

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES - APPROVED

Monday, June 26th, 2023

OFFICERS: Keri Bancroft, Nicki Brown, Leslie Campbell, Tammy Nemeskal, Amber Pomper

TEEN REPS: Marin Barrett, Noah Send, Kelsey Bott, Holly Heuser, Ellie McKenzie, Collin Heuser and Darlene Wilcoxon.

STAFF: Emily Kotz *Absent: Rosalie Collier, Ali Olson,*

PRESENT: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER: Time 6:32 pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ROLL CALL (See Attached)

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Remove a.) under New Business

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved. Motion by Gretchen Sauvage, 2nd by Holly Heuser .

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved. Motion by Colin Heuser, 2nd by Ellie Mackenzie.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(See Financial Report)

PUBLIC COMMENT*

Greg Bancroft – Praise the Rain!

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Frank – Barn Decorations (specifically steer barn) on the inside of the outside wall and the club signs may be hung from the trusses. Must be 4ft out from the outside wall coming in. When the Grand and Reserve Banners are awarded, they will be hung from the trusses in the aisle so they can clearly be seen.

Online Registration – last day is July 1st. There will be a help session on Friday June 30th, at the Fair office from 3pm to 8pm. Constructive criticism is welcomed. One cart is better than two. When purchasing annual passes there is no place to note who those passes are for. Frank will be bringing these critiques back to the board. We apologize for the frustrations when using a new system.

No wheels such as bikes, scooters, etc permitted on the fairgrounds. Please be sure to register personal golf carts or rangers, and if a handicapped sign is needed please bring that proof of registration with you.

No surveillance of any kind may be used on the fairgrounds/in barns. If cameras are put up, they will be taken down and returned to you after fair. If there are concerns about trust, then come and talk to the fair board and let's solve the problem. Let's keep this a nice family event like it has always been.

As always, you're welcome to attend our meetings, the next one is July 13th.

Reminder:

Keri – please be sure to grab the FINAL Fair schedule printed in green on the front table. Be sure to look at the load in times and changes that have happened for this year so that things run smoothly on load in day.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Grand Traverse (Emily Kotz) –

Tanner building Club Booth Display forms are due tonight (6/26). There are extra copies with me tonight so please let me know if you need one.

If you have any independently judged projects that you would like submitted to the Tanner building that deadline is July 14th. You can do that through the online registration form on the Fair website.

Benzie County (Ali Olson) –

None

Leelanau County (Rosali Collier) –

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a.) Blood Drive – Gretchen: The tanner building needs your support! We have the banners ready and hanging tonight so that you can use the QR code to register. These funds help us greatly with all tanner building activities. We are going to have a camp out at Interlochen State Park if you would like to join us. You can get with Emily for more info.
- b.) Workbees – Amanda: Last one is July 26th. This must be completed in order for you to attend Fair.

- c.) Education Credits – due by midnight on June 30th, 2023. You can check/verify this online.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

- **Differently Abled – Beth Stephens**

Reminder that DA record books are available online, but I also have extra printed copies. Farm Bureau will be sponsoring a DA record book this year. Still looking for judges for our show on Monday if there are any seniors or super seniors that might be available. Lynn and I are working on small animal practices:
(Tentatively)
7/9 & 7/16

- **Goat – Robin Gildner**

Be sure to keep a close eye on your animal with these drastic weather changes as they can become ill very quickly. Continue to monitor their feed intake and adjust accordingly. Minimum weight is 65lbs for goats. If you still need your USDA Scrapies tag you need to order it ASAP, you can call 1-866-873-2824. Tattoos must be legible. Tags and Tattoos must be completed prior to arriving on Fairgrounds. If you need any help, please reach out. Education credits due by June 30th.
Any questions please let me know, 231-883-2002 or info@luckyfarmsmi.com

- **Dog – Gretchen Sauvage**

24 Dogs
2 Seniors
8 Cloverbuds
Keep working with your dog and we will see you all at Fair!
Any questions please reach out: ges5250@gmail.com or 231-883-3378.

