

Draft Minutes

Monday, March 3RD, 2025

6:30pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church

****DAIRY FEEDER, JR BEEF, LAMB, POULTRY, & GOAT REGISTRATIONS DUE****

1. Welcome & Call to Order
 - Keri Bancroft called the meeting to order at 6:32PM.
2. Pledges
 - Done by membership.
3. Roll Call
 - Executive board members present: Keri Bancroft, Shayna Conger, Faith Grose, Katrina Grose.

See list below for attendance.
4. Additions to the Agenda
 - Under new Business after Financial, MaryAnn Wilsey to talk about the Johnson Foundation scholarship.
5. Approval of the Agenda
 - Motion to approve the agenda by: Holly Hauser
 - Seconded by: Clayton Porter
6. Approval of the Minutes from February 3RD
 - Under old Business letter D Animal registrations, it should say Feb 3rd not March 3rd
 - New Business letter C Fair schedule changes, Tuesday the cattle show order listed is for Showmanship on Wednesday not Market there is no change to the Market order at this point.
 - Species report should say Large Beef not Steer.

 - Motion to approve the Minutes from February 3RD with these revisions by: Clayton Porter
 - Seconded by: Collin Hauser
7. Treasurer's Report
 - Katrina gave the report, see attached.
 - February should be up on the website later this month.
 - Katrina reached out to buyers.
 - Still outstanding buyers still haven't reached out.
8. Public Comment * - On Agenda Items
 - None

9. Fair Board News

Frank Guerin

- 152 days till fair
- Work bees are the next big event at the grounds
- Question from an unknown member: Any new construction?
 - Still working on it

10. 4-H Staff Spotlight

MSU Extension Education/Events

- New Leelanau coordinator is Danny Schaub.
- Antrim and Otsego program coordinator is open until March 25th.
- Benzie, Leelanau, Grand Traverse County all have scholarships for kids.
- Clip board to sign up to use the learning materials.
- Benzie County now has a club wish list, donations from Lake Ann Lutheran Church.
- Need to Check on which record books aren't done yet, will double check with Nicki.
- Holly Hauser- College Cash Craze Night
 - Hosted by the Leaders Association.
 - Open to High School Juniors and Seniors,
 - Information will be shared on topics of scholarships, job applications & resumes.
 - Kingsley United Methodist Church.
 - March 14th form 6:30 – 8:30p.m.
 - Pizza, drinks and dessert for all who register.
 - Register UNDER THE EVENTS TAB with 4HOnline so we get a count for food.

- Coin design, send to Sarah Bye
- Theme for the Tanner building booth; No Place to Build 4-H than in Boots.
- Tommy McKee -Sort the Brass
 - Hosted by Rich Steffe and his Ready Aim Shooting Sports 4-H Club as well as the Teen & Leaders.
 - Open to all 4H'ers, parents and club leaders.
 - Please register for this event through 4-H Online and join the Ready Aim Shoot 4-H Club Kingsley Sportsman's Club.
 - March 18th is the date from 5-8 p.m.

- Food, Drinks and Desert for all who register.
- Register UNDER THE EVENTS TAB with 4-H Online so we get a count for food.
- Paper Clover Campaign
 - April 21st – May 5th
 - Manager David Lane is incredibly gracious and supportive of 4-H Clubs having
 - fundraisers
 - Sign Up Genius Link is available from Sarah Bye to choose a volunteer time slot
 - You can choose to have a bake sale or any other type of fundraiser for your club or just
 - spread good news about 4-H and the upcoming fair or club opportunities
 - Reach out to Sarah Bye if you have any questions on running a 4-H Fundraiser
- Teen Rep Zac introduced himself. Then shared information about The Kinsley Farmer Market
 - June 25th from 3:00 – 7:00p.m.
 - Small Animal Theme.
 - Great Chance to Promote the Fair and build interest in bidding on your animals at the fair.
 - Corner spot with a little shade and we can bring a pop-up tent.
 - Let Sarah Bye know if you want to volunteer and bring small animals.
- Ashley Folkersma - March 16-18th 4-H capital experience
- professional speakers.
- scholarships for this are found on the MSU website.
- Encourage youth to sign up.

