

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, May 7, 2018

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

TEEN REPS: Jennifer Stephens

STAFF: Karin Stevens, Rosali Collier

PRESENT: Abby Veit, Kylie Levasseur, Ania Soto, Hunter Arnold, Kelsee Rosema, Hendrix Burden, Vaughn Burden, Kendra Couturier, Linda Oose, Carmyn Brodbent, Jeff Goodwin, Gwendalyn Neumann, Laurie Ashley, Shelly Gray, Mary Lynn Robertson, Devon Bruner, Drew Alpers, JoAnn Bogart, Allison Wittkopp, Rose & JoAnn Bohrer, Lori Cederquist, Candy Humphrey, Heather Rosa, Mikayla Lautner, Adekeine Fiebing, Grace Reckow, Rosile Shaffer, Parker Jurk, Michelle Reinke, Kay Wagner, Taylor Dimarzo, Jerin Dimarzo, Rachel Raniszewski, Hailey Robertson, Tanner Apsey, Daniel Schaub, Abigail Arnold, Devon Bruner, Laney Michels, Ezra Michels, Evan Cooper, Vanja Griffin, Baily Lautner, Beth Stephens, Jennifer Stephens, Brent Osborn, Aiden Harrand, Addison Harrand, Jaydyn Kratky, Angel Kratky, Rosie Belles, Lynn Henning, Gretchen Sauvage, Bill Schaub, Renee Hobbins, Tammy Nemeskal, Kole Osborn, Andrew Osborn, Alyssa Treacy, Allison Treacy, Abby Treacy, Grace Welke, Maddy Glassner, Makayla Luther, Gabe Luther, MaryAnn Wilsey, Linda Oosse, Leslie & Connor Campbell, Karin Neumann, Gwyn Carter, Jodie Kaley, Cindy Powers, Andrea Bedrick, Roger, Tara & Hannah Steffes, Michael Barley, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Josh Kratky, Stephanie Wolf, Alisa Forton, Rudy & Jan Neumann, Kim Franke, Pam Zientek, Amanda Wilkins, JoJo Okeke, Nancy & Grace Keyser, Miranda Thompson, Desire Dine, Nikki Ankney, Kayce Caugh, Robert Brown, Zachary Taghon, Haley Soto, Addison Ware, David Robinson, Melissa Osborn, Destyne Chavalia, Ally Goedale, Paige Rosema, Madeline Prall, Carolyn Woodhams, Alivia Schaub, Kathy Easter, Stephanie Steffens, Chris Barley

CALL TO ORDER: Pledges were recited. 36- 4-H Clubs were present

MINUTES: April 9th minutes were approved with one correct to the next meeting date being corrected to show May 7th. Motion by Rudy Neumann 2nd by Lori Cederquist to approve minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Keri went over the April treasurers report. Motion to approve the April treasurer's report by Gretchen Sauvage, 2nd by Nikki Brown and approved

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Premium Books are here! Thank you to everyone coming out to the first work bee. We were able to get a lot cleaned up. The water is going to be turned on. Registration deadline is July 6th this year. The Fair office will be open starting May 14th with the following hours: M/T – 10am – 6pm, Wed. 11 – 7pm and Th/F – 10-6pm.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Karin Stevens –

Exhibit Barn details for this year's fair are on the information table in the back. Please be sure to pick up one and plan to display your club's creative projects this year. Prizes for the Best Club display will be awarded again this year. Our theme for the Barn is 4-H Grows Here.

4-H Food Booth – We are again looking for 4-H Club help during the week of Fair to staff the Food Booth. This is GT County's major fundraising opportunity each year –

helping to raise scholarship money to send youth to Kettunen Center, 4-H Exploration Days and other learning opportunities. Make sure to sign-up your club for a day and times to work.

FYI: **Statewide age change** to 4-H Cloverbud policy that impact the 2019 fair. Youth who are age 8 as of 1/1/19 will be able to market their animals through 4-H. There was a statewide note that went out to everyone in our data system last week. If you would like more information, please contact our offices by phone or email.

Rosali –

TUESDAY, MAY 15: EDUCATIONAL SESSION WITH MELISSA ELISCHER: ANIMAL SENSES

EVELYN HEIM BUILDING, FAIRGROUNDS, AT 6 P.M.

MELISSA ELISCHER, ANIMAL SCIENCE EDUCATOR FROM MSU EXTENSION, WILL BE DEFINING SCIENCE AND THAT WORK WITH LIVESTOCK IS SCIENCE; HOW, WHEN, AND WHERE WE WORK WITH ANIMALS; DOMESTICATION HISTORY OF COMMON LIVESTOCK SPECIES; EXPLORING ANIMALS' SENSES – WHAT IS THE SAME AND DIFFERENT FROM OURS AS HUMANS; HOW CAN UNDERSTANDING THESE SENSES HELP US BETTER WORK WITH ANIMALS.

