

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, September 10, 2018

OFFICERS: Brad Jewett, Kelly Kraeft, Keri Bancroft, Amber Pomper, Barb Crosley

TEEN REPS: Jennifer Stephens

STAFF: Rosali Collier

PRESENT: Anne Seitz, Rosali Shaffer, Kole Osborn, Melissa Osborn, Jessie Milne, Sonya Youker, Eddie Noonan, Diego Noonan, Alexis Sattler, Caleb Fryer, Cameron Fryer, Cindy Conquest, Cliff Wares, Rachel Wares, Melissa Burch, Rene Nickerson, Jeff Nickerson, Stephanie Steffens, Darrel Robinson, Karin Neumann, Kay Wagner, Pam Zientek, Laurie Ashley, Mary Ann Wilsey, Diane Moyer, Lori Cederquist, Tessa Smith, Candace Zientek, Sami Zientek, Abigail Pyle, Jodi Radtke, Christian Brower, Jen Broner, Molly Caminater, Rudy Neumann, Michael Barley, Laurel Wade, Nicole Wade, Marin Wade, Jeff Goodwin, Kayce Caugh, Marsha Maratea, Ella Maratea, Deb, Bell, Spencer, Reece Canfield, Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Nicole Meredith, Betty Parsons, Heather Rosa, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Karla Blackmer, Breslin Blackmer, Ayden Blackmer, Andrew Schaub, David Robinson, JoJo Okeke, Bobbi J., Miller Pomper, Marie Reidlanger, Michelle Reinke, Lisa Robinson, Matt Vershaeve, Elaine Taghon, Andrea Taghon, Jenifer Wasson, Trystyn Klockziem, Lillian Wasson, Pat McCarry, Alisa Forton, Jessica Mack, Hannah Steffes, Matthew Kohler, Andrea Hagelstein, Staci Alpers, Libby Alpers, Molly Thiel, Sandra Pyle, Carol Ebright, Madison Lammers, Tammy Nemeskal, Rebecca Schaub, Drew Alpers, Kathy Easter, Renee Hobbins, Amanda Wilkins, Kim Franke, Lynn Henning, Mandy DePuy, Linda Oosse, Pat Lints, Mary Lynn Robertson, Chris Barley, Andrea Bedrick, Adrian Noecker, Natalie Boals, Carolyn Woodhams, Vanja Griffin, Mark Barley, Lisa Schaub, Samantha Tracey, Tara Steffes, Jesse Kohler, Allison Wittkopp, Baily Lautner, Rosie Belles, Beth Stephens, Gena Sheldgowski, Gretchen Sauvage, Lexi Lautner, Andrew Lints, Kadin Crosley,

CALL TO ORDER: Pledges were recited. 41 4-H Clubs were present

MINUTES: July 23rd minutes were approved. Motion by Mary Lynn Robertson 2nd by Gretchen Sauvage, to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Keri went over the treasurer's report. 18 buyers have not paid yet, which is approx. \$40k still outstanding. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Gretchen Sauvage, 2nd by Diane Moyer and approved.

FAIRBOARD NEWS: 2018 attendance was 52,000. There was 1,600 4-Her's. The annual meeting will be November 1st @ 6:30pm at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. There are 5 positions open. Oct. 2nd is the deadline to turn your application in. Mike Barley is selling 2019 calendars for \$10. Premium checks are available this week from 10am til 6pm at the Fair office. The office will close after this week. Any checks not picked up will be mailed. Winter storage is a waiting list and it's long. Oct. 20th is the Iva Lewis Memorial Ride. It is an 80 mile ride. See facebook for more details.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Announcements on behalf of Karin:

* Just a reminder that we are in a new 4-H year. All 4-H background checked leaders, species chairs and board members need to re-register with 4-H online as well as our 4-H members. We have elections in October and November and by-laws state current registered 4-H volunteers may vote.

* For species chairs the by-laws state: Species Chairpersons will be elected by registered volunteers and members within each species by a majority vote at the October Livestock Council meeting. Registered volunteers and members are those who have attended a minimum of three Livestock Council meetings within the last year (October through September). The Livestock Council 4-H Species Chairpersons may vote for any/all Species Chairpersons. Those registered 4-H members nine years of age and older who want to vote must have been active in the 4-H livestock species the previous year and have attended a minimum of two livestock programs/activities (such as Council meetings, a local or state educational clinic, fairgrounds clean-up, Kettunen Center program, Exploration Days, etc.). The sign-in sheets will be used to document attendance. In the event of a tie, the Executive Officers will vote for a final decision. (11/09)

* For electing officers, the by-laws state: The Executive Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the registered livestock project volunteers and members in November. Elected officials shall take office January 1. (11/06)

* 4-H Life Skills Training 101: Teen Cuisine

o Handouts are on the table. This is geared toward teens ages 14-19. It will be fun, hands-on learning in the kitchen. Friday, September 21, from 6-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 22, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Brickways Industrial Kitchen in Traverse City. Contact Karin for more information, or grab the handout.