11. Old Business

a. Farm Bureau Record Books

- David Dreves from Farm Bureau
- Placed 1-3 for each specie 1-\$60 2-\$40 3- \$20
- Placed a overall Grand and Reserve
 - Horse: 1st Norah Galton 2nd Hadley Haefele 3rd Anna Mae Schaub
 - Llama: 1st Miranda Ashley 2nd Kingsley Crowther

- Lamb: 1st Margaret Ritola 2nd Gracie Yanska 3rd Brookelynn Rosa
- Steer: 1st Maddie Chilson 2nd Aizlyn McKinley 3rd Ariyah McKinley
- Rabbit: 1st Arianna Cole 2nd Truth Honeycutt 3rd Daniel Duvall
- Goat: 1st Grace Abbring 2nd Laney Michels 3rd Jackson Anderson
- Jr Beef: 1st Ella Noonan 2nd Eli Noonan 3rd Natalie Coger
- Dairy Feeder: 1st Cameron Bedrick 2nd Adeline Guffey 3rd Ginna Needhan
- Swine: 1st Kylie Bender 2nd Kelsey Bott 3rd Beaux Stein
- Grand Champion: Grace Abbring
- Reserve Grand Champion: Kylie Bender
- The Farm Bureau also has scholarships for capital experience.
- Charlie Tallieu was the Livestock Council overall winner.

b. Education Expo

- 24 sessions
- Over 400 participants registered.
- A QR code was provided in each session for feedback, we are working on going through the feedback we received. Will share soon.

c. Animal Registrations

- Dairy Feeder, lamb, Goat, Jr Beef, all due tonight no later than 11:59PM
- Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Rabbit/Cavy, all due May 5th.
- Dog, due June 2nd.

d. Swine Show Changes

- Letters read that were received by some of the membership.
- From Darcy White Farm and Freedom, Christina Matthews,
- Jen Davis this wasn't decided lightly by the specie chairs and board members
- MDARD has encouraged fairs have a 72 hour fair
- Judges and regulatory bodies 2-3 different vets, MSU staff that works with animal health and welfare.
- We have learned enhanced biosecurity measures that we will be implementing at the fair this year.
- NO HUMAN FOOD in the BARN. NONE, including the public, 4-Hers, volunteers, etc.
- Keri did comment that these changes have nothing to do with the cattle program and their schedule.
- Casey Zngaro introduced herself (via zoom) she's here to answer questions or concerns.
- Having a one-day show is a good idea to try and stay ahead of possible MDARD restrictions we could see in the future.
- Could be sooner with swine flu and other illnesses on the rise each year.

- Other Fairs that are successful with one day shows run about 250-300 swine through their shows.
- Keep dust low in the barn to help limit the spread of germs and bacteria.
- Pam Zientek asked if anyone has talked to local breeders?
- Jen Davis- No we haven't that's something we can do.
- Sami Zinek asked why not restrict cattle numbers?
- Jen Davis answered that there would be a discussion for the Cattle program, tonight we are discussing the Swine program.
- Dave Robinson asked maybe to schedule a 1 hour rest time?
- Jen Davis answered some will have a natural rest period based on how their shows fall (kids ages for showmanship and pigs weight for market)
- Keri said the schedule for a rest time would depend on the judge but it's something the fair could discuss with them.
- Unknown member asked if we could look at hauling in on Friday?
- Jen answered we could look at it.
- Unknown member asked, if we changed to 72 hours show would camping rates change?
- Jen answered, this is not something we are looking to move to at this time and we are not in charge of camping.
- Unknown member asked Casey Zngaro why would MDARD want to move to a 72 hour time for pigs on grounds?
- Casey answered this would limit contact with humans and other pigs. Some fairs do limit public times through the barns.
- Unknown member asked would we still open the barns for buyers before auction if we limited the public times through the barn?
- Jen answered yes if we had to limit the public through the barns we would still allow buyers through the barns before auction.
- No other discussion at this time and Casey excused herself from the meeting.

12. New Business

- a. Band App - <https://band.us/n/a7abAdnfV1R2X>
 - We tried the remind Me app last year and we hit our limit with messages going out. We will try the Band app, there is not a limit to how many messages can be sent.
 - There will be a QR code next meeting to sign up, watch your email as well to sign up.
- b. Financial
 - Last meeting it was asked if we would cut checks early since we are changing the possession date for large beef.

- No, we can't do that turn around with the size auction we have.
- There are loans out there for youth through the USDA.
- Greenstone used to offer one and they are discussing if they will offer it again, they will let us know.

c. Mary Ann Wilsey with the Johnson Foundation

- Scholarship money not being tapped into enough.
- Can get up to 10,000 a year for college.
- Over \$156,000 in scholarships given out last year.
- Thank you, transcript and grades have to be turned in.
- Leaders, parents, volunteers promote this please.
- Forms on paper, you can get from your school counselors.
- We help with a lot of 4-H donations
- Limited to what schools you go to
- Applications is due May 15th, 2025
- Can be in college to apply.
- Will post on the Livestock Council website

d. Heather Barley Foundation- Mark Barley

- Application and eligibility information can be found on the Livestock Council website.
- Applications Due by May 5th winner will be announced at the award ceremony fair week.

