

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES - APPROVED

Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, Ali Olson, Kristy Oosterhouse *Absent: Emily Kotz*

PRESENT: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER: Time 6:32 pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

New Business - Blood Drive, Gretchen Sauvage

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved. Motion by Gretchen Sauvage, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shayna Conger.

MINUTES: Approved. Motion by Kelly Stockfisch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Stephens.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

See Financial Statements for April

\*Still have checks for some of the Farm Bureau Record Book Winners

No Questions

PUBLIC COMMENT\*

**Kelly Stockfisch (question)** – regarding club attendance, and what will be done about so many absences?

**Amber Pomper (answer)** – a couple of the clubs that have been consistently absent are clubs that have dropped and that will be reflected on the next month's attendance sheet. Otherwise, the requirement for club attendance is 2 council meetings per year, and clubs still have time to meet that requirement.

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Frank Guerin – The Fair Board is looking for an office secretary. If you have any suggestions for a candidate, please direct them to call or email the Fair Board.

We will be offering shuttle drivers again this year and we are looking for volunteers to help fill shuttle shifts. These will be broken down into 4 hour shifts. Please contact the Fair Board if you would be able to volunteer.

Tickets for Grandstand Events, Front Gate, and Mega Bands are available for purchase on the website now. We are waiting on one item for the premium book and then that will also be available on the website. Extra printed copies will be available, but please go to the website first. If you are having any problems accessing it, please contact the Fair Board for help. Perhaps group leaders will be able to print off additional forms and hand those out to their groups.

We would greatly appreciate club leaders (especially for new members) reminding families that there are no scooters or bicycles allowed on the Fair Grounds. We are hoping to add signage regarding this rule on the grounds.

**Questions** – Anyone interested in volunteering for shuttle driver, who do they contact? **Frank** – they can contact me.

When will online registration be available? **Keri** – Tom told me they were waiting on one more thing and then it would be up in the next week or two and as soon as it's up we will email blast it out.

When is camping due? **Frank** – July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

##### **Grand Traverse (Emily Kotz) -**

**Thank you to everyone who submitted applications for the Andrew Olson Scholarships this year!**

**4-H Fishing Workshops: June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and June 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm.**

Two 4-H Fishing Workshops will take place this summer and are free to attend. The first session will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm at the Grand Traverse County Conservation District Community Room, and the second session will take place on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm, at Kids Creek Park at the Oleson Pond Fishing Dock. Each workshop will feature a brief educational lesson from local MI DNR Staff and will feature hands on activities from MSU Extension Educators.

Open to youth ages 10-19, but youth under age 12 are required to attend with an adult. Adults are encouraged to attend with their children, but space is limited to 20 youth per workshop.

**Registration for both workshops take place on 4-H Online, under the Event's Tab once you have logged into your family account. You can choose to register for just 1 or both workshop times.**

Introduction of 5 County Supervisor, Kristy Oosterhouse.

##### **Benzie County (Ali Olson) –**

**Benzie 4-H Pottery SPIN Club** – \$40 per kid, covers supply costs, get ahold of Ali to be added.

**Benzie 4-H Dog Agility SPIN Club** – details to come.

##### **Leelanau County (Rosali Collier) -**

**Sign Up for Orchard Tour and More 2023:** Join us with your 4-H livestock club at the Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Center (6686 S Center Hwy, in Bingham Township) during Cherry Festival week. Pick one day to host a petting zoo with animals 100 lbs or smaller (new guidelines for 4-H petting zoo here in Michigan) and a club fundraiser of your choice, from 10

am to 1 pm. July 3, 5, 6, or 7. Great chance to practice meeting with the public and giving your livestock projects the chance to meet folks, too! Email Rosali with any questions:

[collierr@msu.edu](mailto:collierr@msu.edu)

**Paper Clover Time at Tractor Supply:** If you are able to, please go to the US-31 S store now through May 7<sup>th</sup>, and purchase a paper clover or two (or more). Every donation will go toward supporting 4-H scholarships in Leelanau County and in Grand Traverse County, as we share that store 50/50.

