

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES - APPROVED

Monday, June 5th, 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: Rosalie Collier, Ali Olson, Emily Kotz

PRESENT: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER: Time 6:31 pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ROLL CALL (See Attached)

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved. Motion by Lisa Ralph, 2nd by Colin Heuser.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved. Motion by Kelly Stockfisch, 2nd by Gretchen Sauvage.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

See Financial Statements for May (Report Given by Leslie)

Leslie – If anyone owes for a second swine tag, please see me afterwards.

Mary Lynn – has anyone checked the mailbox?

Keri – it will be checked tonight and Tammy checked it on Saturday. So all avenues will have been covered by midnight. You can also Venmo Keri and she will get the money to the council.

PUBLIC COMMENT*

None

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Tom – please reach out with any questions regarding online registration. Email is easiest way to reach me. Thursday there will be someone in the Fair Office to assist with those needing help. There are two platforms – ShoWorks (animal registration) & Sapphire (camping, membership, code of conduct, hold harmless, megabands, weekly passes, grandstand, etc)

Questions:

Be sure to recognize that the registrations for memberships and animals are separate (ie the two separate software).

Are there premium books available tonight? Yes, those will be available after the meeting.

The link under documents and forms isn't working. Tom will look at it.

How do we know we have successfully registered? You will get a confirmation email. But as a reminder, if you're registering more than one person use 'quick group'.

Do we use 'already registered' or 'new registration'? Always use new registration unless you are going in to edit then you can use already registered. You can also print your registration once it is completed.

Is there a fee online? No fee for using your card online to register for shows. There is a fee if you purchase grandstand tickets, mega bands, etc.

There are a few clubs spelled wrong on the registration. Tom – we will try to get it fixed.

Thank you Tom.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Grand Traverse (Emily Kotz) –

Grand Traverse County summer camping weekend at Interlochen State Park: July 14th-16th –

The GT Youth Leader's Association has reserved the group camping site at Interlochen State Park for GT County 4-H participants to use during the weekend of July 14-16th. The event is free to attend!

There will be educational activities led by the park and MSU staff on Saturday. Please contact Emily Kotz at

kotzemil@msu.edu or Gretchen Sauvage if you are interested in participating! Flyer is available here for more information on how to register!

Benzie County (Ali Olson) –

4-H Soccer Registration is open! Youth ages 5 to 12/13 are eligible to play (roughly grades K-8). Cost is \$20 and is due by first practice. Registration is open until September 1 and practice begins September 9. Coaches kids play for free.

4-H Pottery SPIN Club is available thru Benzie 4-H. Contact Ali for more details.

TCHS/Flintfields partnership

Beginner Dog Agility SPIN Club starts June 19. Every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30p – Joyfield Road, Benzonia.

New traditional 4-H Club starting in Benzie focusing on horses and dogs. See Ali for additional information.

Benzie 4-H Advisory has purchased a Horse Learning Lab Kit from OSUE for local clubs/councils to use. Contact Ali to use or for more information.

Leelanau County (Rosali Collier) –

Sign Up for Orchard Tour and More 2023: Join us with your 4-H livestock club at the Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Center (6686 S Center Hwy, in Bingham Township) during Cherry Festival week. Pick one day to host a petting zoo with animals 100 lbs or smaller (new guidelines for 4-H petting zoo here in Michigan) and a club fundraiser of your choice, from 10 am to 1 pm. July 3, 5, 6, or 7. Great chance to practice meeting with the public and giving your livestock projects the chance to meet folks, too! I have the clipboard with the sign-up here. Email Rosali with any questions: collierr@msu.edu

Two 4-H Sail Camps: Leelanau County 4-H and the Maritime Heritage Alliance are partnering again to offer two different 4-H sailing adventure camps aboard the 39-foot classic sailboat Champion this summer. Champion is guided by a licensed captain, a crew of trained volunteers including a 4-H volunteer, and six youth participants. Youth ages 12-19 can choose one of two days, either Monday, July 10th or Monday, August 7th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for a fun adventure in West Bay. Each sail will include a trip to Power Island, the chance to swim in the bay, eat lunch on the boat, and learn how to tie knots, navigate a course, sail the boat, and more. Want to join the crew? Contact Leelanau County 4-H Program Coordinator Rosali Collier to find out how to register for one of the days. Cost is just \$30 and includes a Sail Champion water bottle. Thanks to the Leelanau County 4-H Youth Association, costs for youth are minimal. Meet the crew at Discovery Pier, 13268 S. W. Bayshore Drive, in Traverse City. Bring a packed lunch, water bottle, hat/sunglasses, swimsuit (optional), and a towel. Questions or ready to register? Please reach out to Rosali at collierr@msu.edu or by calling our MSU Extension/Leelanau 4-H office at 231-256-9888.