* Grand Traverse County is holding a 4-H Fall Family Festival for their 4-H members, leaders, and families. Saturday, October 6th, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at Camp Greilick in Traverse City. This event is free and there will be fun things like archery, a climbing wall, crafts, games, a campfire and dinner. Please RSVP to Karin.

Rosali's Announcements:

* Our NW Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Club of Leelanau County will be holding an archery session again this fall at the old 4-H Park across from Myles Kimmerly in Maple City. This is for youth ages 8 and up, and all skill levels are welcome. Thursdays, at 5:00 p.m., starting this Thursday, September 13th, and going through Thursday, October 18th. The cost is \$35, which includes the \$20 participation fee and a \$15 fee to help cover equipment. Club leader is Stephanie Steffens, with Shelly and Nate Roots.

* It's time for Fall Leader Updates! We have 3 scheduled for Leelanau County so far:

o Sunday, September 30, 2018 4:00-5:30 p.m. Leelanau County Government Center, Conference Room 1 (1st Floor)

o Thursday, October 11, 2018 10:00-11:30 p.m. Leelanau County Government Center, Community Room (Basement)

o Thursday, October 11, 2018 6:30-8:00 p.m. Leelanau County Government Center, Community Room (Basement)

Please RSVP to Rosali to attend one of these updates. These are a requirement for at least one leader from each club.

* A reminder that the new cloverbud age range is now ages 5-7, with the 4-H age starting at 8 years of age, and continuing through age 19. There is a handout on the table with statewide news that will help to explain this change in policy better.

* If you are a senior this year, this scholarship opportunity is for you!

MAFE (Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions) awards an annual scholarship to 6 applicants for \$1,000 each. Applications must be received by October 1st, 2018. Copies are on the table if you are interested.

* I am offering to help hold an awards celebration for each of my Leelanau County clubs. Leaders have been sent packets to nominate their youth for various awards, and I would be happy to help organize and attend a celebration at the location of your choice. This is a nice chance to celebrate our youth and volunteers with food, project pins, awards certificates, plaques, and gift certificates, and it's personalized for the families involved. Encourage your leaders to reach out to me today for a celebration! You all have worked so hard—we need to recognize that!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auction Committee: Auction checks will be out in October. Resales brought in \$5,795.80.

Average price per pound for 2018:

Cornish Hens - \$25/lb	Dairy Feeders - \$2.43/lb	Duck - \$19/lb
Goat - \$8.35/lb	Jr. Beef - \$4.36/lb	Lamb - \$8.60/lb
Meat Chicken-\$21.92/lb	Production chicken-\$17.67/lb	Rabbit - \$27/lb
Steer - \$3.67/lb	Swine - \$6.03/lb	Turkeys - \$11.50/lb

Our auction was one of the highest in the state of Michigan. We are very lucky to have our buyers and it is very important to get your thank you cards out. Without them we wouldn't do this well. Thank you cards are due at the October meeting. The Auction went very well.

Buyer's Luncheon: Went very well. 514 were served – 353 buyers, 99 4-Her's & 62 volunteers

4-H Dance: Went well.

Ice: Sold a lot

Photography: Went smooth. Pictures were handed out if you have any issues please let Karin know.

Pizza Party: 410 served, it went well. Renee turned notes into Barb for future volunteers.

Round Robin: Went well. Audience would like to see more showmanship so that will go first next year.

Also need to have more large animals as they were not represented well. This is more about showmanship than a quiz. The round robin questions came from a round robin internet site and there were over 100 questions in each box. It was stated there were no cattle or swine questions. Yes, there were but they happened to not be the ones to be pulled out of the box as it's all random.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – Had 2 underweights. Drew also would like to add a Heifer program in 2019. He has some interest. He will put a plan together and bring to the next specie chair meeting. Labor Day weekend was the club calf tour. Drew has contacts for steers if you are in the need. Kadin Crosley explained his experience as he did the tour. He learned a lot, met new people & farmers and it was a great experience.

Dairy Feeder – It was small group, but a good year with good prices. Record books are due today. Also if you have any ideas for education in 2019 please let Amanda know.

Junior Beef: Had some sick calves, but was able to get thru it. Thank you Amanda for all your help, it would be overwhelming without you. Jr. Beef could also be available for the heifer program in the future. Will have more market animals with the cloverbud age change.

Swine: Thank you everyone for your help in the swine barn. Kim explained she had 7 underweights due to the weight perimeter changes. There was a total of 35 underweights/overweights, but please remember only 7 were from changes to the program. Kim also suggested getting your barns cleaned

