

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, May 1, 2017

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

STAFF: Karin Stevens, Rosali Collier

PRESENT: Roger & Tara Steffes, Liliana Valkner, Kathy Harris, Anne Seitz, Miranda Thompson, Treyver Reicha, Abby Treacy, Amanda Wilkins, Kyun Glassner, McKenzie Leislman, Kylee Carroll, Alyssa Treacy, Paige Rosema, Kelsee Rosema, Emily Barley, Kristen Burgess, Brennan Burgess, Parker Jenkins, Rosilie Shaffer, Kylie Breithaupt, Ellie Moran, Deb Canfield, Bella Canfield, Miranda McPherson, Gwyn Carter, Gretchen Sauvage, Brent Osborn, Ty Alexander, Zane Alexander, Jenna Peplinski, Ashley Peplinski, Emma Kroupa, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Madison Leishman, Chloe Fabatz, Ray VanDyke, Kathy Easter, Amanda Tarsa, Peyton Metz, Lydia Heymes, Micah Hadgedorn, Samantha Downs, Reece Canfield, Laurie Ashley, Leah Babich, Heather Rosa, Nicholas McPherson, Colton Downs, Lisa Ralph, Melissa Osborn, Meghan Scott, Jonathan Scott, Claire Scott, Rylee Brown, Hadly Walker, Rebekah Brown, David Robinson, Deven Bruner, Elaine Taghon, Andrea Taghon, Tammy Leishman, Jeff & Sterling Goodwin, Courtney Conway, Taylor Metz, Tammy Nemeskal, Chris Barley, Cherrie Brown, Nicki Brown, Cliff Wares, Scott Stanley, Angel Schwerin, Kayce Caugh, Pam Zuntek, Maggie Rowan, Jonathan Rowan, Myleigha Theil, Joe Babik, Kaylee Heymes, Jeff Chase, Elliana Mackenzie, Jacob Camont, Adriana Reed, Tonya Gentz, Allison Gentz, Nicole Meredith, Becky Kelderhouse, Michelle Reinke, Diego Noonan, Eddie Noonan, Angela Noonan, Alivia Rose Schaub, Carolyn Woodhams, Delaney Dantz, Cheyanne Coger, Raven Butler, Nora Ramsay, Titus Good, Dan Good, Taylor Foster, Cassidy Burgess, Asher Burgess, Hannah Gaither, Rose Plagens, Ashela Seyler, Lisa Ralph, Michael Barley, Hannah Steffes, Joey Send, Gwendolyn Neumann, Rudy & Jan Neumann, Beth Stephens, Danny Schaub, Christopher Kohler, Jesse Kohler, Kadin Crosley, Stephanie Wolf, Mary Lynn Robertson, Katherine Franke, Liz Franke, EmmaLea Mackenzie, Jakob Powers, Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Vanja Griffin, Camryn Jenkins, Tracy Jenkins, Jason Nuemann, Carson Tarsa, Brandon Hobbins, Lynn Henning, Suzan Svec, Ruth Svec, Caleb Svec

CALL TO ORDER: Pledges were recited. 31 4-H Clubs were present

GUEST SPEAKER: Sarah Keinath – Wexford County 4-H Youth Extension Educator was the guest speaker. She spoke regarding Written Communication.

MINUTES: April 2017 minutes were approved. Motion by Rudy Neumann, seconded by Gretchen Sauvage to approve the minutes.

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

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

This year the Fair will be having online ticket sales and will be available by June 1st. Pre-sale tickets for the gate and grandstands. Premium books will be out at the end of May and available at the June meeting. The first work bee was April 22nd. It went really well! The new dump trailer worked great and

was loaded 6 times. Scott Gray brought his loader and trailer. The Fair is taking orders for merchandise and all orders are due by May 15th.

Dogs – No dogs will be allowed by the general public, we ask that you do not bring your dogs to the Fair during the week. If you have to bring your dog then there is a registration form that must be completed for any dogs to be allowed on the grounds.