- **Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph**

2 Tagging Dates/Showmanship:
July 10th
Good time to play a radio for your rabbit to get them accustomed to noise.
9 roasters and 4 pens of 3 for Market
Rabbit -
34 Show
13 Cloverbuds
Cavy –

6 Show

3 Cloverbuds

2 Seniors

5 DA

If Rabbits are not tagged/tattooed and Guinea Pigs need Earrings when they arrive to the Fairgrounds or they will be sent home.

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

- **Large Beef – Crystal Breithaupt**

Full Barn!!

89 Total

74 Steers

11 Heifers

4 Show Only Heifers

17 Seniors

Hoof Trimming: July 8th @ Stockfish Farm. If you are interested in attending, please see Kelly. Please be conscious of vaccines withdrawal periods that need to be completed 35 - 40days out.

RFID Tags are required. If you have lost a tag please reach out. This is required for your animal to come onto the fairgrounds.

Question – is there only one health record form this year? Yes.

Education credits due June 30th.

Please submit senior Bios and 4 x 6 photo.

Practices:

July 11th & 19th at 6pm

For any questions you can call Crystal: 231-620-0407.

- **Poultry – Lynn Henning**

Everything should be in place except for Cornish Game Hens, those should be coming in July 5th. You need papers for all birds coming onto the Fair grounds. It is important that you start dusting your birds and checking for mites and lice. Please do not free range your market projects, it does not let them grow to the weight that they should be at for market. Feed and water are important. Damp weather like this, it is best to coop your birds and keep the cool breeze off them.

I will be putting out the poultry project document in the next day or so, and it should be coming to all poultry kids soon.

Pen assembly: (Tentatively)

July 2nd

July 9th

July 16th

July 23rd

Registration due July 1st and Education Credits Due June 30th!

Call with any questions, 231-357-5132.

- **Dairy Feeder – Hannah Gaither**

34 Total

30 Market

1 Show Only

1 Senior

3 Cloverbuds

Only 5 kids left that need Education and/or Workbee credits. Please get those completed.

Keep feeding your calves and keep plenty of fresh water available. Ensure they have an area to get out of the sun. Dairy Feeders can come to the handling clinics for practice: July 11th & 19th This is a good time to get your calves used to trailering, loading and unloading. Minimum weight is 350lbs.

RFID Tag and castration is required. Health record forms are on the website.

Get your record books started.

If you have any questions, please call or email: 231-492-7709,

hannah@fortyfivenorth.com

- **Horse – Mandy DePuy**

52 Registered 4-Her's

7 CB

4 Super Seniors

4 Graduating Seniors

3 DA

2 4-Her's still need Education Credits

12 4-Her's still need to complete Workbees

Please fill out the form to declare which horse you will be bringing to fair, that is due July 31st.

Coggins vaccinations must be done. Cut off is 3 weeks before fair.

Don't hesitate to call or email with any questions: Mandy DePuy -

mandydepuy@gmail.com

231-649-3102

- **Lamb – Shayna Conger**

65 Total Registered

15 CB

43 Market

7 Show Only

1 Graduating Senior

With the cool and changing weather please keep a close eye on your lambs. Push the grain for weight gain. If your lamb is not gaining weight, check the % of protein and then cut back on the hay and you could put a treat in the grain to keep them interested. Fresh bedding and fresh water. Fly spray can help when the flies are bad.

Worming needs to be done very soon. This is typically a 30 day withdraw period and we are 40 days from fair.

Education is due June 30th and last workbee is July 26th.

Work on your Record Books.

If you were unable to make it to shearing, please reach out to me.

There are 2 Health Record forms that can be found on the Livestock Council website, these will need to be completed when you come to fair. Scrapies tags must be in their ear to come onto the Fairgrounds.

There will be an AI Clinic @ Lucky Farms on July 15th, lambs at 9am and goats at 10:30am.

Facebook page: Sheep Barn – NWMI Livestock Council

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

- **Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins**

75 Total Registered

49 Market

14 Show Only

31 CB

1 Super Senior

2 Graduating Seniors (please get pictures and bios to me by the July 24th Council Meeting)

1 DA

16 Youth sharing a calf

8 Drops (please let me know ASAP if you are dropping)

No min. weight. Max weight = 700lbs

Trevor and I are trying to complete tagging by the end of this weekend. Most of the calves I have seen have their RFID tag, and the ones who don't need to get them in ASAP. You will not be able to unload your calf at Fair without an RFID tag. These should come from the breeder.

