

## **Council Board Meeting**

### **AGENDA**

**Monday, December 2nd, 2024**

**6:30pm – Zoom**

**Minutes by Shayna Conger**

#### **1. Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

In attendance: Nicki Brown, Keri Bancroft, Katrina Grose, Clayton Porter, Shayna Conger, Ali Ballard, Adam Wilcoxon( Teen Rep) Gretchen Sauvage, Gwen Carter, Haven Bouwens, Jen Davis, Amanda Wilkins, Ashley Folkersma, Rick Tallieu, Crystal Breithaupt, Alisa Forton, Kathy Easter, Kristy Oosterhouse, Greg Bancroft, Lynn Henning, Mandy Depuy, Faith Grose, Renee Hobbins, Beth Stephens.

Keri asked to add Record Book Suspension as “Letter C” and move Annual Meeting Feedback to “D” a motion for approval. Motion by Gretchen and 2nd by Shayna.

#### **2. Communication from Fair Board, LC Members, MSU Staff or Public**

No fair board communication.

MSU is still in the hiring process for Grand Traverse and Leelanau County extension vacancies.

#### **3. 2024 Wrap up**

##### **a. Treasurer/Auction Update**

Sent out invoices and went and talked to Meijer in person about them paying their outstanding invoice from the 2024 Livestock Auction.

##### **b. Farm Bureau Record Books**

Spoke to the Farm Bureau and let them know it will be next month. We will get them the record books, due to the meeting tonight being moved to zoom.

##### **c. Record Book Suspension\* *Addition to agenda***

A few kids didn't turn in record books in Poultry barn, Steer Barn, Lamb Barn and Horse Barn.

We had a very upset parent they don't agree with the Suspension. The 83 pages of documentation was turned over to MSU and they backed our policies. Keri needs to still reach out to the families in the horse program that didn't turn in record books.

## **D. Annual Meeting Feedback**

### **i. Sponsorships**

Did we get paid for all the sponsorships?

Everyone prior to the night of the giveaway is paid. We will look again and see if we need to invoice anyone they sponsored at the meeting in November.

### **ii. By-Laws**

None of the by-Laws passed.

### **iii. Budget**

We will bring up the budget again in January. We don't have anyone that asked for a change on the budget when it was presented at the November meeting.

Comments/feedback about the Sponsorship. We needed to change where sign ups were because it was very crowded.

We also need to go back to the rules because it doesn't say you can't win a feed grant and sign up in the drawing.

We also need to include which animals are small and large animal when it comes to the sign up for the giveaway.

We might need a club to take the project giveaway on because it's a lot to take on.

There was a lot of back and forth on ideas from other attendees.

One take away was maybe we move the giveaway to the January meeting. It was also asked if we could add the project giveaway information on the buyer postcards and the auction book. We will move the project giveaway to January.

Maybe kids that have won giveaways could go out in front of the auction and we could say something so the buyers could be aware of the project giveaway.

## **4. Looking to 2025**

### **a. New Officer Applications – Secretary, Deputy Treasurer**

We didn't have anyone apply for the open positions during the election time frame. Once it was brought up in the November meeting, we still haven't filled the position, we had an applicant for

Secretary and Deputy Treasurer a few weeks later. Shayna Conger, applied for Secretary and Faith Grose, applied for Deputy Treasurer

Faith won't be a signer for the bank account.

Faith, Shayna, and Katrina were put in a "Waiting Room". A vote was done.

Vote is as follows:

Shayna 11 Yes 0 No

Faith 9 Yes 1 No

**b. Teen Reps**

Hannah Gathier is going to be the point person for the Teen reps. We have 9 teen reps. Keri sent an email welcoming them to being a teen rep. Keri listed them, Adam Wilcoxon, Emma Brown, Holly Heuser, Colin Heuser, Ashley Folkersma, Tommy Mckee, Miranda Ashley, Molly Dane.

**c. 2025 Program Changes**

Keri and Nicki met with specie chairs and superintendents.

Swine- Shows will be all on one day. Jen had to step away from the meeting so Keri will touch base with her on changes for 2025. Swine- Will send an email with an update.

Cattle- Shows all day for Tuesday open 8:30am and then market

Dogs- Any program changes. Project books and they will have a class on that at the expo.

Jr Beef- Just the showtimes and moving born by date to December 1st. Possession date is still the same.

Rabbits- Allow pet rabbits for showmanship so they don't need to be purebred and won't need to go one to breed class, also Lisa created a Facebook page.

No changes need to be made to the registration page.

DA- No Change possible show time changes but that will be when we go over the schedule.

Horses- May 1st will be the only registration no more horse declaration.

Steer- Working with Sonja and the fair vet, maybe adding something to help heifers coming into heat before fair week. Maybe changing the auction lineup only place cattle 1-15 the rest would be a

lottery placement. We will take this to the membership and see what feedback they have. Registration and position date for 2026 fair, will be discussed then also.

Changes would be for all cattle projects place 1-15 and the rest would be lottery placement for auction

Dairy Beef/Dairy feeder- Move birthdate earliest December 1st instead of January possession date is still the same.

Poultry- Gwen doesn't know of any changes. (Lynn lost connection during the meeting)

Lambs- Birthdate can be December 1st changed from January 1st. Open show could change to before the Market. Confirmation will be when we go over the schedule later in the year.

Llama/Alpaca- Nothing unless we can auction(joking)

## **5. Education Expo – February 23, 2025**

New date this year and it will be at the Grand Traverse Resort. It worked out well last year and we had a lot of space.

### **a. Class Offerings**

So far 2 sessions for Rabbits

Will confirm if Olivia Rice can do a general species session.

Renee is going to do 1 session for Thank You Notes .

Greg and Rick will do a marketing session.

Gretchen is going to do a record book for the dogs session.

Lamb's- Mother clucker Farm is doing a session on the sheep/lamb industry with meat and fiber.

And Carmin Beemer possibly talks about lamb nutrition.

Add a session with showtime jitters, Greg would do this session himself.

Swine session idea, weight management.

Vendors again? Yes. No charge.

We will have an application and the vendor has to say what they would bring.

We will start roughing in the schedule if anyone knows what time of date their speaker wants please let Keri know. Let her know the fees the speakers might be required.

We will have a block of rooms for us on the board. All speakers if they need a room Keri will book those. Nicki has some speakers if we need. She will reach out to Swine and Poultry.

Good feedback about the FFA kids and some kids are wondering if they are coming back?

We will ask about the FFA kids coming back, but it might be the same time as their competition.

Beth will do a session for her DA kids again just one ad they will talk about the record books and a little brief and find an activity to do.

Keri talked to a few people about doing a session for new members of families and she is asking for a person to run it

Maybe a table with posters and information with deadlines and answer questions Ashley and Amanda offered to help with that. Maybe the teen reps can help.

#### **b. Extra Education Clinics**

It has been asked about other education and speakers throughout the year. Let's get those booked soon so we know what the cost is and if we have room in the budget.

#### **6. Other???**

Premium book changes and policy and program changes due by the end of December.

Anyone have anything? Nothing.

#### **7. Adjourned**

Motion to Adjourn 1st by Lisa 2nd by Gretchen. Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM.