

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES - DRAFT

Monday, June 24th, 2024

6:30pm Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds

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

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

STAFF: Rosali Collier, Robin Gildner, Ali Olsen

PRESENT: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

New Business

b. TC Nourish

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Approved. Motion by: Colin Heuser 2nd by: Gretchen Sauvage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approved. Motion by: Shannon Baynton 2nd by: Rick Talliue

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(See Financial Report)

2nd Tagged Animal Money Due by July 1st

PUBLIC COMMENT* - Agenda Items Only

None

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Laurie Ashley

40 Days Until Fair!!!

Evelyn Heim Building promotion – Laurie has been visiting various clubs to help increase the number of people who participate and enter the arts and crafts projects. The deadline to enter for these items is July 14th. Also, consider running for Homemaker of The Year!

Should you win, you will represent our Fair at the State Homemaker Contest. This year we are also hosting a Junior Homemaker of The Year Contest for 5-17 years of age.

Questions?

MaryLynn – Karen asked me to remind everyone that is registering for camping, please put in the size of your camper and the number of slides.

Keri – we are now updating all the Fair registrations as we get them into the database so that we can hopefully ensure that no one gets missed. Leaders check this and help us update for those who have dropped. If you miss the registration deadline then you are unable to bring animals to fair.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Grand Traverse (Robin Gildner) –

The Grand Traverse County Youth Leaders Association is having a fundraiser to raise money for the Tanner Building. They are selling 20 oz skinny, double walled, insulated tumblers for \$25. Included with your tumbler purchase you will receive free Bigby coffee or hot chocolate from the tanner building, all through fair week. All proceeds go to support the Tanner Building. Order form and design will be posted soon.

Benzie County (Ali Olson) – None

Leelanau County (Rosali Collier) –

Tanner Building Club booth display forms are at the front table, as well as the clover award application...please consider signing up.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Education – Deadline June 30th
11:59pm at the latest. On our website you can find clinic information and which events count toward credits. No credits will be accepted on July 1st. All leaders have been emailed the names of kids who are missing education credits. Please stay on top of this.
Rosali – exploration days sessions count too, so please submit that information.
- b. Work Bees
One workbee left on July 24th. Keri will send a reminder email about anyone still needing a workbee. The data base shows who is signed

up, leaders can check this. This has been updated since registration was opened in November 2023.

c. Final Fair Schedule 2.0

FINAL COPY! Please double check the times for your specific animal as many times have been slightly adjusted for load in times and some shows.

d. Change in Load Out Times

Be sure to double-check the times for your specific animals, many had changed.

e. Blood Drive – (Kathy Easter)

The blood drive will be held during Fair Weeek on Tuesday (9-4) by the front gate and Friday (9-4) back by the Jr. Beef barn. Please see me to sign up. If we have enough donations we will be getting money to go back into our program.

f. Barn Decorations

Decorations must allow for airflow through the barns. They cannot be hung before 4pm on Wednesday, July 31st. The Fairgrounds will be closed for a private event and will still need to be sanitized.

g. Appropriate Footwear

Leather footwear when handling animals. There are signs going up in the barns this year, as well as the wash rack. Please be mindful of this as a leader, parent, 4-H kiddo, support person, etc.

Each 4-H child can have ONE support person per show, that does include fitters. Please be mindful of this and realize that would mean that adults might need to “switch out” but there cannot be more than one support person.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

- **Goat – Robin Gildner**

We have 61 registered participants, 14 Market projects. (All market goats have been tagged).

- Minimum market project weight for fair is 65#.
- Minimum age for all goats attending is 4 months of age.
- Make sure your goat has a scrapie tag in its ear or that it has been tattooed with the corresponding numbers from the scrapie tag and you have the tag in your possession. If your goat has tattoos (either scrapie tag numbers or per the pedigree) please make sure they are legible PRIOR TO FAIR. No tagging or tattooing will be done on the fairgrounds during check in. If your goat does not have a scrapie tag or tattoos and you need help, please reach out to me ASAP so there is time to get it prior to fair.
- Education deadline is June 30th.
- Watch withdrawal periods on medications now that fair is fast approaching. Some medications have withdrawals around 7 days others are 30+ days. Be sure to read labels before administering anything to your project.
- Showmanship opportunity: July 14th, 9am at the Fairground. Check-in for showmanship is from 7-8am. This is a goat show weekend starting on Saturday July 13th at 9am with three ABGA sanctioned shows and on Sunday starting at 9 am with showmanship followed by two additional ABGA shows. Showmanship is open to all ages, even an adult division, and open to all breeds of goats (not just Boer goats). Use this opportunity to come watch and learn, earn an education credit for next year or to practice your showmanship skills prior to fair.
- Any question don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Facebook Page: Goat Barn – NWMI Livestock Council

