORDER: Pledges were recited. 41 4-H Clubs were present

MINUTES: June 25th minutes were approved. Motion by Jodie Kaley 2nd by Nikki Meredith, to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Keri went over the treasurer's report. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Gretchen Sauvage, 2nd by Trevor Alpers and approved.

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Aug. 1st campers start arriving. The 8 foot rule will apply. Any questions need to go to Karen Zenner or Mike Barley. If you park too close then you will be relocated so make sure you park in the right spot. Wi-Fi will be provided this year at no cost. Coverage is being upgraded. Security cameras will still be used. As the Fair grows new restrictions come into place. No cars on the grounds after the Saturday meeting or they will be towed. Golf cart registration forms and check in will be after the Saturday meeting. Green areas are ok to drive, red are not. Rules will apply with zero tolerance. The Fair has new merchandise for sale and it will be sold in the building across from the gazebo. Grandstand events are finalized. If you are not camped in FEMA then you can no use your a.c. units. Generators can only be run from 9am to 10pm. Pancake breakfast will be 8am to noon on Sunday at the bingo tent. Proceeds go to the food pavilion in the food court.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

1. Karin - Food Booth Sign up – Only have only ONE more spot to fill – Tuesday, August 7th from 11-2p.m. for a 4-H Club to help with the Food Booth. Please let me know if you are willing and available.
2. We have a full time position in the 4-H office this fall for an individual 18 years old or above to work with youth and adults in our community. This potential candidate would be working with me to increase our STEAM 4-H clubs in Grand Traverse County through clubs and events. We provide a desk, computer, training, a monthly stipend and benefits as an AmeriCorps Service Member. This individual will start this position in September and it ends in August 2019. There is also an educational award given after completing the one year service. If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to Karin Stevens by Friday, August 3rd.

Cloverbud Announcement

3. 4-H Cloverbud Activities: On Monday-Thursday during fair week, from 2-4 p.m. we have fun hands-on science learning and other creative activities for our 4-H cloverbuds (children ages 5-9) and any visiting children to the fair. Our tent is located near the rabbit and poultry barns.

To help make it a success, we are looking for supply donations – 5x7 paint canvas about 100 and pinch type clothespins (wooden). If you have any of these items around your house, feel free to drop them off at MSU Extension office on Front Street. Questions, contact Karin Stevens, 231-922-4825 or steve552@msu.edu. Thank you!

4-H Exhibit Barn Announcement

4. Tonight is the night for clubs to turn in 4-H Exhibit Barn planning forms. If you forgot to bring yours, I have extras on the table in the back. Please fill them out and hand them in to me tonight.
5. Tuesday night, July 24th, we will be meeting with the 4-H Exhibit Barn committee to go over finalizing details for fair week. The meeting is a 6:00 pm at the MSU Extension office in TC.

By-Laws Announcement

6. In the spring we mentioned that those interested in helping us work on updating the Livestock Council by-laws could join us for meetings happening May/June. We had a few 4-H Executive officers, species chair and 4-H club leaders and MSU Extension staff that have been working over the past few months on improving the NW Michigan 4-H Livestock Council's By-Laws. We had MSU Extension educators who specialize in by-law writing, help draft changes to the by-laws. Over the next few months, our plan is to roll out the draft version of the by-laws with changes by email in August. Then in September, we will have a question and answer session with Roxanne Turner and Sara Keinath from our MSU Extension's Leadership and Civic Engagement team. After this, we will draft a proposed by-law change for October's meeting to be voted on at the November LC meeting. The email I am sending will have two attachments -one document with the proposed changes and the old wording crossed out; the other is a "clean" with the proposed changes. Feel free to ask either Rosali, a committee member or myself any questions you may have.

Rosali – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auction Committee: still in need of volunteers auction day. There are still a few auction postcards left if you need any. Awards this year will be picked up the red bags so they have a way to carry them.

Auction verification form – we have 4-H club that is willing to call all buyers to confirm that they received a thank you card and picture from the 4-Her before any checks will be handed out. Long Lake Livestock will be making the calls.

