

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES

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Monday, October 5, 2015

Governmental Center Cafeteria

**PRESENT:** Drew & Trevor Alpers, Kyle Alpers, Lisa Ankerson, Greg & Keri Bancroft, Wendy & Ryan Barker, Mike, Chris, Jordan & Jacob Barley, Karla Blackmer, Jo Ann & Rose Bohrer, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Sara Bristol, Diane Brown, Harley Butler, Gwyn Carter, Kayce Caugh, Lori Cederquist, Stacey Clous, Jackie Davis, Leah Delahanty, Mandy DePuy, Lyn Drzewiecki, Kathy Easter, Jennifer Emery, Pilar Fiebing, Allison Fewless, Alisa Forton, Joe & Elizabeth Franke, Kim Franke, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Jeff Goodwin, Vanja Griffin, Todd & Genessa Gutzka, Andrea, Hagelstein, Lynn Henning, Renee Hobbins, Jeff Hubbell, Joe, Carrie, Jacob & Jack Hubbell, Tammy, Jeff, & Nicole Jarvis, Nancy Keyser, Margaret Kjeldgaard, Laura Kirby, Tammy, McKenzie, & Mikayla Leishman, Melissa Lindsey, Nikki Meredith, Alison Middleton, Rudy, Jan & Karin Neumann, Jason & Gwen Neumann, Jill Noel, Julie Nowland, Ray & Jodi Ortega, Lisa Ralph, Kelly Richmond, David Robinson, Candace Rottman, Gretchen Sauvage, Rebécca & Korbin Schaub, Bill Schaub, Jennifer Seitz, Rosile Shaffer, Janet & Stacy Sieffert, Roger, Tara & Hannah Steffens, Suzan & Ruth Svec, Kathy & Heather Swinney, Miranda Thompson, Kim Town, Taylor Town, Nicole, Mark, Marin & Laurel Wade, Beth Walters, Cliff Wares, Brenda Weber, Amanda Wilkins, Mary Ann Wilsey, Allison Wittkopp, Stephanie Wolf, Sonya Youker, Cory Young, Pam Zientek

Welcome to: Bill Schaub-Two by Two, Korbin Schaub-Crazy Acres, Joe & Elizabeth Franke-Hog Wild & Steer Crazy, Kelly Richmond-Muck boot Musketeers, Taylor Town-Country Kids, Jason & Gwen Neumann-Rudy's Kids, Alison Middleton-Showtime, Mark, Marin & Laurel Wade-Rudy's Kids, Jennifer Emery & Ricki Babcock Nadji-Excaliburs Mazkaraders, Robin Andradi-Twin Lakes, Cliff Wares-Windy Acres

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

**TEEN REP:** Shayna Brooks, Ruth Svec, Heather Swinney

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

**FAIRBOARD:** Mike Barley, Rudy Neumann, Carolyn 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 Gretchen Sauvage, seconded by Dale Fritz, to accept the report. Motion carried. Auction checks have been printed & are being disbursed tonight, but there will show a deficit in the report. There are still outstanding buyer payments, if you know any buyers please spread the word. Proposed 2016 budget will be presented next month.

**STAFF SPOTLIGHT:**

Karin Stevens – GT County MSU Extension

**Fall 4-club updates** – are required for all clubs

Tue. Oct 6 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. TC MSU Extension Office

Tue. Oct 6 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Civic Center

Mon. Oct 19 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Civic Center

**4-H paper clover days** – at Tractor Supply are October 7 – October 18. \$1.00 can be donated at check out at the time of a purchase. You can bring animals.

**4-H Extravaganza** – Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

4-H online registration – re-register to update your information. If you do not have a computer contact your leader or the Extension Office.

**SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:**

Steer – registrations are due Jan. 1.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Open Executive Board positions – are Treasurer & Vice President & they are 2 year terms. Angie will not be running for the Treasurer position.

Specie Chair elections – were held tonight.

Horse Specie Chair Mandy DePuy

Swine Specie Chair Stacey Clous

Jr. Beef Specie Chair Greg Bancroft

*Thank you to Sonya Youker for many years of dedication & commitment to the Jr. Beef program!*

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

Specie groups – met to discuss 2016 wants & needs

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

**Proposed 2016 By-Law Change**

**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.*

There has been a great deal of discussion regarding this increase. The amount has not been increased in well over 20 years & the cost of everything has increased.

- Ebel's has been approached & will be presenting a bid for catering the lunch. We expect the approximate price to be about \$5000.00.
- Working with the restrictions the Health Dept inspector is enforcing make it very difficult to function as we have in the past.
- Auction committee is struggling to find volunteers & more technology is needed to move forward. Wi-Fi is needed to link all the computers together. Buyer packets cost more.
- The Livestock Council is receiving less donations
- This increase would not apply until after the auction in 2016

**FAIRBOARD NEWS:**

Next meeting – will be Thurs, October 8, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office.

Mafe Zone 5 meeting – in Gaylord for fairs in Michigan was attended. Several members attended our fair & were impressed with the relaxed atmosphere & with the kid's behavior – what a great week!

Annual meeting – is scheduled for Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Training Center on Nimrod Road. Apply for an absentee is ballot for voting if you can not attend – your vote counts! There are 7 openings on the Fairboard.

Screams in the dark – numbers are up. Volunteers are needed. 4-H youth 16 years & older may volunteer as part of the Responsibility at the Fair work requirement.

Next meeting:

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Monday, November 2, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**  
**No Specie chair meeting**  
**Civic Center**

Vote on By Law changes.....Vote for Livestock Officers.....Propose 2016 budget