Rudy Neumann commented about the speaker and stated there was one major thing left out. Buyers pictures – It is the most important to the buyer. Make sure your animal is clean in any pictures you give to buyers.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Karin Stevens – GT Co. MSU Extension – This Wednesday, May 3rd we have a Beginner Robotics workshop for any youth leaders (15 and up) and/or adults who might be interested in learning, exploring and tinkering with different VEX IQ robotics systems to possibly bring this learning to their 4-H club. Cost is \$10 and it runs from 6-7:30 downstairs in the GT County governmental center on Boardman Avenue.

The 4-H Exhibit Barn planning is underway. As in the past, set up is Friday from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10-6:00 p.m. Interviews for youth will be on Monday from 11-3 p.m. We are also revamping the Clover Award that is given to an outstanding 4-H'er from Grand Traverse, Benzie, or Leelanau Counties ages 12-19. Forms for both the 4-H Exhibit Barn and Clover Award will be emailed in early June. Watch for more details.

The 4-H Food Booth is the main avenue for scholarship fundraising in Grand Traverse County. We have a Food Booth team that will be meeting Tuesday afternoon to begin organizing for fair. We again are requesting club help during the week of fair. I will send out our sign-up sheet for different shifts and we are asking 4-H clubs to sign up for a spot. Just a reminder that the Health Department has strict requirements that those who serve in the food booth wear hats, long hair in pony tails and hat or hair net. Everyone should plan to wear tennis shoes in the food booth – no sandals or muck boots. Thank you!

Rosali Collier – Leelanau Co. MSU Extension –

- State 4-H Companion Animal Camp: Bring your dog and learn together about obedience, games, agility and more! June 2nd-4th in Greenville, MI, for youth ages 5 to 19. Cost is \$50 per person and includes lodging and meals.
- State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo: Both individual and team contests, including showmanship, judging, a skillathon, and a quiz bowl! June 10th, at Anthony Hall on the MSU campus. For ages 9-19. Cost is \$5 per individual and \$3 per event.
- Horse and Clinic Show in Cheboygan County: This two-day clinic and show are open to anyone, both youth and adults. Camping is available. June 16th-18th, at the Cheboygan County Fairgrounds, all ages. Some of the classes will be Roping, Speed, Open Trail, Showmanship, Trail, Intro to Jumping, English/Western Equitation, Tack and Show Prep. All registration fees and forms can be found at the Cheboygan County 4-H website.

- State 4-H Goat Show: This one-day event will take place June 24th at the MSU Pavilion, South Barn in East Lansing. Exhibitors: youth ages 9-19, with special Cloverbud classes for youth ages 5-8. Cost is \$6 per participant, \$10 per goat. All registrations must be completed online by June 2nd!
- Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp: This 3-day camp takes place at MSU August 2nd-4th, and registration is due June 1st. For youth ages 13-19 and volunteers who are interested in nutrition, food science, physical fitness, personal safety, sports science, and teamwork. Youth will have the chance to explore careers in the health field and learn about new research. Cost for 4-H members is \$165, and scholarships are available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Went thru each committee.

Auction Committee - Looking for more volunteers to sign up, we need your help please. Old buyer plaques are available to pick up – Keri read off the names. Please take if you can help get them to the business owner.

Auction Refreshments – Looking for a club to take over. Nancy is willing to help and train someone.

Building & Grounds – 1st Work bee went great! The Fair is planning on removing the old restaurant by Fair time. It is from 1974 from the old fairgrounds and is so out of date/code and is too costly to upgrade. There will be a new manure pit for the cattle as the pit by the Steer barn will be filled in. The new one will be next to the Junior beef/dairy feeder barn on the east side.

The Fair is putting up a new pavilion in the food court area in honor of Iva Lewis. It will be a 40x80, more info to come. The Fair is also taking more donations.

Buyers Luncheon – 4 bids have been received for a catered meal. The Executive Board will vote and decide after the meeting tonight.

Specie Clinic – There is not 2 clinic dates for Sheep. Cayce Caugh is keeping track of all the educational requirements. Each Specie chair will receive a list of who has completed and who hasn't completed their requirements. If there is a problem getting to the clinics please contact Karin. PQA is available online or there are some in other parts of Michigan.

Exhibit Barn – Plans are in process.

Ice – has been ordered.