13. Species Chair Updates

Horse – Mandy Depuy

- May 5th declaration form
- Collagens make your vet appointment
- Creekside church April 5th tack sale.

Dairy Beef/Feeder – Greg Bancroft

- Registration due tonight
- Dairy feeder numbers 34 total 27 market
- Dairy Beef 4 registered 3 market 1 show only
- Watch animals with the up and down weather (temp changes)

Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins

- Registration is due tonight March 3rd.
- List of farms on the website.
- Disinfect stalls, equipment
- Tagging will be in June
- Email where calf is located
- 2nd calf can be tagged at time of tagging
- Education tab on website

- 4 practices for all cattle

Large Beef – Haven Bouwens

- 97 registered.
- 86 Market Steer.
- 8 Market Heifer.
- 3 Show only.
- Tagging- 10 left.
- If you lose a tag let us know.
- Hoof trimming 1 of 2
- April 16th (for those that are in need)
- I'm working on a sign-up genius, I will post a link when it's ready.
- Education Expo: it was great to see so many 4-H'ers there getting their education completed.
- I have Kim's presentation to share.
- Upcoming education
 - Starting April 5th, there will be a show every weekend until June 15th
 - Tom Blanchett Memorial, April 12th, Berrien County Fairgrounds
 - Cherry Capital (local show) May 17th
- Program Changes for 2025
 - Placing the top 15 Steers & top 15 Heifers remainder will be placed by Lottery.
- Program Changes for 2026
 - Moving the possession date and registration date to November.
 - Possession will be November 1st, 2025.
 - Registration will be November 3rd, 2025 (Livestock Council Meeting).
 - Mandatory Weigh- in
 - Weigh in and tagging on November 8th & 9th 2025 at the fairgrounds
 - Start a rate of gain Program.

Swine – Jen Davis

- 181 kids registered for the swine barn
- 24 - Cloverbud, 5 bringing their own projects
- 14 - Graduating Seniors
- 13 - Super Seniors
- 2 - DA
- Per our policy book- 7-year-old Cloverbuds can bring their own project swine if our numbers total less than 225 - so those that plan to bring their own project, can!
- If you need help locating a breeder, go to the Northwest Michigan Livestock Council Swine page and scroll to the bottom to locate breeders. Call and reserve your project.
 - Start preparing your list of items needed for your swine project's needs, shelter/bedding/feed/clean water system.
 - Min weight is 225 and max is 315#
 - Possession by May 1st, 2025.
 - Virtual Tagging forms due by May 15th, 2025
 - Education credits, if you were not able to attend the Education Expo opportunities are available on the Education page of the NWMI livestock Council website, to the bottom for swine education.

Lamb – Clayton Porter

- Time to start buying lambs!
- Registration ends tonight at 11:59pm. Currently 73 registered, still have to check for duplicates. 17 Clover bud, 3 show only, and 53 Market.

- Make sure you are prepared, clean bedding, fresh water, contact breeders to ensure that you know what feed they are feeding so you can change grain slowly to whatever you are going to feed for the year. Also, collect CDT shot dates for medical records and log books at time of pickup.
- May 1st is the possession date.
- We will be doing virtual tagging again and trying to tag lambs at the shearing clinics, or at your homes. More to come on that.
- Shearing/fitting clinic dates are highly recommended and will be coming soon.
- Brenda Bigelow with Local Legends is doing an online sale with Willoughby Livestock online auction on March 9. We will post the flyer on our Facebook page if you are interested. We also have a list of breeders and contact info on our NWMLC Lamb page.
- Education requirements be sure to get those before June 30th.
- Reach out to me with any questions or health concerns.

Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph

- Registration is due May 5th.
- 42 show, 7 fryer pens, 2 roasters.
- Please reach out if you need help finding breeding or show stock.
- All market rabbits must be purebred meat breeds.
- Showmanship can be mixed breeds, but you can use mixed breeds you cannot be used for breed classes.
- Weather changes, keep bedding or area dry and out of drafts.
- Start looking at body scores, if thin, start supplementing. Suggestions are calf manna, sunflower seeds, oats but not quick oats.
- Practices will be announced soon.