JULY 2 THROUGH JULY 6: ORCHARD TOURS AND MORE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CHERRY CONNECTION)

MSU NORTHWEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURE RESEARCH CENTER

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS AGAIN TO COME TO LEELANAU COUNTY DURING CHERRY FESTIVAL WEEK TO TAKE PART IN OUR 4-H PETTING ZOO AND OPTIONAL BAKE SALE EVENT. PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR CLUB (OR JUST YOURSELF) ON THE SHEET FOR A TIMESLOT, FROM 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M., FOR ONE OF THE DAYS. THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE TO SOCIALIZE YOUR ANIMALS, GIVE YOUTH THE CHANCE TO PRACTICE TALKING TO OTHERS ABOUT THEIR PROJECTS, AND SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE! THE BAKE SALE OPTION GIVES YOUR CLUB THE CHANCE TO HAVE A NICE FUNDRAISER, RIGHT BEFORE FAIR SEASON!

AUGUST 20 THROUGH JULY 24: ELEANOR MILLER'S 4-H HORSE CAMP

5300 E HIDDEN BEECH RD., CEDAR, 10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

THIS ANNUAL HORSE CAMP IS PUT ON BY ELEANOR MILLER, LEADER OF HIDDEN BEECH EQUESTRIANS, AND SEVERAL OF HER TEEN LEADERS. OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 7-10. HELMETS ARE REQUIRED, LUNCH IS PROVIDED EACH DAY, AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO WATCH A FUN HORSE SHOW WHERE RIDERS WILL DEMONSTRATE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED. COST IS \$100. PLEASE CONTACT LEELANAU 4-H AT 256-9888 WITH QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP YOUR CHILD. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 8 PARTICIPANTS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auction Ring Set-Up & Tear Down: Will be getting with you all to help with training for this.

Auction Committee: Next meeting is Wednesday, May 9th @ 6:30 – LaSenorita on Garfield.

Looking for banner sponsors. We have some record books that need to be picked up some are really old, please pick them up or they will be pitched.

Barn Awards: Stephanie explained the new program they have come up with. There will be individual barn awards as well as a Herdsman award which will be for an overall club. There will be a traveling trophy as well as \$500 that is being donated by Scott & Shelly Gray.

Buyers Luncheon: Donations are coming in, if you have any please get them to Laurie Ashley.

By-Laws: The rescheduled meeting will be May 30th @ 6pm – MSU Ext. Office, anyone is welcome.

Cherry Festival Parade: The application has been turned in. If you are planning to come please get with Amanda.

Clinics/Education: Nikki Brown passed out lists to Leader's and specie chairs for corrections. Spelling is a huge issue and being able to read the kid's hand writing so please let her know if you have changes.

She will be sending out an updated list this week after the changes. If you have questions for Nikki – 231.883.9523.

Differently Abled: 15 kids have signed up. Beth will be in touch with all families. Questions or know someone please contact Beth @ 231.883.6189 or Rosie Belles @ 231.499.3040

Fair Week Activities: an outline has been put together and emailed to the E-Board for review.

Fair Dance: DJ has been lined up

Photography: Karin Neumann has the schedule done. Pictures will be in the same location.

2018 Photography Schedule – Cost this Year \$9.00 per package

Wednesday August 8th – Windborne Studios – Time: 8am- until last pig is photographed

Location: Back of Swine barn

Animals to be Photographed: Swine Only, all market projects, non-market (show only) and cloverbuds- **ANIMALS ARE NOT TO BE FED** until all of them have been photographed. Payment for non-market (show only) and cloverbuds must be made prior to picture being taken. – Have any food and treats you feed your pigs with you to use to get the animals into position. Be ready to get lined up 10 minutes before 8am. All Parents are needed to help hold pigs in holding area and help kids get pigs back to their pens.

Thursday August 9th – Northlight Studios

Location: Steer Wash Rack Area-

Location may change to under the Haberlein arena if heavy rain is in the forecast

TIME: 9am – until last Junior Beef goes through auction

Animals:

Steers (Market Only)

Dairy Feeders (Market Only)

Junior beef (Market Only)

Other Non-Market Steers if any.

Once exhibitor has taken animal through the auction, come to the backdrop to get picture taken. Then put animal away. No other animals will be allowed in the Picture area during this time until the last cattle has been put back in its pen. Starting at 2pm no steers will be allowed out in the area so the other animals can be photographed.