Auction Refreshments: donations are still needed please turn them into Barb

Barn Awards: This has been revamped. Stephanie went over the new process. There will be an award for each specie and an overall winner which will receive \$500 cash plus a traveling trophy for the year. All will be entered automatically and the judges have no affiliation. They will be judged throughout the fair week. The award will be given at the awards banquet. This is not just based on decorations. Gray's Excavating is who has provided the \$500 and cost of the trophy.

Buyer's Luncheon: Donations are still coming in.

Cloverbuds: Monday from 2-4pm fair week there will be activities for them. Friday is showmanship classes and Saturday will be fun day with games planned. Donations needed for clothes pins and 5x7 paint canvases are needed.

Exhibit Barn: Forms here tonight please get them to Karin. There will be ribbons this year. In the mornings there will be activities.

Friday Dance: will take any auction refreshment leftovers. Working on getting donations from Pepsi.

Fair Week Activities: flyers are here tonight with details.

Pizza Party: will be after the mandatory Saturday meeting for all 4-Her's. It was suggest seniors get the records books finished as much as they can by fair since they won't have much time after fair to do it.

Round Robin: there will be 3 rounds – 1. Random questions then will eliminate down to 6 kids. 2.

Showmanship 3. Jeopardy round Study guides are on the website.

Workbees: Wednesday, July 25th from 6-8pm is the last one. Poultry will have one on Tuesday @ 6pm.

Amanda has the list of kids that still need to complete. See her with any questions. After Fair make sure they get documented so you receive credit for the following fair.

Scales have all been certified now.

Greenstone Scholarship: Funds are used for the 4-h project; this has been emailed and posted on Facebook with the details.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – 52 market. Vaccines are too late now to treat.

Dairy Feeder – 9 market, 1 show, 11 cloverbuds. Health forms and RIFD tags are required before unloading. Forms are on the website. Pen assignments will be done by Aug. 1st. You need a board but if there is a name on the board don't take it. The barn is full, quiet time is from 6-8pm.

Junior Beef: 57 market, 1 show, 37 cloverbuds – you also need a board in your stall. Scholarship for 2019 is going to be available – more details to come and winners will be announced during fair.

Swine: 214 market, 52 cloverbuds – Come in gate 4 to unload, kids must be with their swine when they arrive. Health records need to be done and available. Make sure to have your pens ready by Friday night. Do not stand on the water lines and don't hang anything lower than the lattice.

Sheep: 40 market, 17 cloverbuds – Shearing is July 28th @ 9am – \$10 if washed and \$15 if no bath. Park at the Heim building and walk to the wash rack cuz campers will be coming in. Check in on Saturday will be from 8am til 11am. Do not unload without health forms. Red buckets will not be available this year so you will need to bring your own water buckets.

Goat: 19 market, 42 show, 49 cloverbuds, 3 seniors. Stall set up will be Wednesday @ 6pm. Pen assignments are being done tonight. Bring your own water buckets and attach to the pens so they do not get spilled. Need feed buckets and your goat should be shaved before they arrive as shaving is not allowed at fair. Please have a photo attached to your health form and you must have both health forms. Wednesday is the last day to get tattooing done. No coats at check in but have fair week if it gets cool out. Weigh in will be at the scale house be ready by 12:15 to walk your goat over to the scales. Use the MSU schedule as the Tri-folds are incorrect. Warren Woods essay is due to Beth by Wednesday of Fair.

Rabbit/Cavy: 1 market, 48 show, 7 Cavy, 42 cloverbuds, 2 cloverbud Cavy– bring your own water bottles, cages will be supplied other than Cavy will need their own cages. Make sure any displays let air flow thru.

Poultry: 4 Cornish pens, 4 turkey, 12 meat & 2 ducks, 7 production, 34 cloverbuds & 2 seniors. Poultry show is on Monday, the tri fold is wrong. Pen assignments will be done next Wednesday. Make sure your decorations are done by Friday and bring your own supplies. Also fill pens/cages at that time. Check for bugs on your animals before you bring them. Go to gate 4 for poultry check in.

Llama/Alpaca: Have vaccine forms ready. Check in is 11am to 4pm. Make sure you have your pens ready by Friday. The costume class is happening.

