

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES - APPROVED

Monday, March 6, 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, Absent: Emily Kotz

PRESENT: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER: Time 6:30 pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Keri added buyers lunch under d.) to Committee Updates

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved. Motion by Collin Heuser 2nd by Diane Moyer.

MINUTES: February 6, 2023 minutes were approved. Motion by Kelly Stockfisch 2nd by Collin Heuser to approve the minutes. Nicki pointed out corrections to minutes. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

See attached Financial Statements for February

No Questions

PUBLIC COMMENT*

- Thank you for the Expo and hard work that went into it – Diane Moyer
- Reminder of Melinda Klockziem scholarship for any seniors in Benzie County. Elaine Taghon pointed out that you can access it online by going to benzieschools.net, go to the counselors page, and go onto resources and you should find it. – Jennifer Wasson

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Mike – Megabands are for sale on the website.

Keri – no ice will be sold on grounds. You will need to make your own arrangements for ice.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Emily: (Absent)

Rosalie:

Leelanau:

Tanner 4-H Exhibit Building Information: We now have the Tanner 4-H Exhibit Building Packets ready to share, 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. For more information, please email Rosali at collierr@msu.edu or Emily at kotzemil@msu.edu

Record Books and Thank You Note Writing: Renee Hobbins and her club, Gotta Lluva Cool Critter, have created two different resources for you to help with writing record books and thank-you notes. “How to Create a Spectacular 4-H Record Book” and “Writing 4-H Buyers Letters and Thank You Notes”. There are copies here tonight, or they can be shared with you via email. Please contact Rosali for a copy at collierr@msu.edu

Grand Traverse:

The 2023 Andrew Olson Scholarship Applications are open to any current member of a Grand Traverse County 4-H Club who will be attending a post-secondary school or trade school. Applicants may re-apply annually if they maintain active 4-H club membership. Applications need to be submitted on a yearly basis between January 1 and April 28th, 2023. To apply, please send your completed application with a current photograph of yourself to the MSU Extension Grand Traverse County 4-H Coordinator, Emily Kotz, by April 28th, 2023. Three (3) \$775 scholarships will be awarded in 2023.

Question – Nicki pointed out that the scholarship was outdate, so it has not been posted to the website yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Education Expo at Great Wolf Lodge had 25 sessions and over 600 attendees.
- Animal Registrations – Due tonight: Dairy Feeder, Jr Beef, Poultry, Goat, Lamb
- Name Tags – if you need a name tag please fill out the google doc on our website, link will be closed at the end of this week (3/10).
- Scholarship Opportunities – Heather Barley application on website, Andrew Olson application will be up also, and Darrel Robinson from The Johnson Foundation talked about the Paul and Francis Johnson scholarship – please apply as they try to give everyone some amount of money. Johnson Foundation is a great buyer to send letters to and they have been buying more than just hogs. A change this year is that they are allowing students from all counties to apply. Due date for scholarship is May 15th. Darrel brought paper packets for scholarships, but it is also available on the Livestock Council website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Farm Bureau Record Books – Jeff Dreves from Farm Bureau was present to announce winners, and they were:
- Goat
 1. Jack Anderson - \$60
 2. Madelynne Johns -\$40
 3. Aizlyn McKinley -\$20

- Llama
 1. Bella Wolf - \$60
 2. Grace Watson -\$40
 3. Miranda Ashley -\$20

- Rabbits
 1. Kylie Brogh - \$60
 2. Judy Stephans -\$40
 3. Miranda Ashley -\$20

- Sheep
 1. Evelyn Appier - \$60
 2. Brookelynn Rosa -\$40
 3. Mariah Herrington -\$20

- Junior Beef
 1. Ella Noonan - \$60
 2. Ariyah McKinley -\$40
 3. Kenneth Grant -\$20

- Steer
 1. Natalie Boals - \$60
 2. Brylie Greter -\$40
 3. Eleanor Valkner -\$20

- Dairy Feeder
 1. Violet Thompson - \$60
 2. Taryn Williams -\$40
 3. Cameron Bedrick -\$20

- Turkey
 1. Sophia Shuff - \$60

- Horse
 1. Adam Wilcoxon - \$60
 2. Anna Mae Schaub -\$40
 3. Megan Maratea -\$20

- Poultry
 1. Isabella Plamondon - \$60
 2. Angel Schwerin -\$40
 3. Jax Plamondon -\$20

- Pigs
 1. Payton Vantassel - \$60
 2. Kelsey Bott -\$40
 3. Isabelle Seitz -\$20

Totals:

1. 11 11x\$60 = \$660
2. 10 10x\$40= \$400
3. 10 10x\$20=\$200

Grand Total: \$1260

Grand Champion: Evelyn Appier

Reserve Grand Champion: Isabella Plamondon

Overall Record Book Winner from the Livestock Council – Haleigh Bedrick, \$100

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

- **Horse – Mandy DePuy**

The Horse and Pony annual tack sale will be held Saturday, March 18 at the Creekside Community Church by Best Buy. If anyone would like a booth, please contact Mandy or Alisa. Forms are also available at GT County 4H Horse and Pony Council's Facebook.

