

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES

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Monday, March 7, 2016

Governmental Center Cafeteria

PRESENT: Drew & Trevor Alpers, Kyle Alpers, Laurie Ashley, Greg Bancroft, Wendy Barker, Chris Barley, Karla Blackmer, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Sara Bristol, Riley Burch, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Gwyn Carter, Kayce Caugh, Carrie Chase, Stacey Clous, Jackie Davis, Mike, Leah & Hunter Delahanty, Mary Dennis, Nancy Dow, Kathy Easter, Heather, Samantha & Payton Fewins, Katherine Franke, Kim Franke, Arabella Fritz, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Mariah Gaither, Pilar Galnares-Fiebing, Archie & Katie Graham, Vanja Griffin, Todd & Genessa Gutzka, Lynn Henning, Adrienne, Natalie & Lydia Heymes, Renee Hobbins, Jeff & Tammy Jarvis, Nancy Keyser, Josh Kratky, Patti LaPointe, Tammy & Madison Leishman, Lisa, Taylor & Peyton Metz, Rudy, Karin & Gwen Neumann, Linda Oosse, Melissa, Kole & Laney Osborn, Betty Parsons, Barbara Peters, Bobbi Jo, Sandi & Abigail Pyle, Lisa Ralph, David & Haven Robinson, Candace Rottman, Emily Round, Gretchen Sauvage, Bill & Danny Schaub, Rebecca Schaub, Jennifer Seitz, Rosile Shaffer, Janet Sieffert, Suzan & Ruth & Karina Svec, Kathy & Heather Swinney, Elaine Taghon, Miranda Thompson, Kay Wagner, Amanda Wilkins, Allison Wittkopp, Stephanie Wolf, Carolyne Woodhams, Sonya Youker, Cory, Jenna & Jacob Young, Pam Zientek, Baille Zipser

OFFICERS: Darrel Robinson, Mark Barley, Kelly Kraeft, Keri Bancroft, Nancy Schroeder

MSU 4-H STAFF: Karin Stevens – GT Co. Extension / Susan Lee – Leelanau Co. Extension

FAIRBOARD: Mary Dennis, Rudy Neumann, Carolyne Woodhams, Sonya Youker, Cory Young

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledges were recited. Sign-in sheets were passed. 49 clubs were represented.

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelly Kraeft presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Gretchen Sauvage, seconded by Jackie Davis to accept the report. Motion carried.

There is a \$500.00 discrepancy in the budget that needs to be adjusted. A motion was made by Gretchen Sauvage, seconded by Dale Fritz, to move funds to make the necessary change. The books are being followed closely by an outside source.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Susan Lee – Leelanau Co. Extension

Leelanau Tractor Safety Course – is open for youth age 14-15. It is scheduled for the 1st for Wed. in April at the Research Center. There is a test on Sat the end of April. The cost is \$75.00.

Expo Days Registration books – are available. The dates are June 22-24.

Karin Stevens – G.T. Co. Extension

Exploration Days – if you sign up for an animal class there are scholarship funds available

Swine education option – is scheduled for March 15 at the Governmental Center. The speaker will be Jake DeDecker & will be a great opportunity. If you attend fill out a receipt – the Extension Office will be tracking participation

4-H Goat Expo – April 16 at MSU

4-H animal & vet science camp – June 27 – July 1 at MSU

4-H companion animal camp – June 3-5 at Camp Tuhsmeheeta in Greenville

World food prize – prepare a 3-5 page research paper on a global issue concerning hunger & poverty

4-H shooting sports – April 22-24 at Kettunen Center

PQA training books – are in the office & have great info

TAGGING REQUEST FOR ALL MEMBERS

Please be available to assist with tagging. Have the animal tied up. If your animal is at another site then let the farm know that someone will be coming for tagging – this is your responsibility

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Steer – 60 market, 2 showmanship. Tagging is done. There will be a hoof trimming clinic June 11 at the fairgrounds. Watch for frozen water – give fresh water daily. Leaders please check on the steers in your clubs – watch weights. They should be 900 – 1000 lbs now.

Dairy feeder – tagging will begin in April – be sure to return phone calls to arrange a date. Possession date for Cloverbuds is May 3. Vaccines are required. Dehorn your calf early. Watch for signs of respiratory problems. Attend shows & clinics – Beef, Sheep Swine is a very good clinic to attend. There is also good material on the website.

Jr. Beef – approximate number is 60. Attend shows. Dehorn & castrate early. Call Greg with issues at 313-8063.

Lambs - possession date May 1. Tagging will be done at the fairgrounds. Keep the support from the kids coming to help with grants.

Rabbits – approximately 90 breed, 11 market

Cavy – 11.