Any questions please let me know, 231-883-2002 or info@luckyfarmsmi.com

- **Dog – Gretchen Sauvage**

Looking for a few education paragraphs to get credit. My numbers are 34 registered, 6 cloverbuds & 3 seniors.

Any questions please reach out: ges5250@gmail.com or 231-883-3378.

- **Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph**

Tristan – please make sure you are trimming nails prior to coming to fair. Tattoos must be touched up and clear prior to coming to fair. There is a tattoo clinic July 13th 5pm-7pm. If you cannot make it to the clinic just reach out and I am happy to come to meet you. Keep cold, fresh water available always. Be sure to play a radio or other sorts of sounds to get them used to since they are fragile and scare easily. Make sure you practice flipping them upside down on their back so that when you are showing for showmanship they don't freak out and scratch your face.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call: 231-633-4492

Email: r4rabbity@yahoo.com

- **Large Beef – Haven Bouwens**

(See Attached)

For any questions you can email or call Haven:
havenmrobinson@gmail.com 231-263-2217

- **Poultry – Lynn Henning**

(See Attached)

Call or text with any questions, 231-357-5132.
Email: 4hchickenqueen@gmail.com

- **Large Dairy Beef & Feeder – Greg Bancroft**

Rick Talliue

35 Total Dairy Feeder

29 Market

3 Total Dairy Beef

1 Market

We have just a few left to tag, we are almost done. So far everyone is looking great.
If you have any questions, please call or email:
gbancroft1976@gmail.com 231-313-8063

- **Horse – Mandy DePuy**

Alyssa

Reminder – fill out horse declaration form. It is available on the website and will be sent out via email as well. This form has to be filled out by July 1st in order to come to fair. Make sure you have a hard copy of your Coggins to leave with the Barn Superintendent. 12 – 4 in the pits will be haul in time. You're not able to purchase tack stalls, they will be given out to leaders based upon availability.

Don't hesitate to call or email with any questions: Mandy DePuy -
mandydepuy@gmail.com 231-649-3102

- **Lamb – Shayna Conger**

June Lamb Update!

42 Market

9 Show only

13 Clover buds

3 Seniors

With the rising temperatures please be sure to check and change water 3-4 times a day, these lambs rely on nice cold fresh water to grow and regulate their body temperature. make sure shade and air flow is available at all times, if you are concerned about your lambs health please reach out to myself or Clayton. We can help you navigate the best way to help your lamb(s), lambs are very sensitive and most health issues won't resolve themselves. With that being said we are past the date we would allow a replacement lamb if you didn't tag a backup lamb.

If your lamb(s) have not been rough sheared please contact us or someone on the list provided to get this arranged ASAP.

Try to feed and work with them during the cooler time of day (Morning & Evening).

When bathing or cooling down your lamb(s) remember to start at the feet and work your way up to the body to avoid sending them into shock.

I'm sure we have all been told or have heard that ticks are bad this year, while we think to check our pets and ourselves we should also be checking our farm animals, please be sure to check your lamb(s) for ticks and abscesses. Also if you have a male Lamb please be sure they are banded and actively healing. Please reach out if this is not the case.

Fitting and Shearing at fair

Please be sure to read the policy and procedures document. It is best to ensure you are clear on the rules and fitting your lamb(s) for fair.

Minimum weight is 100LBS with no maximum weight required to market at fair. If your lamb happens to not make weight you are responsible to sell your lamb on your own time and no signs can be posted on or at your pen. You will also be responsible for arranging the transportation for the animal, more information will be released for trucking options if you would like to add a lamb to the processing trucks coming.

Our next shearing clinic is planned for **June 26th 5pm-8pm** Please use sign up genius link(website and facebook). We will tag lambs that will be at this event, we are also hoping to have the scale open. We will tag lambs at this event

June 30th is the education deadline. All education must be turned in by 11:59PM (one specie specific and one general education)

June 30th is also our Showmanship Clinic at the Fairgrounds.. We have two time slots of 9am-11am & 11:30am-1:30pm. Please use the Sign up genius (website and facebook) to reserve a spot. Lambs are encouraged but not required, although it might be more beneficial to be able to work with your lamb there.