**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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:collierr@msu.edu) or Emily at [kotzemil@msu.edu](mailto:kotzemil@msu.edu)

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### a.) Important Upcoming Dates

- i. Possession Dates
- ii. Tagging
- iii. Workbees

Please see the side of your agenda for upcoming dates regarding these areas (you can always find this info on the website too). Make sure you are signed up for, and attend, a workbee. You can use the sign up genius located on our website. Amanda Wilkins can help you if you have any questions. Please be sure you sign up one child per line and not an entire family. This will help track each individual child.

June 5<sup>th</sup> – Moving our meeting to the Fair Grounds at the Pavilion.

Keri – a reminder from Emily, that when kids are bringing their projects home (as possession is May 1<sup>st</sup> for most projects) there is adequate shelter, bedding, accommodations, etc.

#### SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

- **Differently Abled – Beth Stephens**

The Website is updated and record books are available. I have some printed ones available with me tonight. This year Farm Bureau is going to sponsor a DA record book winner.

- **Goat – Robin Gildner**

Possession date is today, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't forget to take your beginning project pictures. With the changing weather, be sure to watch for signs of sickness. It can happen quickly. Signs to watch for – runny noses, loss of appetite, tails tucked, hunch stance, seclusion, change in behavior, etc. If you have concerns, please contact your vet or breeder immediately. If you cannot reach them, you can reach out to me. Be sure your project has a USDA Scrapie tag in their ear or that the breeder provided you with one. The corresponding numbers will need to be tattooed in their ear.

Updated record books have been uploaded to the livestock council website.

Two tagging dates will take place at the back of the goat barn on the fairgrounds:

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 12pm

May 28<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm

There is a google doc form on the Facebook page (Goat Barn – NWMI Livestock Council), as well as having been emailed out. Please register for one of these two dates and if you cannot make these dates, then please reach out to make other arrangements.

Education Credits are due June 30<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming clinics and education info will be posted to the Goat Facebook page, so keep an eye out for that.

Any questions please let me know, 231-883-2002 or [info@luckyfarmsmi.com](mailto:info@luckyfarmsmi.com)

- **Dog – Gretchen Sauvage**

Registration due June 5<sup>th</sup>. Start your record books. Sign up for a workbee. Education credit available is The State Dog Committee will have a weekend workshop on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the Isabella County 4H Camp. June 17<sup>th</sup> there will be an agility workshop in the Mt. Pleasant area. June 17<sup>th</sup> will also be Dr. Pol day at the Isabella County Fair Grounds.

Any questions please reach out: [ges5250@gmail.com](mailto:ges5250@gmail.com) or 231-883-3378.

- **Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph**

Registration ends tonight.

Rabbit – 34 show only, 10 cloverbud, 14 market

Cavy – 5 show only, 2 cloverbud, 2 seniors

Clinic Dates:

May 21<sup>st</sup> 3pm to 6:30pm @ Fairgrounds

June 4<sup>th</sup> 3pm to 6pm @ Fairgrounds

June 11<sup>th</sup> 3pm to 6pm @ Fairgrounds

June 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm @ Fairgrounds

July 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm @ Fairgrounds

July 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm to 8pm @ Fairgrounds

\*education will be included with the May and June dates, July will be tagging only.

Please watch your Rabbits with the changing weather.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call: 231-633-4492

- **Large Beef – Crystal Breithaupt**

It would be great to see large beef and Junior beef at the workbee to help get ready for the Cherry Capital Beef Classic show coming up. Attending the Cherry Capital Beef Classic will count as an education credit. Other education opportunities include:

May 14<sup>th</sup> - A fitting and clipping clinic (pt. 2 of 4) @ Kent County Fairgrounds

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Beef Clinic

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hudsonville Fair Grounds Show Clinic

You can find education opportunities on the Facebook page and emails have been sent out.

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Hoof Trimming @ the Fairgrounds. There is a sign-up genius to sign up for a time.

A reminder that with the concrete floor in the Large Beef barn it is always a good idea to have stall mats under your sawdust.

There will be a change to the auction line up regarding steers and heifers. These animals will be separated, and the heifers will go first. This follows the way it is listed in the premium book.

Noonan feed grant is available for nominations. You can find this information on the website.

For any questions you can call 231-620-0407.