Tanner 4-H Exhibit Building Information: We have the Tanner 4-H Exhibit Building Packets ready for you, as well as the club booth display registration form. The theme for the displays is “Tell Your 4-H Story”, and the registration form will be due by Monday, June 26th, at the Livestock Council meeting on the fairgrounds or at the Grand Traverse County 4-H office. The packet and registration form will be put on the Livestock Council website, and hard copies will be available at our 4-H offices. Please remember to register any judged independent non-animal projects for the Tanner Building using the new **online** registration form through the Fair, due July 14th. We also have copies of the Tanner Exhibit Building pages in the Premium Book for you to look at, as we have several new sub-classes for the independent projects this year. Don’t forget to apply for the Clover Award this year! Our top three finalists will be interviewed the Monday of Fair, by appointment. Win a certificate, large ribbon, and a \$100 VISA gift card. For more information, please email Rosali at collierr@msu.edu or Emily at kotzemil@msu.edu

OLD BUSINESS:

- a.) Blood Drive – Gretchen: we need 25 donors to get our kick back of \$10 per donor. Please sign up, it's easy – you can sign up using the QR code or link online.
- b.) Workbees – Amanda
We have 2 left, please be sure to sign up for one to receive credit. July will be barn set up. If you have any questions please email or call Amanda.
- c.) Education Credits – due by midnight on June 30th. You can check/verify this online.

Please see the side of your agenda for upcoming dates regarding these areas (you can always find this info on the website too). Make sure you are signed up for (and attend) a workbee. You can use the sign-up genius located on our website. Amanda Wilkins can help you if you have any questions. Please be sure you sign up one child per line and not an entire family. This will help track each individual child.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

- **Differently Abled – Beth Stephens**

Record Books are available online, and there are printed copies available tonight. Farm Bureau will be sponsoring a DA record book this year. Looking for help from some super seniors, volunteers, etc. to be a Judge for our show on Monday. If there are any DA youth that need additional assistance at any shows, please let me know so that we can arrange for support.

- **Goat – Robin Gildner**

Weather is now getting hot consistently so please ensure your animal has enough fresh, clean, water. They will be drinking more during the day and you might need to add a second bucket. Monitor their feed intake and ensure they have access to shade. Be sure your project has a scrapies tag or corresponding number tattooed in their ear. You don't need a scrapies tag if you have proper paperwork. Tagging has been completed. If you still need help with scrapies tagging, please let me know. Show opportunities for education credit can be found on the website. Please get your education done. Any questions please let me know, 231-883-2002 or info@luckyfarmsmi.com

- **Dog – Gretchen Sauvage**

Dog Registrations are due by midnight tonight. Watch your dogs for ticks, they are bad this year. Clinic will be Thursday June 8th at 6pm in Lake Ann on Dog Showmanship. Call if you are interested and have questions. Any questions please reach out: ges5250@gmail.com or 231-883-3378.

- **Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph**

Clinic Dates:

June 10th is a showmanship clinic and tattooing. All animals must have their numbers tattooed into their ears to enter the fairgrounds. Also, there will be tattooing on July 22nd. Double check the animal's right ear. It must have a number.

June 11th 3pm – 6pm

June 18th 6pm – 8pm

June 22nd 6pm – 8pm

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

- **Large Beef – Crystal Breithaupt**

89 Registered.

Please let us know ASAP if you are dropping.

900lbs is the minimum weight. If your project is not close to that, please reach out for help because the warm weather tends to slow down food intake for the animals.

3 inch maximum on horns.

Worming should be done ASAP.

Cattle Practices:

June 15th – 6pm to 8pm

June 25th – 4:30pm to 6:30pm

June 17th Hoof Trimming – 8am at the Fairgrounds. Please use the sign-up genius link. It is 95% full. Please reach out and we can help you get in if you need.

Please complete education credits. I have reached out to those I have noticed are missing their credits. Seek out prior approval for events not listed.