Dogs – registrations due June. Be working & practicing with your dogs to heel – sit – stay. There is a dog camp June 3-5 in Greenville. A fun match is being planned in July

Llama – registrations due June. Be practicing & working with your llama. There is a sheering list. April 23 is the MI youth Llama show at MSU. There is a llama show in Charlotte May 7-8.

Horse – registrations due June. The tack sale went great. There will be a workbee April 2 10:00 a.m. to take down the arena in back. The front arenas will stay up until a new arena in the back is completed. Horse boot camp – May 14. MI Horse Expo is at MSU this weekend. You can send your Coggins to gtc4Hhorsecouncil@gmail.com

Goat – 18 market with a total of 84 goats. Stephanie will be present at the next 2 meetings – Diane is in FL. You will get a call for a pen count. State Goat Expo is April 16. Dairy goat show is June 4.

Poultry – Market possession dates – Production hens (dual purpose only) Feb 6, Meat market (meat variety only) week of June 6, Ducks (Pekin for Roven) week of June 6, Turkey (white or bronze) April 11 - 22, Geese (Emoden only) April 11 – 22. Poultry clinics will be announced in May & June & market 4-H members must attend 1 clinic. A new record book is almost completed & will be due on Aug. 10. As of this date things are stable with Avian flu but it is being watched closely & may change in the future.

Lynn attended a great bio-security clinic.

Swine – 271 market, 59 Cloverbuds & 16 seniors. Possession date is May 1. Tagging will be Tues May 10 & Sat. May 21. If you are unsure of your PQA status call Pork Check Off at 1-800-456-7675. Age 8-11 need to attend PQA yearly / Age 12-14 receive a certification for up to 3 yrs if they pass / Age 15 – 19 also receive a certification for up to 3 yrs if they pass. Swine health record is required. Check the web site for breeders. PQA training is scheduled in Leelanau Co. April 10 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tues. April 19 PQA is being offered in Harrison. As a reminder it is very difficult to do online

- *All Specie's will be inspected prior to unloading onto the grounds to check for signs of health issues & illness. If a health issue is present the animal will be sent home at that time. This is a recommendation from the State of MI Vet, Dr. Averill.*
- *Market projects that are over our underweight will not be participating in the auction. 4-H members can still participate in showmanship. There will not be a private treaty option. As an option, Ebel's has offered to buy under & overweight hogs at fair market value.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Johnson Foundation Scholarship – the application will be available online. You will need to print it off & send it in.

Guidebook – has been updated. It can be printed from the 4-H web site. It will be available at Copy Queenz on 14th St. soon. There is a small charge.

Educational opportunities – Ebel's invites clubs to tour the slaughter house. You must have an appointment & if a few clubs go together that works well.

Ebel's – has offered to purchase under/overweight hogs for fair market value if the 4-H member chooses to sell their project.

Buyer thank you's – we are hearing from buyer's that they have not received a thank you yet. It must be done – your project is not complete until it is delivered.

Noonan Feed Grant – is a program that may help those needing assistance with feed. Officers, leaders & Specie Chairs can nominate those in need. The process is confidential & the names are not announced. The application is online & needs to be turned in at the April meeting. The Noonan family & the Johnson Foundation fund this program.

TCSB grant – will not be offered this year.

JoAnne Fabric – is making donations of craft supplies for club use. There will be items in totes at the meetings.

Livestock Council 2016 calendars – are available for all to hand out to club members.

Haunt at the fairgrounds – will not be an option for Responsibility at the Fair commitment. The fair is not involved in the Haunt this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auction committee – the core group of volunteers met March 9th. Computer training is being done for all. Many volunteers are needed for the many activities involved in the auction – all the way from handling money, clerking, registration, trucking, ring help, etc. If you are interested please contact Keri Bancroft.

Cherry Festival – we will participate in the Heritage parade on July 5th. Tractors, trailers, kids & animals are needed.

Photography – the price of the package has increased to \$9.00.

Responsibility at the Fair – the dates are posted: there will be no make up dates

Tues	April 26	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sat	May 14	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Thur	June 2	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tues	July 12	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sun	July 24	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Round Robin – will be changing & the group will meet to discuss next month

Web site – an attempt is being made to keep everything up to date.

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Next meeting – Thursday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair office

Premium book cover – there have been 2 cover options received. Deadline for turning in a cover idea is this Thursday. Prizes will be awarded for the chosen cover.

Office secretary – there are 4 applicants

Camping fee – will continue to be \$125.00

Golf carts – the 1st Sat night of fair will be the registration at the office. Your location on the grounds will be a factor for golf cart use. The fee will be &60.00. Bring proof of insurance.

Fair registration deadline – is July 6. Send registrations to the Fair P.O. Box.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Schroeder, Livestock Council Secretary

Next meeting:

Monday, April 4, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Specie chairs to meet at 6:00 p.m.
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