Boot Camp is scheduled May 13 & 14. Opportunity to bring your horse to the fairgrounds for a weekend filled with clinics and fun activities. Registration is on the GT County 4H Horse & Pony Council's Facebook. Cost is \$50 for the weekend. If you do not

want to bring your horse you can audit for \$5. If you have any questions, please contact Mandy or Alisa.

Remember to get your Coggins and vaccinations completed soon. Also remember registration is due May 1. The google form is up on the Livestock Councils website. To date we have 24 registered 4her's.

- **Dairy Feeder – Hannah Gaither:**

Registration due tonight. 36 registered right now. Please make sure your bedding is clean and dry. You should have a source of water in your pens, and have some hay for them to munch and eat. Exciting news!!!! We are having stall mats, water buckets, and hay/grain feeders installed for all dairy feeders this year. If you have any questions, please call or email myself or Greg.

231-492-7709, hannah@fortyfivenorth.com

- **Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins**

Numbers as of 4pm = 102 total registered, 55 market, 14 show only, 33 Clover Bud, and 10 4-Her's have listed that they are sharing an animal.

Registration closes tonight at 11:59pm, so if you still need to then please register.

If you haven't already, you need to start calling breeders and get on a list.

I know of someone that has an Angus bottle baby they would like to sell, let me know if you are interested and I can get you the contact info.

Record books have been updated and uploaded to the website, including the show only record books.

- Record books can be started now with the pre-project questions. Also, get a calendar or book ready in the barn to keep track of all your feed, then all you will have to do is transfer that info to your record book.

Cattle Practice (For all Cattle) dates:

- Thursday June 15th 6-8 pm (I will have tags to tag calves)
- Sunday June 25th 4:30 – 6:30pm (I will have tags to tag calves)
- Tuesday July 11th 6-8pm
- Wednesday July 19th 6-8pm

Education Expo was a success as so many 4-Hers were able to get their education credits done before the busy summer.

Upcoming MI Point shows (if you attend you can get an education credit)

- Western Michigan Preview in Newago show March 25th and 26th
- MSU Block and Bridle @ MSU Pavilions April 2nd
- Blanchett Memorial Beef Preview Show April 8th @ Monroe County Fairgrounds
- You can find a full list of shows at MIshowpoints.com

Call or text with any questions: 231-357-0777 or email jrbeef4h@yahoo.com

Work Bees:

- **Continue to sign up on the sign up genius, the link is on the website and the Facebook page. Make sure you are signing up one 4-Her per slot. This will help make the sign in sheet for the work bees.**
- **2 Hours is required of 4-Hers age 8-19**
- **Dates:**
Saturday May 6th 9-11:30am & 2-4pm
Wednesday May 10th 6-8:30pm

Tuesday June 13th 6-8:30pm
Wednesday July 26th 6-8:30pm

- **Steer – Crystal Breithaupt**

91 registered, 5 show only and 86 market, with everything tagged! Jr Beef Raffles have been checked on and give a call if you'd like another check in. Working to schedule a hoof trimming clinic sometime in mid June/early July. Reminder about the May 21st local cattle show The Cherry Beef Classic, look for emails with links to register. Auburn Moyer did a great presentation at the Ed Expo, and how to be aware of health issues that can happen during this time of year. Workbee sign ups, get that done. For any questions you can call 231-620-0407.

- **Swine – Jennifer Davis**

Registrations completed and there are 150 total. Reminder that minimum weight is 225lb and max 315lb. Possession is May 1st. Tagging is under discussion, so more info to come in April. I will be restarting swine newsletters this month so please check your email. The record book is being updated and should be available online by the end of this month. Youth swine day in Gratiot county on April 29th at the Gratiot County Fairgrounds, you can find more info online. There will be no open swine shows this year. You can text or call with any questions 231-649-2443. Email is swinebarn4h@gmail.com

- **Lamb – Shayna Conger**

Registrations due tonight, 75 total registered now, up from last year. 49 market, 9 show only, and 17 Cloverbud. Expo went great, good speakers and really enjoyed the kids. Lambs must be born on or after Jan 1st, possession may 1st, minimum weight 105. Record book is being updated and will then be available on the website. Upcoming events – May 20th 10-1 tagging and sheering \$10 per lamb, and there is a handout on the front table. Showmanship clinic June 24th evening opportunity with more details to follow. July 1st mid morning with details to come. Melissa Kelly Memorial Sheep Show on May 21st, look for details on FB and website. Scovill Showmanship Clinic, more info to come. Watch the Facebook page and website.