RFID tags are hard to come by so please address that need ASAP if you need one.

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

- **Poultry – Lynn Henning**

(Report given by Keri)

Education opportunities can be found on the website and side of the agenda.

Call with any questions, 231-357-5132.

- **Dairy Feeder – Hannah Gaither**

All are tagged and everyone looks great.

You can reduce the amount of hay and increase protein. Protein is your friend and will help your project grow and gain properly.

It would be best to walk them in the evening and please ensure plenty of access to fresh, consistent water.

Make sure you are completing your education and workbee credits.

Continue working with your calf using show sticks and walking. Bring them to cattle practice to help them socialize and be familiar with other animals if they're not familiar with being around other cows.

If you have any questions, please call or email: 231-492-7709,
hannah@fortyfivenorth.com

- **Horse – Mandy DePuy**

Coggins should be done, get that pulled. No vaccines are mandatory but please follow your veterinarian recommendations. Start your record books. Complete your workbees and education credits. Registration forms available online now. The form to declare your horse is now available on the website so please get that completed by July 31st.

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

- **Lamb – Shayna Conger**

16 CB

7 Show Only

45 Market

Total = 68

We are likely going to need to share pens so please email or reach out if you have any siblings or club members willing to share pens. Ensure your animal stays hydrated. With the hot weather they're going to reduce the amount of feed they will take in. Get worming done. We still have people who need tagging. Please reach out to schedule it. June 25th – 3pm to 5pm, shearing available for \$10 per head. Showmanship clinic 5pm – 7pm.

There will be a scale available in the barn to gauge an idea of where you are with weight. July 1st – 10am to 1pm clinic.

July 26th – pen set up 6pm to 8pm

Ensure Vaccinations

Min weight 105, no max.

Facebook page: Sheep Barn – NWMI Livestock Council

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

- **Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins**

101 Total Registrations, with approx. 85 cattle coming into the barn.

If you are a graduating senior, please get me your bio and photo for the barn. Please let me know ASAP if you are planning to drop because our barn will be packed. Tagging will be starting this week, so you will be hearing from myself or Trevor Alpers. I will also have tags available at the two June showmanship practices.

Please ensure you have an RDIF tag, as this is required to come to fair.

Make sure vaccination information is on the health record form. If they have not been vaccinated, this is your responsibility before they come to fair. Bull calves need to be properly castrated. The castration site should look healthy upon check in at fair. I would suggest not doing this any later than July 4th to ensure the site is healed. Horns cannot exceed 3 in. All calves need to be weaned prior to fair.

Education credits are due June 30th. There are still 17 Jr. Beef youth that need one or both of their credits. Online is the BQA that you can complete and send me the certificate. YQCA also offers a completion certificate. There is an evaluation video on the website available to watch and you would need to submit a 1 page paper about what you learned from the video.

At the June 15th Cattle practice, I am going to put together a showmanship 101 clinic that will count for a credit. There will be a sign in and we will use a separate location than those who would just like to practice. Please ensure you complete a workbee.

Start making contact with buyers now and sending out buyers letters. You can send out 'save the dates' for auction. Record books should be worked on now.

Practices:

June 15th 6pm – 8pm

June 25th 4:30pm – 6:30pm

July 11th 6pm – 8pm

July 19th 6pm – 8pm

Hopefully we will be able to have scales open. Market project families, I will be double checking information for auction books via email, so watch for those emails. Thank you.

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

- **Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins**

Full barn this year! Please register online for the Fair by July 1st.

Complete your workbee and education credits. Now is the time to practice, practice, practice. Ensure fresh water. Worming.

Clinics at the Fairgrounds:

June 28th, 5pm – 7pm

July 9th, 5pm – 7pm

Health forms are on the website. You should be able to find everything on the website.

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**

First year for virtual tagging and it went amazingly well!

139 tagged swine and 68 of those are the 2nd tagged swine and payment is due tonight to the treasurer.

Last time we were together it was snowing and now it's hot. Please ensure they have shade, fans, clean bedding, access to clean water 24/7. Fair is 61 days away and you can gauge weight by knowing what your current weight is and adding 1.5 to 2 lbs per day.

Min weight = 225lbs and Max weight = 315lbs

I will get record books online tonight and please get those started.

Water clinic this Saturday 10am – 12pm and it counts as an education credit, it will cost \$30 to build your water system for fair.

Virtual options for education credits are available on the website.