**We will tag lambs that will be at this event, we are also hoping to have the scale open.

If there are lambs that are remaining to be tagged after these two events we will reach out to arrange a time to tag them.

CALLING ALL CREATIVE MINDS!

We would like to invite anyone that would be interested in creating an informative poster about lambs to display their poster in the lamb barn to help teach the general public more about our little woolly friends!

Posters can be about any lamb related subject, wool uses, carcass grading, cuts of meat, breeds and what they are used for, shearing for show, ect.

FAIR SCHEDULE CHANGES!

Sunday Aug 4th

Lamb Practice @ 4:00 PM in the Rosa Arena

Monday Aug 5th

Lamb 4-H Market @ 1:00 PM in the Rosa Arena

OPEN Showmanship & Breed @ 4:30 PM in the Rosa Arena

Tuesday Aug 6th

4-H Showmanship @ 10 AM in the Rosa Arena

Facebook page: Sheep Barn – NWMI Livestock Council

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

Email: sheepbarn4hnwmf@gmail.com

- **Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins**

Numbers

32 Cloverbuds.

43 Market

16 Show only.

Total 90

17 Shared animals per registrations will know more when tagging is complete.

Tagging

I have started tagging and will continue for the next couple weeks so watch your emails to set up a day and time for tagging. My goal is to have everyone tagged by July 14 th for at least the market kids. I will also have my tags at the practice this Wednesday so if you are attending the practice and I haven't tagged your calf yet or set up a time. I will tag you there before you leave. Same with the July 7 th practice if I haven't gotten to you yet. Also make sure you have your RFID Tags in before coming to the fair. You will not be able to unload if they are not in. RFID tags should come from the farm the animal was purchased from.

Vaccines

As a reminder all junior beef calves must be vaccinated for the following:

Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Parainfluenza 3 (PI3), and Bovine Respiratory Syncytial

Virus (BRSV). If this was done by the breeder you just need to get the vaccine

information for your health record. If it was not done it will be your responsibility to get

this done before fair. Both the Jr. Beef health record and the Fair health record need to be completed and turned in before you can unload your calf.

Castration: Should be done. If you haven't done this yet it needs to be done this week. castration site should look healthy with no signs of swelling, discharge, or decay upon check in at fair. This should be completed now to ensure proper healing time before fair. As weather and band size can affect the timing of dropping and healing.

Horns: This should also be done. Calves with horns need to be dehorned, this easier done when they are younger. We had some buyers that bought calves that ended up having horns that they were unaware of. So please get this taken care of.

Weather: It looks like it is going to be up and down the next couple of weeks, make sure your calf has fresh clean water and fans available if needed to help keep them cool. Also when cooling them down with water make sure you always start at their feet and work your way up,

Showmanship Practice:

Showmanship Skills start with the work you do at home. So, make sure you are practicing with a purpose. Practice with the show halter and show stick. Fair week should not be the first time the calves are introduced to those items. Have a family member pretend to be the judge and practice as if you were in the show ring.

Practices at the Fair grounds

Wednesday June 26 th 6-8

Sunday July 7 th 4:30-6:30

Wednesday July 17 th 6-8

Decorations:

I know clubs are planning their decorations right now so just a reminder no lights can be in your decorations and makes sure they don't restrict air flow through the barn. Also, a reminder that decorations cannot be placed on stalls until after 4pm on the Wednesday before.

Upcoming deadlines:

Education is due This Sunday July 30 th . I think I have 1-2 Youth needed to complete this. There are options on the website under the education tab.

Fair Registration is due Monday July 1 st So get that completed ASAP, so don't forget. Please let me know if you have any questions about classes. Also note that if you are also bringing an open animal, it will be housed in the open cattle barn and not with your 4-H animal.

Last work bee is July 24 th 6-8 so if you still need a work bee credit we will see you there. You should have stated getting buyer letters out so if you haven't started you should get started on those.

Program Reminders new this year.

Heifers and Steers will have their own market classes and there will be an overall market champion just like the large beef program.

There is a Min weight of 300lbs and a Max weight of 700lbs. We are hopeful to have the scales

available at the practices so everyone can see where they are at.

