

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, March 6, 2017

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

PRESENT: Emma Brooks, Wesley Peplinski, Hannah Steffes, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Megan Case, Julia Dean, Abigail Arnold, Genessa Gutzka, Kelly Stockfisch, Randy Stockfisch, Betty Parsons, Haidyn Mageli, John Vankorn, Elizabeth Franke, Kyle Franke, Nancy Keyser, Jenika Burden, Hendrix Bruden, Paxton Reed, Devan Dankers, Kathy Easter, Renee Hobbins, Chartan Barrett, Morgan Barrett, Cliff Wares, Dmitry Dean, Peyton Burch, Bill Schaub, Morgan Herkner, Taylor Herkner, Anne Seitz, Palomo Behrmann, Braden Rice, Gina Lake, Layden Leyke, Lisa Leesy, Robert Brown, Cherrie Brown, Kayce Caugh, Kassidy Caugh, Sarah Rosum, Kade Rosum, Cash Rosum, Jared Bender, Olivia Rice, Amy Nagley, Kesley Alpers, Courtney Alpers, Madison Leishman, Tammy Leishman, McKenzie Leishman, Zac Tokie, Sam Tokie, Landon Maddox, Becky Maddox, Carey Curran, Sofea Curran, Olivia Izatt, Sophie Izatt, Marin Barrett, Rachel Wares,Carolyn Woodhams, Jennifer Emery, Jayna Emery, Daniel Schaub, Kadin Crosley, Amanda Wilkins, Gwendolyn Neumann, Emma Kroupa, Gary Kroupa, Beth Stephens, Jennifer Stephens, Deb Canfield, Isabell Reece, Spencer Canfield, Lynn Henning, Gwyn Carter, Andrea Taghon, Elaine Taghon, Zach Taghon, Jared Kraeft, Ethan Kraeft, Audrey Dain, Gretchen Sauvage, Gabrielle Lake, Addison Kraeft, Keegan Lake, Aubrianna Lake, Levi Kelderhouse, Hunter Delahanty, Andrew Lints, Pat Lints, Abby Bretzke, Nolan Bretzke, David Robinson, Dan, Leslie & Connor Campbell, Alexandra Leonard, Katalina & Angelina Haugen, Ashley Hayes, Hannah Gaither, Ashela Seyler, Rose Plagens, Lisa Ralph, Karla Blackmer, BeckyKelderhouse, Rosie Belles, Kirsi Wildfong, Kyrie Wildfong, Kallen Wildfong, Chris Barley, Josh Barley, Jacob Barley, Gavin Allen, Ryan Send, Candace Rottman, Mylia LaPointe, Vanja Griffin, Heather Rosa, Haven Robinson, Michelle Reinke, Emma DePuy, Samantha Tracey, Jeff Goodwin, Kim Clark, Shelly Gray, Stephanie Wolf, Levi Kelderhouse, Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Tracy Healy, Sonya Youker, Tyler Brooks, Jen Wright, Garrett Peplinski, Emily Long, Abigail & Sandy Pyle, Johanna Okeke, Pilar Galnames, Nolan Roper, Louie Alpers, Amaya Roper, Alisa Forton, Cheryl & Aidan Schmuckal, Leah & Hunter Delahanty, Robert Walters, Ella Stockfisch, Lauren Ross, Maria Craft, Dylan Craft, Sharri Robertson-Craft, Caroline Clark, Abbey Welling, Otto Kortz, Ruby Kortz, Abbey Brower, Julianna Brower, Lydia Brower, Christian Brower, Diane Moyer, Karin Neumann, Reagan Middleton, Griffin Middleton, Alison Middleton, Michael Barley, Roger & Tara Steffes, Ginger Schneider, Jason Neumann, Ally Goedecke, Connor Jewett, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Suzan & Ruth Svec, Joey Send, Alyssa Rottman, Nicole Meredith, Rudy & Jan Neumann, Adelynn Town, Alyssa Lake, Teresa Monroe, Kassie Pierson, Bode Tokie, Jane Dunlap, Jessica Dane, Walt & Caleb Franke, Thomas & Laura Guerin, Anna Bjoraker, Tammy Nemeskal, Rebecca Schaub, Janet Sieffert, Kim Kelderhouse, Courtney & Tegan Elkins, Rosali Collier

CALL TO ORDER: Pledges were recited. 43 4-H Clubs were present

GENERAL PURPOSE OF WHY:

THE LIVESTOCK COUNCIL CONSISTS OF 5 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, 2 MSU EXTENSION AGENTS AND 13 SPECIE CHAIRS. BACK IN DECEMBER IT WAS VOTED

ON AND PASSED, THAT LIKE THE SWINE PROGRAM, ALL PROGRAMS WERE GOING TO REQUIRE MANDATORY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR **ALL** OF OUR YOUTH. THIS WAS DONE TO HELP KIDS COMPLETE THEIR PROJECTS IN A MORE INFORMED MANNER. IT WAS NOT CREATED AS A PUNISHMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUR KIDS STRIVE TO MEET THEIR POTENTIAL AS A BUSINESS PERSON AND AN ANIMAL PRODUCER. THE GENERAL EDUCATION SESSIONS ARE THERE TO HELP WITH BASIC BUSINESS EDUCATION, ANIMAL WELFARE AND RECORD KEEPING. THE SPECIE SPECIFIC EDUCATIONS ARE GEARED TOWARDS WHATEVER SPECIFIC SPECIE IS BEING MARKETED. IF THERE IS SOMEONE PARTICIPATING IN A NON MARKET SPECIE SUCH AS DOG, HORSE AND LLAMA/ALPACA IN SHOWMANSHIP ONLY, THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. ONLY CLOVERBUDS ARE EXEMPT ALTHOUGH THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. IT NEVER HURTS US TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW THAT IS PART OF WHAT THE 4H PROGRAM IS ALL ABOUT.

WE HAVE ADDED THE GENERAL SESSION INTO OUR NORMAL BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS, #1 IT BRINGS MORE PEOPLE TO OUR MEETINGS AND SHOWS THE 4HERS AND PARENTS HOW THE LIVESTOCK COUNCIL WORKS FOR THEM AND #2 TO GET MORE INVOLVEMENT FROM FAMILIES WHO MAY NOT NORMALLY BE INVOLVED. THE KIDS THAT ARE COMING TO MEETINGS TODAY ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR LIVESTOCK PROGRAM!

GUEST SPEAKER: Sarah Keinath & Thomas Long – Wexford County 4-H Youth Extension Educators were the guest speakers. They spoke regarding Record Keeping.

MINUTES: February 2017 minutes were approved with 2 changes. Motion by Greg Bancroft, 2nd by Dale Fritz.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelly Kraeft presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Dale Fritz, seconded by Jason Neumann to accept the report. Motion carried.

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Jason Neumann - Received 9 Premium Books covers. The following are the prizes for the winners: 1st place - \$75 or Mega band from Arnold's, 2nd place - \$50, 3rd place - \$25.

Merchandise ideas –The Fair received some great ideas so far, please if you have any suggestions let the Fair board know.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Karin Stevens – GT Co. MSU Extension – Absent

Rosali Collier – Leelanau Co. MSU Extension

1. **Pork Quality Assurance (PQA)**: thank you to those who came to yesterday's Leelanau County session. The next available session will be April 8th from 3-4:30 at Kingsley Middle School in the gym. Remember to sign in when you are there, and fill out your education receipt.
2. There are some copies of our **Livestock Registration forms**—cattle, sheep, goat, rabbit, and poultry are all due tonight.
3. One of our Leelanau County clubs (Frontier Quest) is putting on a free **spaghetti dinner and silent auction** as a fundraiser this Saturday, from 5-8, at the Interlochen Eagles.
4. Karin and I both brought just a handful of **of Exploration Days books**, each with inserts specific to our counties. I have dropped off books at all of the Leelanau County schools except for Suttons Bay. I will be talking with fifth graders there this week, and bringing more books. You can go to the MSU Extension web page for Exploration Days and look at the book and download the registration forms. Please get your registrations to your county office by March 14th if you want a better chance of getting the sessions you want. Taking place June 21st through the 23rd.
5. **Kettunen Center**: 3 things coming up this month.
 - Challenge U 4-H Funfest is this weekend;
 - Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference is March 17-19th;
 - 4-H Robotics Workshop is March 18-19th.

New for Kettunen with open registration is: **Teens as Teachers Workshop**—taking place May 20th and 21st. For ages 13-19. If you're interested, I have printed the agenda information.