- **Poultry – Lynn Henning**

2 pens of ducks, 13 pens of production pullets, 23 pens of Cornish rock meat birds, 11 pens of Turkeys, 6 pens of Game Hens, 10 show only, 10 Cloverbuds

Clinic Dates:

May 21<sup>st</sup> – 3pm to 6pm

June 4<sup>th</sup> – 3pm to 6pm

June 11<sup>th</sup> – 3pm to 6pm

June 19<sup>th</sup> – 6pm to 8pm

For those who still need education credits, the clinics will count toward education. You need 2.

An email was sent out today. Online education will be available soon. Record books are available online and should be started at possession of your projects. Please keep all of your receipts.

There will be an additional workbee for Poultry barn in late June/ Early July.

Call with any questions, 231-357-5132.

- **Dairy Feeder – Hannah Gaither:**

30 market, 4 Cloverbud, 1 Senior

I sent an email last week with important information, so if you didn't receive that email please let me know because I had a few bounce back.

My tagging schedule will be Leelanau first, then Traverse City/Grawn, Kingsley/Buckley, and then Kalkaska. Please watch for an email regarding times.

Make sure you are completing your education credits. An easy credit is the Cherry Capital Classic show. A tip for growing your calves is to give them plenty of grain and not too much hay. The grain is where the protein is and protein will help put on weight. Minimum weight is 350lbs.

Health forms are updated and available on the website. Record books should be started.

If you have any questions, please call or email: 231-492-7709, [hannah@fortyfivenorth.com](mailto:hannah@fortyfivenorth.com)

- **Horse – Mandy DePuy**

Registrations are due tonight.

Be mindful to complete Coggins and recommended vaccinations now. Record books are available on the website and should be started. We still have spots available for Boot

Camp on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds. This will count as an education credit. We will be putting up horse stalls at the workbee this weekend so please come help, but no young kiddos.

48 registered, 4 super seniors, 4 graduating seniors, 3 Cloverbud, and 3 DA.

Don't hesitate to call or email with any questions: Mandy DePuy -

mandydepuy@gmail.com

231-649-3102

- **Lamb – Shayna Conger**

Possession is Today, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Lamb born on or after Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure they have their shots, wormer and have their Scrapie Tag.

Tagging and Shearing May 20<sup>th</sup> – 10am to 1pm, \$10 per lamb for shearing and you can tag an extra lamb for \$10. I am planning to have more shearing dates available, I am just waiting for quotes. The weigh house will be open to weigh lambs on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Record books are available on the website. Minimum weight for Lambs is 105lbs.

Clinics:

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 4pm – 7pm at the fairgrounds

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am – 1pm at the fairgrounds

July 15<sup>th</sup>, TBD at Lucky Farms (AI Clinic)

Current Registration = 74 total, 17 Cloverbuds, 9 Show Only, 48 Market

Watch the weather and make sure the shelter is helping to block drafts.

Facebook page is: Sheep Barn – NWMI Livestock Council

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions: 231-357-6898

- **Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins**

\*Report given by Nicki Brown\*

55 Market

34 Cloverbud

14 Show Only

15 Youth sharing a calf

2 Seniors

2 Graduating Seniors – please get Amanda your pictures and Bio by the July Livestock Council Meeting.

1 DA Participant

If you drop the Jr. Beef program, please let Amanda know ASAP.

Possession date is May 15<sup>th</sup>. You can tag an extra calf for \$10 and the calf may only be used within the family that tagged it.

100% Beef breeds (Angus, Chi, Hereford, etc. or a cross of beef breeds), No dairy crosses. Smaller breeds such as Dexter and Highland Cattle should only be used for cloverbud or show only participants, as they do not meet the standards for the large beef program and many market Jr. Beef will go to youth in the large beef program.

Calves must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure you get an RFID tag from breeder.

Vaccines: when you pick up your calf ask if it has been vaccinated and make sure to take a health record form with you, if the breeder vaccinated the calf you will need to get the vaccine

information for the health record. If your calf was not vaccinated, it will be your responsibility to vaccinate your calf for Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Parainfluenza 3 (PI3), and Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV) before unloading at fair.

All the record books and policy and procedures have been updated and uploaded to the website for the 2023 year. It is always a good idea to take a Health Record form with you when you pick up your calf to record Vaccinations. Ask if the calf was pulled, not all calves are pulled. Also calves must be de-horned. Bull calves must be castrated before coming to fair and should be done 3-4 weeks before fair to ensure proper healing time. Castration sites must look healthy.