All calves must be vaccinated for IBR, PI3, and BRSV. If they were vaccinated by the breeder you need to bring the vaccine info with you for the health record form. The Health Record and Health Plan Agreement can both be found on the website and are required to unload at Fair. All bull calves need to be castrated before coming to fair and this should be done this week to ensure the site looks clean and healthy at fair.

Education is due June 30th. 2 youth that still need one credit and 3 youth that still need both credits. Please get them in ASAP.

12 Jr. Beef youth still need to complete Workbees. The last workbee is scheduled for July 26th, please make sure you are signed up.

You should be working on your buyers letters and record books.

Cattle Practices:

July 11th, 6pm – 8pm

July 19th, 6pm – 8pm

The scale should be open to weigh. Practice with your halter and show sticks, these should not be introduced for the first time at fair. Practice with a purpose. Start making a list of everything you will need for fair. Stall mats or boards for the stalls are needed. Stall mats are easier to clean and sanitize.

All Fair Registration for Animals and camping are due by July 1st, so please get that done. Don't forget to sign up for any Open Shows you may want to participate in, you can always drop later but once registration closes you cannot be added.

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

- **Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins**

35 total registered

10 Cloverbuds

Min 26.3 pounds and max is 450pounds...Any questions see Frank! LOL 😊

Seniors – please get your record books completed as much as possible prior to coming to fair. Cloverbud record books are on the website now too, thank you Nicki.

Deworm, shorn, and check their toes.

Upcoming clinic:

June 28th 5pm – 7pm, Obstacle Pack

July 9th 5pm – 7pm, Showmanship

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**

150 Total Registered

130 Market

1 Show Only

19 Cloverbud

11 Graduating Seniors

5 Super Seniors

Graduating seniors PLEASE get your Bio's in.

When it is sunny and hot, keep your pig shaded.

Min weight 225lb Max weight 315lb

Double check the load in times as we are stopping earlier this year at 11am.

If your tag falls out, then please put it back in. You would need to contact the breeder for a new tag if you cannot get it back in.

Record books are online now.

Get your education credits and workbee done.

You can text or call with any questions 231-649-2443. Email: swinebarn4h@gmail.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a.) Reporting Committees:

Auction – I have given leaders a list to double check 4-Her and parent names for Market kids. Next meeting will be by July 19th at 6:30pm at Mulligans.

Showmanship Showdown – belt buckles have been ordered, we have prizes, we are updating the score cards from last year to this year and those will be ready to go. Question to the council – we have a meeting to meet with all participants, when should we do that? Maybe 4:30pm. Keri doesn't see a problem with that. We can try to spread that by word of mouth.

We alternate small and large animals each year, this year will start with small animals. Once we get to the top 2 we will draw and have the showdown for overall and present the buckle.

Auction Refreshments – buyers get coffee, donuts and water. There was a sign-up genius for snacks and please bring those by the next meeting.

Buyers Lunch – applying for the food license, and have been busy securing donations, and started working on my list of volunteers for their background checks. All 4H market kids get lunch and siblings/family are \$8.

Cherry Festival Parade – We have a 24ft trailer decorated in Red, white, and blue along with the 4-H banner. We can line up at 4:30pm, we will have the float there by 5pm. Feel free to bring your animals to walk/ride in the parade. Not sure where we are in the line up yet, but we will be easy to find. If you plan to attend, please bring a bag of candy, gum or suckers to toss. July 6th at 6:30pm

Keri – normally we meet off site and park, so are we going to do that or meet by the float? Meet at the site.

Fair Week Evening Activities – (Teen Reps) Still working on all these events and getting fliers together for the July meeting.

Sunday night – neon party 8pm

Tuesday Night – movie night 8pm

Sat – Thurs will be a scavenger hunt.

Fun Saturday – all set

Fun Classes – absent

4H Dance – no update, the time is correct, and we are all set.

Photography – we are using Windborne again, as well as Craig Caugh. I need to get the back drop curtains washed and pressed. I am also wondering, if there are a couple of groups from the swine barn to help with the swine pictures at 8am. Also looking for anyone willing to help set up Tuesday night. Cloverbuds, show only, etc. will need to bring a form of payment for pictures.

b.) Non-Reporting Committees –

Auction Refreshments – Auction Ring Set up – Can Drive – Cloverbud Fair Week
Activites – Fair Set Up and Tear Down – Pizza Party.