Call or text with questions: 231-357-0777, jr.beef4h@yahoo.com

- **Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins**

June 30th Showmanship Clinic 5pm – 7pm at the Llama Alpaca barn. Please be practicing at home and don't forget to provide fresh water.

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

ndalpacas@aol.com

Renee Hobbins 231-835-0441, hobbins@centurytel.net

- **Swine – Jennifer Davis**

No Report.

Nicki – reminder about bringing your own watering system to Fair. If you have questions about this, please reach out to Jenn.

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

Email: swinebarn4h@gmail.com

DIFFERENTLY ABLED REPORT

Differently Abled

6/24

DA Swine Judge Kelsey Bott

DA Judge Monday

Youth animals for petting zoo Wednesday 9-11

Friday night DA party will be only DA youth. We will be stamping or put wrist bands on. No sending a substitute youth for a DA youth.

Party will be from 7:30-9. Parents please check in and if you leave please let us know prior to doing so.

Show is moved to 9:30 if you need a specific time slot due to other shows or a time that works better for the youth let me know.

Record books available with me tonight.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Nicki

- a. **Auction Committee (Leslie)** – we are good. If you did not get your club report from me to check your market kids. You might have other kids on the list if they were in your club in the past, cross off any kids that are not participating this year. Double check that the address listed is the mailing address.

Auction Refreshments – Everyone turn in snacks to Robin.

Question – MaryLynn can we open it to more donations and nut-free items?

Yes – Amber will update the sign-up genius.

MaryLynn – can we add snacks for the teen reps also?

Keri – yes and we will add it to the auction snacks sign-up genius.

ACE Hardware donated a pallet of water (the store located downtown TC) so please sign the thank you card at the front table, or if you are in the area then stop in and say thank you for supporting 4-H.

Buyer's Luncheon – Casciano food management has donated 1000 servings of BBQ sauce and 100 packets of ketchup. The mustard and mayo packets needed were donated by the Boy Scouts Group. Plastic Tablecloths have been provided. I have filed for the food license with MDARD. I received a donation from Pepsi and Northwoods soda that will cover Buyer's Luncheon and the dance and whatever else we might need to use it for. Coke products are usually very popular and I end up spending money on that, last year it was around \$330. I have approached Coca Cola to no avail, so if someone has an "in" with them or knows of someplace willing to donate coke products please let me know. Or if we could add Coke and Diet Coke cans to the sign up sheet, I could use 8-10 cases of Coke and 5-6 cases of Diet Coke. My last donation request I will be asking Olsen's for, and having another conversation with my food inspector. Remember if you're an adult assisting then please complete your background check.

Cherry Festival – meet at the city park at 4:30pm. We can throw hard candy at the parade, but I have purchased rubber ducks and rubber pigs. We have a 44ft trailer for our float so the more the merrier.

Robin – just a reminder about Cherry Festival that there are many 4H kids involved in one way or another even as Prince and Princesses, so if you can come and support the Fair kids, that would be great.

Keri – one additional reminder about the parade...please wear comfortable walking shoes, put on sunscreen and bring water. We will have some water available, but it never hurts to bring more.

Fair Week Evening Activities (Teen Reps) – We have the same activity line up this year that we did as last year. Scavenger hunt – please make sure you get permission to take photos with people. Glow Party. Movie Night. Thank you so much to those who have donated to these activities.

Fun Saturday – we will be updating our prizes, if you have ideas please reach out and let us know. We will be getting eggs the week of, otherwise we are set.

Fun Class Friday – no report, not present.

Friday 4-H Dance – we are all set.

Photography – the small animal photos are the only change, and I have specie chairs on board. We have made a schedule with the photographers, and I will bring that. Our banners have shipped and should be here tomorrow. We will be planning to set those up at the Work Bee on July 24th.

Comment – the photos will be \$9 each.

Showmanship Showdown – all set.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Health Forms – 2 Forms Required

This isn't new. There is one Fair Form and one Livestock Council Form. These are both listed on our website under specific species. If you only bring one and not another, you will be sent out and around to fill out BOTH forms.

Please be sure these are both completed before you unload.

Shayna – what about clover bud, under or overweight animals that would like to be put on processing trucks?