- **Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph**

Next ARBA show in Everett April 2nd
This weekend is Mi Youth Livestock Council in Gaylord.
5 market and 42 show registered so far.

- **Poultry – Lynn Henning**

Not sure on totals because there were some duplicates. Registrations due tonight. Once she gets totals she will email leaders. Clinics coming in May and June. Record book is being updated. Info on website about possession dates. Having difficulties with hatcheries. Probably placing one large group order through TSC, they worked well with us last year. Call with any questions, 231-357-5132.

- **Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins**

Thank You's to Rosali and Emily for making a million copies! Extra handouts are on the front table. They also provided binders and stickers. Thank You to the Livestock Council, to species chairs and assistants, and to parents and 4her's for attending the Education Expo. To the Cole sisters from Green Acres – personally thanked Renee and had a handwritten note to give. Thank you to her own club for helping. Dave at TSC for providing prizes. Thank you to Alumni for

coming back to help. Teen Reps were so great! Jason and Hunter Gill – for ALL that wool. Kathy Easter for being a great side kick and making sure it was done right for the kids. My personal highlight – when 4H kiddos came up and asked how they could help by carrying stuff and loading up.

Watch your animals on the ice. Keep deworming. Line up sheering now. Body score them now. Spend time on record books - especially seniors, 153 days until fair!

Clinics – June 28th will be Obstacle and Pack 5-7pm @ Fairgrounds.

July 9th will be Showmanship 5-7pm @ Fairgrounds.

Registrations are due May 1st.

April 29th – MLA Hobo Hootenanny, not allowed to groom or wear show clothes. It is a lot of fun!

May 13 & 14 Mid Michigan Show in Charlotte at the Eaton County Fairgrounds

Record books due September 11th.

Llama Fest is September 2nd and 3rd in Lansing at MSU.

- **Goat – Robin Gildner**

Registrations due tonight. So far there are 49 total, 13 market. Tagging dates: Saturday May 14th 10am-12pm and Sunday May 28th 10am – 12pm. Tagging will be at the back of the goat barn at the fairgrounds. If you are unable to attend either of those dates please let me know. Watch for clinic information to be posted on the Facebook page (Goat Barn – NWMI Livestock Council) we have several pending clinics right now. Possession May 1st, born on or after November 1st. Record books are being updated and will be posted to the website soon. If you are struggling to find a market project please let me know. Remember that disbudding is optional this year. Make sure you ask your breeder for vaccination, disbudding and castration records because you will need that for your health form when you check into fair. Any questions please let me know, 231-883-2002.

- **Dog – Gretchen Sauvage**

No report

- **Differently Abled – Beth Stephens**

Standing ovation for Livestock Council for making the Ed Expo a success. DA Expo clinics had a great turn out and kids had a great time. There is now a record book specifically tailored for DA and they will be available on the website. I have paper copies available for any youth that need one.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a.) Sign ups
- b.) Workbees
- c.) Auction Committee

Nicki Brown – table at the back of the room with Committee sign up. Please sign up or you will be getting a call to fill in the spots needed. Right now there is the biggest need for help with Fair Week Evening Activities. There is a team that will help if someone can please head it. A non fair week committee that is available is help with Annual Meeting. There are a few clubs not represented yet, so please get with Nicki.

AUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Leslie –

Looking for a new print shop to print Auction Books.

Next meeting will be March 23rd at 6:30pm at Mulligans.

There is a rough draft of the postcard available to look at for feedback.

Keri –

the auction packet/book budget was done based on the quote from the previous printer, so there might be a chance that we will have to ask for an increase in that budget line based on whichever print shop can work within our time frame and accommodate our specific need.

D.) Buyers Lunch Update – Laurie Ashley

Contracted with Ebels and will be serving BBQ leg quarters and pasta salad. If you are at Ebels please thank them for their support as they provide this lunch at cost. Lunches will be available for sale to families of 4-Hers on auction day. The price will be announced closer to fair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

QUESTIONS

None

Adjournment: Lisa Ralph motion for the adjournment. Seconded by Beth Stephens.

Time: 7:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 3rd, 2023 - 6:30pm – Livestock Council Meeting - Redeemer Lutheran Church