Cattle practice (for all cattle) dates:

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – 8pm (Tagging available)

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm – 6:30pm (Tagging available)

July 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8pm

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – 8pm

Education credits are due June 30<sup>th</sup>. There are still MI show point shows coming up throughout the spring and you can find the dates on the MI show points website. June 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp @ Ionia County Fair limited to the first 100 youth. \$75, deadline to register is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Beef Series Part 2 at Kent County. Must be enrolled in 4-H to attend:

May 14<sup>th</sup> Fitting and Clipping

June 11<sup>th</sup> Hair and Skin

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Fair Prep and Show Success (After education deadline)

Online opportunity – Beef Quality Assurance. To receive credit you must complete the class and send the certificate of completion to me. Online presentation from University of Nebraska, you must watch the presentation and write a one-page paper on what you learned. This presentation is available on the education tab on the website. All the registration links are on the Livestock Council and Beef program Facebook Pages. Also, if you attend a clinic that has a cost, you can submit for partial reimbursement by filling out the reimbursement form and giving a brief presentation at a livestock council meeting.

Call or text with questions: 231-357-0777, [jr.beef4h@yahoo.com](mailto:jr.beef4h@yahoo.com)

- **Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins**

May 1<sup>st</sup> registration. Start working passively with your animals. Start your record books. Pay attention to the health of your animal and their body score. This wet weather does help soften the toes and make it easier to clip them. Keep up on worming and shots.

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Mid Michigan Llama Show in Charlotte, Mi.

Clinics at the Fairgrounds:

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 5pm – 7pm

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 5pm – 7pm

If you have any questions, you can call: Kathy Easter 231-499-7434, [ndalpacas@aol.com](mailto:ndalpacas@aol.com)

Renee Hobbins 231-835-0441, [hobbins@centurytel.net](mailto:hobbins@centurytel.net)

- **Swine – Jennifer Davis**

166 swine projects registered

145 market

2 Show Only

19 Cloverbuds

15 Graduating Seniors

5 Super Seniors

Possession is Today! Make sure that you have dry clean bedding and good shelter.

Minimum weight is 225lbs. and the Maximum weight is 315lbs. This year we will allow 7 year olds to bring their own animal as a Cloverbud. Finishing the record books now and those will be available soon. Please be sure to complete your Senior Bio and get those to me. Swine tagging is going awesome, and it has gone off without a hitch so far. We have 16 who have tagged successfully with the new online system. If you can't access the site through the email that was sent, you can find a link on the livestock council website.

If your breeder did not tag your pig, there are a couple of steps to completing that so please get ahold of me. Tagging date is May 15<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm. If I haven't received your tag by this date then you cannot bring your animal to the Fair. If your tag falls out please let me know ASAP as you will need to contact your breeder for a new tag. If you're tagging a second swine this year there is a \$10 fee and this money will be due by June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Livestock Council Meeting. You can pay that to Tammy, the Livestock Council Treasurer.

I was able to secure an assistant, she comes with a long history in the 4-H world and led a 4-H group of her own, her name is Jody Ortega. She was unable to attend tonight but please help me welcome her to the barn.

Working on clinic dates for end of May/Early June. Look for those in the newsletter/Email.

You can text or call with any questions 231-649-2443. Email: [swinebarn4h@gmail.com](mailto:swinebarn4h@gmail.com)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### a.) Reporting Committees:

Auction – next meeting on Thursday, May 4th @ 6:30pm at the Fair Grounds.

Buyers Lunch – Dawn's Fresh Catering will be serving smoked leg quarters. Meals will be available to 4-H siblings for \$8 each.

Cherry Festival Parade – July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Fair Week Evening Activities – Teen Reps are planning a few different evenings of activities and details will come soon.

Fun Saturday – no report

Fun Classes – no report

Dance – looking for another group to help with this to help separate the two dances/times.

Showmanship Showdown – same as last year.

Pizza Party – no report.

### b.) Work bees – Amanda (Via Nicki) – continue to sign up on the sign up genius, the link is on the website and Facebook page. Make sure you are signing up one 4-Her per slot, I am still getting sign ups that say "Smith Family". When you sign up that way I



don't know the kid's name so you will need to sign up on a blank sheet at the work bee to actually get credit and your name will not be on the pre-printed sheet. One, 2 Hour Work

bee is required for all 4-Hers aged 8-19.