TIME: After Junior Beef Finished going through Auction until 2pm

Lunch Break for photographer and volunteers

PHOTOGRAPHER WILL NOT BE PRESENT AT THIS TIME

TIME: 2pm – 6pm

Animals:

Lambs (Market, Non Market & Cloverbuds),

Goats (Market, Non Market & Cloverbuds),

Rabbits & Cavies (Market, Non Market, & Cloverbuds),

Poultry (Market, Non Market, & Cloverbuds),

Llamas & Alpacas (Non Market & Cloverbuds),

Dairy Feeders (**Non Market & Cloverbuds Only**)

Junior Beef (**Non Market & Cloverbuds Only**)

All species above to be done by 6pm.

Friday, August 10th – Windborne Studios – Time: 10am-2pm

Location: Inside Draft Horse Barn

Animals to be photographed: Horses and Dogs (any dogs who wish to get their photo taken please send someone over to the photographing area to inform me before bringing over your dog so I can ensure horses will not get spooked.)

ALL EXHIBITORS OR THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THEIR PICTURES ARE TAKEN.

COST FOR PICTURES \$9.00 – If you are a non-market exhibitor or cloverbud, payment is to be given at the time the picture is taken. NO PICTURES FOR NON-MARKET ANIMALS OR CLOVERBUDS WILL BE TAKEN UNLESS PAYMENT IS RECEIVED. For Wednesday and Friday, any checks are to be made out to Windborne Studios. For Thursday, any checks are to be made out to Northlight Studios. Cash is also acceptable for payment on all days.

Tech Team: Please let Baily know if you have anything to add or change to the website. She is continuing to make updates.

Work Bees: 1st one went well. Next one will be May 22nd, please sign up under Sign Up Genius if you haven't done so. Please put the 4-Her's name and specie rather than the club. There are 3 work bees left so make sure your kid's get theirs done.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – 55 steers. Hoof trimming is July 8th, please sign up with Drew. There will be an education session at Greenstone Farm Credit on May 24th, please RSVP.

Dairy Feeder – 12 market, 12 cloverbud, 1 show only. Need to make sure you have wormed and dehorned your calves. Horns cannot be over 3 inches. Tagging has begun please return calls as Amanda is having difficulty reaching some families. 1 child has completed all education requirements so far so if you haven't please make sure they get them finished.

Junior Beef: Possession date is May 15th. You must vaccinate your own calf this year. If you are having issues finding a calf let Greg know as he has some contacts. Tagging will start May 19th. There is an education training on May 14th in the Tanner building @ 6pm.

Swine: 226 market. Tagging went well. There will be a dissection on May 15th at the Fairgrounds. You can do PQA if your card has expired and there is a new class you can take online if you chose to do this route for your specie specific education. Make sure to worm your pigs Memorial Weekend and July 4th are good target dates.

Sheep: 47 market, 16 cloverbuds, 6 seniors & 2 show. The clinic on Sunday went well with approx. 40 kids. There will be another clinic on May 20th – 3pm @ the Grawn Methodist Church. Clinics are being set up. Vaccination this year is required for over eating and booster 30 days before the Fair. You must have a health form.

Goat: 122 total with 27 market, 70 cloverbuds & 3 seniors. Next clinic will be May 19th 10am – noon at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Tagging will be May 23rd from 6:30-8pm. June 2nd will be a showmanship clinic at 9:30am in the parking lot across from the Fairgrounds/Blair Townhall Road. Pen set up will be July 25th time is TBD. Make sure your animal doesn't have lice, mites or ticks as they are going to be bad this year.

Rabbit/Cavy: June 10th 6pm @ the Rabbit barn will be a clinic. Animals are shedding to make sure to stay on top of that and trim nails.

Poultry: All poultry must have a dated receipt showing date of hatch. Market birds must be in possession by the following 2018 dates:

Meat Birds – White Cornish rock cross from April 4th to June 9th

Meat Ducks – Rouen or pekin from June 4th to June 9th

Cornish Game Hens – white Cornish rock cross from July 9th to July 13th, the project for 4-Her's ages 9 to 11 only.

2018 Clinic dates held at the Fairgrounds – Poultry barn – June 10th, June 19th & June 24th all begin at 6pm.

Llama/Alpaca: Registration is due June 4th. May 20th is a showmanship clinic from 1-3pm. June 10th will be an obstacle course clinic from 6-8pm. Make sure you shear and trim toes. Watch for lice, mites and ticks on your animals.

Dog: Clinics will be May 20th & June 10th both start at 2pm. Also watch for lice, mites & ticks and make sure to get your dog heart worming done.

