

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES

Monday, October 5, 2020

OFFICERS: Kayce Caugh, Barb Crosley, Megan Town, Keri Bancroft, Bobbi Jo Pyle

TEEN REPS:

STAFF: Rosali Collier, Susy White

CALL TO ORDER: 6:40pm - Pledges were recited. ____ 4-H Clubs were present on the zoom meeting.

MINUTES: The Sept. minutes were sent out via email. Gwyn Carter made a motion to approve the minutes and Stacey Sieffert 2nd the motion. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 2020 auction receipts = \$291,387.00. Checks were mailed today. Bobbi Jo went over the Sept. treasurer's report. Gwyn Carter made a motion to approve the Sept. Treasurer's report & Gretchen Sauvage 2nd the motion. Treasurer's report approved.

FAIRBOARD REPORT: There is a meeting this Thursday via zoom. The info is on the Fair's facebook page or contact Kayce for the info. The Annual meeting is Nov. 5th. There are 7 directors up for election. Applications are due tomorrow, Oct. 6th. Voting will be via zoom or they will have a drive thru option if no access to zoom. The info is on the postcard. The Steer barn is up and electric is going in. Concrete is done, stall will be in the spring as they want to use it for storage.

MSU REPORT:

- Leelanau County 4-H still has bulb kits for sale. \$10 gets you 30 bulbs (a mix of 10 narcissus and 20 grape hyacinth) as well as a packet of information about planting them. Call the Leelanau 4-H office to get on the order list: 256-9888. We will call you when the bulbs arrive! This is a great fall activity you can do as a family.
- It's time to re-enroll in 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> for both youth members and adult volunteers. Please be sure to register in the county where your primary club is held. The participation fee for 2020/2021 has been waived. All adult volunteers also need to go to their Volunteer Central account and sign the Code of Conduct, Media Release, and complete their National Background Check. Please check in with your county 4-H program coordinator for more specifics.
- All club paperwork is due now: Annual Financial Summary Report, Club Minutes, Civil Rights Statement. Again, please reach out to your local 4-H program coordinator for more specifics and assistance.
- Leelanau County 4-H is holding a t-shirt design contest. We are asking our Leelanau County 4-H'ers to submit their best design idea to our Youth Association president at agdoubleoakfarm@gmail.com by October 30th to have a chance to win a \$50 gift card, and to have your design be worn by all of our county 4-H youth and volunteers.
- Leelanau County MSU Extension and TBAISD are partnering to present a 4-part webinar series called Farm to Market. Since we weren't able to hold our usual in-school farm markets this fall, we are bringing the farm to you! All are welcome to register for this free series, held on four Thursdays this month. Each Thursday, we will visit with a farmer on their farm, and then have a live Q & A with the audience. Recordings will be sent to all registered participants, and we especially are welcoming our local teachers! <https://events.anr.msu.edu/farptomarket>

OLD BUSINESS: Specie Chair voting was tonight. Nancy VandeStel gave a short speech about the lamb barn and the future. Nancy plans on doing sheering workshops and also would like to work on getting donations for new wash racks as they are falling apart. Nancy ran unopposed.

Llama/Alpaca – Kathy Easter is running unopposed and Renee Hobbins will be her assistant. They hope to keep growing the program and making it bigger and better.

Poultry – Lynn Henning is running unopposed. She stated that the biggest challenge is getting the barn set up. She is also looking at different clinics for the kids.

Swine – Nicki Brown is running unopposed. She has been around the swine barn for 6 years. Nicki has been tracking the education requirements for several years. She is very excited to work with everyone!

Steer/Large Beef – Drew will be the specie chair for 3 years as voting took place before the meeting via zoom. Drew thanked everyone for their votes. Stacey Sieffert will remain the Dairy Feeder specie chair.

Record books and thank you letters were required for the kids that participated in the virtual shows. If they are not completed by the Nov. 2nd meeting then they will not be able to participate in 2021. We are missing 5 record books and 11 thank you letters. When the record books are all done we will have ribbons, still waiting on banners. We will do a drop off for clubs to pick them up, then Leader's can get them to their members. Record books will still go to Farm Bureau. The council will also be picking a champion who will receive \$100 award.

SPECIE CHAIRS:

Large Beef – most kids have their animals now.

Jr. Beef – Starting to go over the record books. Amanda has received some education ideas which is helpful.

Dairy Feeder – Will be going thru the record books as there are only 5 this year.

Lamb – All record books are good so far.

Swine – Nicki Brown has went thru all the record books and they were amazing.

Goat – no report

Poultry – Record books are good, very impressive.

Rabbit – no report

Horse – Need to still go thru the record books. Some kids are finishing up their season so it's been nice to see them.

Llama/Alpaca – Fall is here make sure to take good care of your animals for winter.

Dog – Sign up! Also Gretchen is looking for some suggestions /ideas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Board election applications are due today by midnight for President, Secretary & Dept. Treasurer. There is also a google form on the website.

2021 Project Give away – Kayce announced who donated and what projects will have a give away. She will have flyer with details coming out after the meeting. We will do the give away at the Nov. zoom meeting. You can only register for one of the drawings.

Record Eagle ad should be out Sunday, Oct. 18th or 25th as it is being completed. We will have copies available for anyone that wants it also.

Motion by Gwyn Carter, 2nd by Gretchen Sauvage to adjourn the meeting @ 7:55pm.