NEW BUSINESS

~~a.) Teen Reps Financial Need for Fair Night Activities~~

b.) Final Fair Schedule – available and times are correct. The changes you would notice are on the load in times and weigh in times, so please double check those. July 27th we will have 3 scales certified. When you weigh in you are not allowed a re-weigh, there are 3 different people reading the scale when the animal is weighed. Lambs & goats are weighing in the back of the lamb barn. We will start cattle earlier. Swine will weigh in off the trailer at their barn. Lambs and Goats will be driving in this year but please do not unload until you've been health checked. Shayna – will lambs unload behind the goat barn for their health check? Yes.

c.) Fair Paperwork/Registration Due July 1st, 2023 – Keri will verify if this closes at midnight on June 30th or 11:59pm on July 1st. Please make sure that all members are registered for Fair. This paperwork is through the Fair Board and has nothing to do with us, but they have deadlines just like we do so please get this done. They will have office hours on Friday night to help anyone needing help. You can call the office for help too.

d.) **Barn Decorations** – cannot go up until Wednesday, August 2nd. If you put them up early and they get ruined, that is on you. Fair Grounds will be closed for a private event prior to Wednesday. Please be mindful that your decorations are appropriate for your barn, not too heavy or large, etc. No lights (battery operated), no cameras, no lanterns or candles, no christmas lights, etc. The only item that should be plugged in are your fans.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

QUESTIONS

None

Adjournment: Approved. Motion by Michelle Reinke, 2nd by Nikki Meredith.

Time: 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 24th, 2023 - 6:30pm – Livestock Council Meeting – Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds.

| Club | January | February | March | April | May | June 26th | July |
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| A Backyard Bunch | | x | | x | | X | |
| All Creatures Great & Small | x | x | | x | x | x | |
| Barn Busters | x | x | | | x | X | |
| Beef & Bacon Bunch | x | x | X | | x | X | |
| Benzie Cowabungas | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Bitz and Gritz | | | | x | x | X | |
| Boots & Roots | x | x | X | X | x | X | |
| Caring Critters | | | | | | | |
| Carousel Club | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Country Cousins | | x | X | | x | X | |
| Country Kids | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Country Roots | | | X | x | x | X | |
| Crazy Acres | x | x | X | | x | | |
| Dirty Boots & Country Roots | | | | | | | |
| Dogs R Us | | | | | | | |
| Dusty Trails | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Excalibur Mazkaraders | x | x | | x | | X | |
| Farm and Fleece | x | | X | | x | X | |
| Forever Farmin' | | x | X | x | x | x | |
| Frontier Quest | | x | | | | | |
| Gotta Lluva Cool Critter | x | x | X | x | x | x | |
| Green Acres | x | x | X | x | x | x | |
| Happy Highlanders | x | x | X | x | x | x | |

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| Happy Hooves | x | x | X | x | x | x | |
| Home Grown 4-H Club | | | | | | | |
| Kaleidoscope Kids | x | x | X | x | | x | |
| Lake Ann 4H Livestock Club | x | x | X | x | x | x | |
| Leaders and Lopers | | | X | | | | |
| Leather-N-Laces | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Living Livestock | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Lone Wolves | x | x | X | x | | | |
| Long Lake 4H Livestock | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Maple Ridge | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Misty Meadows | | | X | | | | |
| Northern Explorers | | | | x | | | |
| Northern Lights | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Northwest Classy K-9's | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Pen Pals | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Pony Pals 4-H | | | | | - | | |
| Proclites - Co-leader | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Radical Rabbit Raisers N More | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Rickety Ranchers | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| Showtime | | x | | | x | X | |
| Small Town Farmers | x | x | X | x | x | | |
| Sunshine Acres 1 | x | x | X | x | x | X | |
| TC Hooves & Wings | | | | | x | | |
| Twin Lakes | | x | X | | x | X | |
| Two By Two | | | | | | | |
| Walnut Acres | | x | X | | | X | |
| Windy Acres | x | x | X | x | x | x | |