Other 4-H Events around the State:

- **4-H Capitol Experience** is March 19-22nd;
- **Ingham County 4-H Poultry Clinic** is Saturday, March 25th in Lansing.
- **Michigan 4-H and FFA Horse Judging Contest** is March 26th in Lansing;
- **MSU Block and Bridle Livestock Judging Contest** on Friday March 31st (forms printed out in handouts);
- **Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show** on April 8th in Lansing (and more horse dates/events are on a printout at the table);
- **State 4-H Goat Expo** in East Lansing on April 15th;
- **The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute** at MSU on May 11th—information is printed out, and it's for anyone in grades 8 through 12th.
- **Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show** in Charlotte MI on May 20th.
- **4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp** at MSU from June 26th through June 30th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Went thru each committee.

Fair Books are going to print in April

Specie Chairs please get any updates to Wendy for the website as somethings are outdated.

Round Robin – Still in need of a volunteer to handle this please.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – Tagging is completed. 54 Market Steers. July 1st will be hoof trimming =Haberlein building

Dairy Feeder – Possession date was March 1, 2017. Registrations are due tonight. Must have RFID tags as there is a \$1,000.00 fine for not having one. Youth Beef Quality Workshop on March 18th @ Grawn United Methodist Church @ 1:30pm

Junior Beef: Registrations are due tonight. Animals must be born after February 1st with possession no later than May 15th. Must have a RFID Tag from the Breeder. There are 2 stock yard sales – Gaylord on Wednesday's and Clare on Monday's if you still need to locate your calf.

Vaccine for Dairy Feeders, Veal & Junior Beef will be a nasal spray. When your animal is tagged there will be a \$5 fee and the 1st dose will be given to your calf. The 2nd dose will be left for you to administer. Please make sure parents are there at tagging to be given instructions. They will also worm your calf.

Swine: 245 Market, 21 Seniors, 45 Cloverbuds May 1st possession date. Swine boot camp at Ingham County Fair is March 19th. PQA – April 8th @ Kingsley Middle School Gym. Tagging will be Saturday, May 6th @ 8am – Noon and Wednesday, May 10th @ 5pm – 8pm at the fairgrounds.

Sheep: Registrations are due tonight. 61 Lambs, 11 Cloverbuds. Flyers are available with all the lamb dates. Gwen is looking to do an educational spot in the back of the lamb barn. Please encourage your 4-Her's to put something together. Contact Gwen or Jan for more details.

May 6th @ 9am-11am – tagging at the fairgrounds

May 13th @ 9am – 11am – tagging at the fairgrounds

June 3rd @ 9am – 1pm – Shearing & Clinic at the fairgrounds

July 29th @ 9am – 11:30am – Shearing at the fairgrounds

Goat: Registrations are due tonight and possession date must be by May 1st. June 3rd will be a 2 hour specie specific clinic at the fairgrounds. Tagging and Tattooing requirements please see Becky for questions. 120 Total goats, 21 Market and 50 cloverbud

May 25th @ 6pm – 8pm – Goat practice at the fairgrounds

June 24th @ 9am – 11am – Goat practice at the fairgrounds

July 8th @ 9am – 11am – Goat practice at the fairgrounds

Rabbit/Cavy: Registrations are due tonight. There is a clinic in Ionia on April 8th. 11 Market. Local clinic dates are coming.

Poultry: Registration due tonight. 10 pens of Production, 4 pens of Turkey's & 12 pens of Meat. Lynn has 3 clinics. No ducks so if you have some please bring them to the pond as there is only one goose.

June 4th @ 3pm – Poultry barn, June 20th @ 6:30pm – Poultry barn & June 27th @ 6:30pm – Poultry barn

Llama/Alpaca: Registrations are due at the June meeting. June 3rd @ 10am – Noon will be a showmanship clinic at the Fairgrounds and on July 16th an obstacle course clinic @ Myles Kimberly Park, Maple City @ 5pm – 7pm

Dog: Registration is due at the June meeting. A Specie Specific training will be in Greenville June 2nd thru 4th, camping will be available. There is also a workshop at Sit Means Sit on March 19th @ 1:30pm. Saturday, July 15th at Peter's, Dyer Lake Road – more info to come.

Horse: Registrations are due at the June meeting. Boot Camp will be May 13 – 14th at the fairgrounds. Your horse is required to have the Rhino Flu vaccine. Maybe adding a rookie class.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Work bee's – there will be 5 dates, no make-up dates. Sign up is required online at Sign Up Genius. All Leaders are required to attend one work bee. There will be no makeup dates. If you do not do a work bee you will not be able to bring your animal to the fair.