Poultry – Lynn Henning

- Will be collecting orders for Market Turkeys, Meat Birds, Ducks, and Cornish Game starting March 10th through the 20th.
- Rule of thumb, usually 3 to 4 times the number of birds required for the market pen. Please email Lynn at 4hchickenqueen@gmail.com. No text messages for orders.
- Email will be sent out to all Market kids with further information.
- Follow the hatchery instructions for starting your market project.
- Show birds can be purchased at local feed stores. Possession date before April 15th.
- March weather. Please make sure your new poultry is kept warm in a draft free area.
- See further information on the Livestock Council website under the poultry species tab.
- Rules, tips, record book and study materials available there.

Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins

- Thank you for coming to the Education Expo
- Make sure you are getting monthly deworming done, and yearly CDT.
- Check toes for need of trimming, and watch the wet weather coming for foot/pad problems
- Check each animal's body score to make sure they are receiving proper amounts of feed/hay for their age.
- Start lining up your shears for late April- June
- Record Books are being updated

Goat – Robin Gildner

- Registration due tonight.
- Possession date is May 1st.
- Projects must be born after Nov. 1st, 2024. Ideally you are looking for a December or

- January born kid so that they are not over conditioned or past their prime come fair time.
- If you have not lined up a project yet feel free to reach out to me and I can help you locate one.
- Minimum weight for market projects is still 65 pounds.
- You can tag a backup market project for a \$10 fee, due at tagging.
- Make sure your project has its official USDA scrapie tag in its ear or tattooed with the full tag number. Registration tattoos are also accepted with a copy of the pedigree. With either option when the tag is not physically in the goats ear you will need to provide the physical scrapie tag with the health paperwork at check in the first day of fair.
- We have a confirmed show time change for our 4-H shows on Tuesday during fair week. We previously started at 1pm, we are swapping with lambs and will start at 9am.
- As always, I can be reached by phone, text or email: (231) 883-2002 or info@luckyfarmsmi.com

Dog– Gretchan Sauvage

- State Dog workshop will be held April 12th in Mt Pleasant. Great time to get your education credits.
- Sign up for dogs on the Livestock website, open until June 2rd.
- New Dog Record Books are complete and on the Livestock website. Download your record book and get started.

14. Differently Abled Update- Beth Stevens

- Education Expo was a great turn out, looking for feedback on the session.
- Youth and adults over the age of 19 must fill out a paper registration & turn into MSU extension or myself (Beth).

15. Committee Updates

a. Work Bees

- Reminder all 4-h 8-19 1-hour fairground workbee
- Cloverbud/DA encouraged but not required
- Dates are:
 - 5/3 9-10a.m. & 2-3p.m.
 - 5/15 6-7:30p.m.
 - 6/18 6-7:30p.m.
 - 7/23 6-7:30p.m.
- One youth per line please change display name to youths name and in comments but animal they are showing.

b. Auction Committee

- Meeting Last week
- Organization
- Forms being reviewed

c. Friday Fun Classes

- Boots and Roots are again completing this year
- Small animal and swine photography needs a club for committee.
- Clover award application has been updated and, on the website, interviews take place at fair.

16. Public Comment *

- No Comments

17. Questions?

- No questions

18. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15PM

Motion by: Carley Bancroft

Second by: Charlie Tallieu

A Backyard Bunch	x
Barn Busters	x
Beef & Bacon Bunch	x
Benzie Cowabungas	x
Bits - N - Grit	x
Boots & Roots	x
Caring Critters	
Carousel Club	x
Country Cousins	
Country Kids	x
Country Roots	x
Crazy Acres	x
Dirty Boots & Country Roots	
Dusty Trails	x
Excalibur Mazkaraders	x
Farm and Fleece	x
Farm and Freedom	x
Forever Farmin'	x
Frontier Quest	
Gotta Lluva a Cool Critter	x
Green Acres	x
Happy Highlanders	x
Happy Hooves	x
Hats N Boots	x
Kaleidoscope Kids	x
Lake Ann 4H Livestock Club	
Leaders and Lopers	
Leather-N-Laces	x

Legacy Livestock	x
Lone Wolves	
Long Lake 4H Livestock	
Maple Ridge	x
Misty Meadows	
Northern Explorers	
Northern Lights	x
Northwest Classy K-9's	x
Pen Pals	x
Proclites	x
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	x
Rickety Ranchers	x
Round About Wranglers	
Showtime	
Small Town Farmers	x
Sunshine Acres	x
TC Hooves and Wings	x
Too Goat to be True	x
Twin Lakes	x
Two By Two	
Walnut Acres	x
Windy Acres	x