Dates:

May 6<sup>th</sup> 9am – 11:30am and 2pm – 4pm (Spring clean up, lots of raking and moving debris)

May 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8:30pm

June 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8:30pm

July 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8:30pm

As dates get closer, I will be working with the fair board on projects that need to be done and which tools will be needed. You will be asked to bring those tools and if you do not bring tools with you then you will be on trash pick up duty. Let me know if you have any questions regarding sign up. Email: [jrbef4h@yahoo.com](mailto:jrbef4h@yahoo.com)

c.) Non-Reporting Committees –

Auction Refreshments – Auction Ring Set up – Can Drive – Cloverbud Fair Week Activities – Fair Set Up and Tear Down.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Blood Drive (Gretchen) – hoping to find many participants as this is our funding for the Tanner Building, Cloverbud Activities, etc. I have a QR code available that you can scan to sign up. You can also go to the website to sign up to donate. We need at least 25 donors to receive our \$10 per donor.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicki Brown – as a reminder that we will be at the Fair Grounds for our next meeting and we will be using QR codes to sign in for attendance. If you need any help with this please let us know and we will be happy to help you. The reason we are doing this is for accuracy.

Kelly Stockfisch – someone had mentioned that the weigh house would be open, will it be open for lambs and will it be certified?

Keri Bancroft – it is yet to be determined if the weigh house will actually be open, and our certification holds for a year so we were certified in July and will be good until then.

Frank Guerin– wanted to update that anyone interested in volunteering to be shuttle drivers should contact Erika Sprenger, and registration will primarily be online, but if anyone has issues, please contact the Fair Board.

Keri Bancroft – Heather Barley Scholarship is due tonight. You can turn those in to Tammy or Mark tonight. Also, all registrations close at midnight.

# QUESTIONS

None

Adjournment: Approved. Motion by Elaine Taghon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Ralph.

Time: 7:28p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 6:30pm – Livestock Council Meeting – Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds.

<b>Club</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
A Backyard Bunch		x		x			
All Creatures Great & Small	x	x		x	x		
Barn Busters	x	x			x		
Beef & Bacon Bunch	x	x	X		x		
Benzie Cowabungas	x	x	X	x	x		
Bitz and Gritz				x	x		
Boots & Roots	x	x	X	X	x		
Caring Critters							
Carousel Club	x	x	X	x	x		
Country Cousins		x	X		x		
Country Kids	x	x	X	x	x		
Country Roots			X	x	x		
Crazy Acres	x	x	X		x		
Dirty Boots & Country Roots							
Dogs R Us							
Dusty Trails	x	x	X	x	x		
Excalibur Mazkaraders	x	x		x			
Farm and Fleece	x		X		x		
Forever Farmin'		x	X	x	x		
Frontier Quest		x					
Gotta Lluva Cool Critter	x	x	X	x	x		
Green Acres	x	x	X	x	x		
Happy Highlanders	x	x	X	x	x		
Happy Hooves	x	x	X	x	x		

Home Grown 4-H Club							
Kaleidoscope Kids	x	x	X	x			
Lake Ann 4H Livestock Club	x	x	X	x	x		
Leaders and Lopers			X				
Leather-N-Laces	x	x	X	x	x		
Living Livestock	x	x	X	x	x		
Lone Wolves	x	x	X	x			
Long Lake 4H Livestock	x	x	X	x	x		
Maple Ridge	x	x	X	x	x		
Misty Meadows			X				
Northern Explorers				x			
Northern Lights	x	x	X	x	x		
Northwest Classy K-9's	x	x	X	x	x		
Pen Pals	x	x	X	x	x		
Pony Pals 4-H					-		
Proclites - Co-leader	x	x	X	x	x		
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	x	x	X	x	x		
Rickety Ranchers	x	x	X	x	x		
Showtime		x			x		
Small Town Farmers	x	x	X	x	x		
Sunshine Acres	x	x	X	x	x		
TC Wings & Things					x		
Twin Lakes		x	X		x		
Two By Two							
Walnut Acres		x	X				
Windy Acres	x	x	X	x	x		