Keri – Fee needs to be paid at the auction trailer by Friday at 12:00pm. Small animal is \$50 and large animal is \$75, this is denoted by which ring they would auction in (Rosa = small animals, Haberlein = large animals).

b. TC Nourish

Elizabeth – this is a new business providing a healthy meal option Monday through Friday at Fair week. There will be drop-offs at 7:30am and 11:00am. The menu will be available on the council website. You can text orders to: 231-631-2224

PUBLIC COMMENT*

Comment – this will be my son's first year showing Cornish Game Hens, is there someone I can talk to about everything?

Keri – Yes! Lynn, raise your hand!

Comment – perfect, I will find her after the meeting.

Question – why are swine not first this year for auction line up?

Keri – we rotate every 2 years.

Comment – oh, ok it’s every two years.

Adjournment: Approved. Motion by: Holly Heuser 2nd by: Collin Heuser

Time: 7:36pm

Next Meeting: July 22nd, 2024 @ 6:30pm at The Fairgrounds

Club List for 2024	January	February	March	April	May	June 3	June 24
A Backyard Bunch	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
All Creatures Great & Small	x		x		x		x
Barn Busters	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Beef & Bacon Bunch		x		x	x		x
Benzie Cowabungas	x	x	x	x	x		x
Bits - N - Grit	x	x			x	x	x
Boots & Roots	x	x	x	x			
Caring Critters							
Carousel Club	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Clover Bunch 4-H Club			x				
Country Cousins						x	
Country Kids	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Country Roots	x	x	x			x	x
Crazy Acres	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Dirty Boots & Country Roots							
Dogs R Us							
Dusty Trails	x				x	x	x
Excalibur Mazkaraders	x	x		x	x		
Farm and Fleece	x	x			x	x	
Farm and Freedom	x	x				x	
Forever Farmin'		x	x	x	x		
Frontier Quest	x						
Gotta Lluva a Cool Critter	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Green Acres	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Happy Highlanders	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Happy Hooves	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kaleidoscope Kids	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lake Ann 4H Livestock Club	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Leaders and Lopers							
Leather-N-Laces	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Living Livestock	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lone Wolves							
Long Lake 4H Livestock	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Maple Ridge	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Misty Meadows							
Northern Explorers							
Northern Lights	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Northwest Classy K-9's	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pen Pals		x					
Proclites	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Rickety Ranchers	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Round About Wranglers	x	x			x	x	
Showtime		x	x		x	x	x
Small Town Farmers	x	x	x	x		x	x
Sunshine Acres	x	x	x	x	x		x
TC Hooves and Wings		x					x
Too Goat to be True	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Twin Lakes	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Two By Two	x	x	x	x	x		
Walnut Acres		x	x				x
Windy Acres	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

#'s

96 - Total Registered

81 - Market Steer

14 - Market Heifer

1 - Show only Heifer/Steer

Hood Trimming

Saturday, July 13th 8am

No Bull Hoof Care - \$25 per head

Upcoming Practice Dates

Wednesday, June 26th 6-8pm

Sunday, July 7th 4:30 to 6:30pm

Wednesday, July 17th 6:00 to 8:00pm

In need of senior bios and photos

Due to our concrete floor I recommend a Stall mats

We have 5 kids that still need education

1000min weight reminder

Start thinking of health record forms
↳ Consider withdrawal periods

Large Beef
Given by:
Crystal B.

POULTRY NEW LSC MEETING JUNE 24TH

ALWAYS CHECK FOR EMAILS FROM ME!!!

POULTRY DOCUMENT COMING OUT JULY 1st. Everything you need to know about Fair week

STUDY MATERIALS, RECORD BOOK, AND SHOWING AND FITTING GUIDE ON THE LIVESTOCK COUNCIL WEBSITE. RESEARCH 4-H U TUBE POULTRY VIDEOS.

NO FREE RANGING OF MARKET PROJECTS
PROPER FEED, FRESH AIR AND WATER

CORNISH GAME HEN PROJECTS
WILL BE IN THE WEEK OF JULY 1ST

POULTRY BARN WORK BEE/SET UP

2 HOUR COMMITMENT.
WEAR STURDY SHOES, LOTS OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT TO MOVE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26TH

5:30 PM TO 8PM

SUNDAY JULY 14 TH

4PM TO 6:30PM

LAST GENERAL WORK BEE

WEDNESDAY JULY 24TH

6PM TO 8:30 PM

MARKET NUMBERS

DUCKS	6
PRODUCTION	12
MEAT CHICKENS	20