We have a senior Bio board in our barn and I would like to get those from Seniors

Question – the fair schedule says there are open shows for swine but we were told there aren't.

Keri – there aren't any open shows, sorry, we will correct that.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a.) Reporting Committees:

Auction – buyer invites are labeled and ready to go and will be sent out at the beginning of July. Post cards are done, buyers letters available and proxy info available.

Auction Refreshments – Ace Hardware is donating a pallet of bottled water and thank you to Mary Lynn Robertson for securing that donation. We would like to do 400 snack bags like we did last year, and there will be a sign-up genius going out to collect donations.

Buyers Lunch – All kids with a market project receive a meal and meals will be available to 4-H siblings for \$8 each.

Cherry Festival Parade – July 6th at 6:30pm

Fair Week Evening Activities – (Teen Reps) Sunday night @ 8pm in the DA Tent = Neon/Glow Party, kids should wear white or neon clothes.

Tuesday in the DA tent will be movie night with a family friendly movie at 8pm, snacks provided. Bring pillows blankets and comfy clothes.

Scavenger hunt happening throughout the week and we are working on ironing out the details of what it will look like and when prizes will be awarded.

Fun Saturday – no report

Fun Classes – no report

4H Dance – The schedule says the dance is from 7:30-9 for cloverbud and 9-11:30 for older kids, but didn't we change that to 7-11 and 2 hrs each? Can we please change that for sure to make it 7-9 and 9-11? Keri – yes, we can. The DJ set and the rest should be all set.

Showmanship Showdown – all set and prizes ordered. Looking to have a meeting Wednesday night.

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.) Final Fair Schedule – needing many changes and will be printed again and handed out at the next meeting.
b.) Green Cards – will be given to the club leader and \$5 a card for a replacement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Lynn – why are we charging the \$5 to replace a card when we have the money to provide these?

Keri – the teen reps and specie chairs believed this to be a fair price for replacement instead of \$1 to conserve costs and waste. There is no line item for this. We are running with a tighter budget this year.

QUESTIONS

None

Adjournment: Approved. Motion by Collin Heuser, 2nd by Shayna Conger.

Time: 7:35p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 26th, 2023 - 6:30pm – Livestock Council Meeting – Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds.

Club	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
A Backyard Bunch		x		x			
All Creatures Great & Small	x	x		x	x		
Barn Busters	x	x			x		
Beef & Bacon Bunch	x	x	X		x		
Benzie Cowabungas	x	x	X	x	x		
Bitz and Gritz				x	x		
Boots & Roots	x	x	X	X	x		

Caring Critters							
Carousel Club	x	x	X	x	x		
Country Cousins		x	X		x		
Country Kids	x	x	X	x	x		
Country Roots			X	x	x		
Crazy Acres	x	x	X		x		
Dirty Boots & Country Roots							
Dogs R Us							
Dusty Trails	x	x	X	x	x		
Excalibur Mazkaraders	x	x		x			
Farm and Fleece	x		X		x		
Forever Farmin'		x	X	x	x		
Frontier Quest		x					
Gotta Lluva Cool Critter	x	x	X	x	x		
Green Acres	x	x	X	x	x		
Happy Highlanders	x	x	X	x	x		
Happy Hooves	x	x	X	x	x		
Home Grown 4-H Club							
Kaleidoscope Kids	x	x	X	x			
Lake Ann 4H Livestock Club	x	x	X	x	x		
Leaders and Lopers			X				
Leather-N-Laces	x	x	X	x	x		
Living Livestock	x	x	X	x	x		
Lone Wolves	x	x	X	x			
Long Lake 4H Livestock	x	x	X	x	x		
Maple Ridge	x	x	X	x	x		
Misty Meadows			X				
Northern Explorers				x			
Northern Lights	x	x	X	x	x		
Northwest Classy K-9's	x	x	X	x	x		
Pen Pals	x	x	X	x	x		
Pony Pals 4-H					-		
Proclites - Co-leader	x	x	X	x	x		
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	x	x	X	x	x		
Rickety Ranchers	x	x	X	x	x		
Showtime		x			x		
Small Town Farmers	x	x	X	x	x		
Sunshine Acres 1	x	x	X	x	x		
TC Hooves & Wings					x		

Twin Lakes		x	X		x		
Two By Two							
Walnut Acres		x	X				
Windy Acres	x	x	X	x	x		