Round Robin – We need someone to help take this over or we will pick a group. Please let us know if you are interested.

4-H Dance – A D.J. has been booked, it is not the same one as 2016.

Senior & Special Awards – Mark needs your list of all seniors by the June meeting.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – July 1st will be hoof trimming =Haberlein building - \$16 – contact Drew to sign up or any questions. Amanda has the BQA certificates. Cattle practices are posted on Facebook. Scales will be open.

Dairy Feeder –14 market & 2 showmanship, 14 cloverbuds. Tagging is starting Saturday. Showmanship practices – June 12 – 6-8pm, June 27 – 6-8pm, July 11- 6-8pm, July 30 – 4-6pm

Junior Beef: 49 market, 43 cloverbuds & 5 showmanship. If you need a calf contact Greg as he has access to 24 calves. Tagging will start after May 15th.

Swine: Everyone should have their swine now. 242 Market, 21 Seniors, 47 Cloverbuds. Tagging is May 6th – 8-noon & May 10th 5-8pm. Use gate 4 and go behind the grandstands. Tagging form is online. PQA cards will be coming, you can also go to the website. Please let Stacey know if any drops. Seniors need

to get a small picture to Stacey. Dissection clinic will be June 12th and you must sign up with Stacey or Karin. This is open only to swine kids.

All animals must have an RFID tag or it's a \$1k fine.

Sheep: Possession date is May 1st – 58 market, 11 cloverbuds

May 6th @ 9am-11am – tagging at the fairgrounds – go to gate 2 back of Heim building

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: May 1st is possession date. June 3rd – 10-noon is a clinic. 125 registered = 56 cloverbuds, 22 market, 49 breed & 2 seniors. May 25th & June 3rd is tagging

Rabbit/Cavy: Had some drops, will have better numbers at the next meeting.

Thursday, May 25th @ 6pm – 8pm – Clinic @ the Fairgrounds

Sunday, June 4th @ 3pm – Clinic @ the Fairgrounds

Tuesday, June 20th @ 6pm – 8pm – Clinic @ the Fairgrounds

Tuesday, July 11th @ 6pm – 8pm – Clinic @ the Fairgrounds

Tuesday, July 25th @ 6pm – 8pm – Clinic @ the Fairgrounds

Poultry: 2 Cornish, 10 Production & 12 meat birds.

Sunday, June 4th @ 3pm – Poultry barn at the Fairgrounds

Tuesday, June 20th @ 6:30pm – Poultry barn at the Fairgrounds

Tuesday, June 27th @ 6:30pm – Poultry barn at the Fairgrounds

Llama/Alpaca: Registration is due at the June meeting. June 3rd is the clinic.

Dog: Registrations are due at the June meeting. Clare Fairgrounds May 20th from 11am – 2pm will be a showmanship clinic

Friday, June 2nd – Sunday, June 4th – State Companion Animal Camp – Greenville

Saturday, June 10th @ 9:30am – Creating a dog disaster kit – Mary Fischer – Grawn United Methodist Church

Saturday, June 15th – at Peters' - Dyer Lake Road – more info coming

Horse: 1st open ride will be Tuesday nights @ 5pm - \$5 donation to the horse barn. Need vaccines? The Vet will be available tomorrow to administer. May 6th all horse stalls going up starting at 10am. The stalls in the draft horse barn will also be taken out, brings hammers and saws. This will count towards your work bee. Stalls need to be cleaned and clay added. Registrations are due at the June meeting, forms are on the website.

Saturday, May 13th & Sunday, May 14th - Horse boot camp at the fairgrounds. \$22 camping fee. \$45 w/ horse or \$5/day. Registration form and flyer are on the Horse & Pony page. There is also a clinic June 8th.

Please note: Scales are not certified yet so weights are approx.

OLD BUSINESS: Orders for name badges are due at the June meeting = \$5/charge.

Donations – Mark clarified and explained the Livestock Council can take donations, but not for building projects as those must go to the Fair.

Stacey went over swine tagging and explained that everything is sanitized. Most families tag their own swine on the trailers and biosecurity is taken very strictly. If your swine are tag from the breeder you must still bring them to the Fair to be recorded.

