

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES

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Monday, November 2, 2015

Governmental Center Cafeteria

PRESENT: Drew & Trevor Alpers, Greg & Keri Bancroft, Wendy & Ryan Barker, Karla Blackmer, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Sarah Bristol, Diane Brown, Gwyn Carter, Stacey Clous, Jeremy & Tammy Clous, Jackie Davis, Mandy DePuy, Kathy Easter, Kim Franke, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Lynn Henning, Renee Hobbins, Brent, Tammy, Jeff, & Nicole Jarvis, Kim Kelderhouse, Nancy Keyser, Laura Kirby, Patrick & Courtney Lints, Nikki Meredith, Diane Moyer, Rudy, Jan & Karin Neumann, Candace Rottman, Gretchen Sauvage, Bill Schaub, Jennifer Seitz, Rosile Shaffer, Janet Sieffert, Christine Snow, Suzan & Ruth Svec, Elaine & Andrea Taghon, Miranda Thompson, Candy & Sabrina Tiedt, Kim & Taylor Town, Nicole, Mark, Marin & Laurel Wade, Amanda Wilkins, Mary Ann Wilsey, Stephanie Wolf, Carolyn Woodhams, Sonya Youker, Cory Young, Jodi Zenner

OFFICERS: Darrel Robinson, Mark Barley, Angie Holmes, Kelly Kraeft, Nancy Schroeder

TEEN REP: Heather Barley, Ruth Svec

MSU 4-H STAFF: Karin Stevens – GT Co Extension, Susan Lee – Leelanau Co. Extension

FAIRBOARD: Mike Barley, Jeremy Clous, Rudy Neumann, Carlyne Woodhams, Cory Young, Sonya Youker

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledges were recited. Sign-in sheets were passed around. 47 clubs were present & 12 clubs were not represented.

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Angie Walker presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Dale Fritz, seconded by Gretchen Sauvage, to accept the report. Motion carried. Auction checks will expire in January so be sure to cash them. Proposed 2016 budget was presented & will be voted on in January.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Karin Stevens – GT County MSU Extension

4-H Extravaqanza – Thursday, Nov. 19th, 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. All 4-H members, leaders & parents invited. Dinner, silent auction & awards. RSVP to Karin by 11-13-15

Susan Lee – Leelanau County MSU Extension

Ski & Snowboard Club - will begin in January at the Homestead.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – registrations are due Jan. 1. If you have a returning Jr. Beef write that ear tag # on your registration.

Dairy feeder – need to be born after Jan. 1. A list of farms is available. Amanda will attend club meetings.

Jr. Beef – be looking & let Greg know if you need help finding one.

Sheep – now is the time to get on a breeder list. Lambs need to be born after January 1

Rabbit – Denise will be stepping down as Specie Chair but will continue to be barn superintendent.

Poultry – plan on proceeding with your project plans. Production hens need to be purchased mid to late Jan.

Goat – get on breeder lists now for market projects. Diane Brown will be in FL for 4 months & Stephanie Wolf & Karla Blackmer will be available for any issues.

Horse – horse & pony meetings to follow

Dogs – training groups are available over the winter.

Swine – changes are being discussed due to overcrowding in the program & a need to improve the quality of market projects. Listed are some proposed changes

- Feb. 1 registration deadline
- Limiting participants
- Allowing tagging of a 2nd pig for a \$10 - \$15 fee
- No replacement pigs
- If not tagged at the farm then need to bring the pig to the Fairground
- Weigh off the trailer
- Weight limits of 215 – 315 lbs – if under or over will go home
- PQA required
- USDA 840 tags to be used

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Executive Board positions

- Treasurer – Kelly Kraeft has applied. She has served 5 years as Deputy Treasurer
- Vice President – Mark Barley will run again
- Deputy Treasurer – please apply if interested. The position will be filled in Dec.

Many thanks to Angie Holmes for serving as the Treasurer for many years – we have appreciated the many hours you have committed to the Livestock program.

Teen Reps – 3 are needed. Please submit applications by December.

Auction Committee – is looking for volunteers – computer skills are needed.

Buyer thank you's – must be sent & deliver a picture. This simple gesture & expression of appreciation has much to do with the success of the Livestock program. The Council will be following up to ensure that they have been delivered

Leader training – please attend seminars/clinics over the winter to expand & improve the programs.

2016 By-Law Change – a motion was made & passed

Article III FUNDING

The Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock participants will contribute 5% of the gross sales towards the educational events and activities that are necessary to maintain the livestock program.

Patti Lapointe – a fund raiser is being planned at the Lions in Elk Rapids. Watch for details

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Please discuss within your clubs what you want to volunteer for

FAIRBOARD NEWS:

Annual meeting – is scheduled for Thursday, November 5th, 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Training Center on Nimrod Road. Apply for an absentee ballot for voting if you can not attend – your vote counts! There are 8 openings on the Fair board.

Fair theme ideas – please turn in by the January meeting.

By law change – is being proposed to change the Lifetime membership process

Next meeting: PLEASE NOTE:

*There will not be a Livestock Council meeting in December
Specie Chairs will meet*

*2016 meeting – Mon. January 4th, 7:00 p.m.
Specie Chairs meet at 6:00 p.m.
Governmental Center Cafeteria*

MERRY CHRISTMAS.....HAPPY NEW YEAR.....HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL