NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES
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Monday, September 9, 2013
Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds

PRESENT: Drew Alpers, Wendy & Ryan Barker, Scott Barnhart, Mike & Chris Barley, Barb Berta, Brenda Bigelow, Jo Ann & Rose Bohrer, Sara Bolin, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Gayla Brief, Sara Bristol, Diane Brown, Dan & Leslie Campbell, Deb Canfield, Gwyn Carter, Debbie, Dana & Maddy Carnevale, Lori Cederquist, Stacey Clous, Jerry & Cindy Conquest, Jessica Dane, Isaac & Daniel Davis, Jackie Davis, Leah & Hunter Delahandy, Seth Denomine, Mandy DePuy, Nancy Dow, Lyn Drzewiecki, Kathy Easter, Amanda Franke, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Scott Gray, Gary & Vanja Griffin, Andrea Hagelstein, Lynn Henning, Renee Hobbins, Joe & Jeff Hubbell, Kathleen Hughes, Kelly & Cara Isenhart, Tammy & Nicole Jarvis, Kim Kelderhouse, Allison King, Laura Kirby, Melinda Klockziem, Samantha Lamie, Mylia LaPointe, Nicole Meredith, Jessie Milne, Ricki Nadji, Rudy & Jan Neumann, Barbara Peters, Tanya Reckow, Kelly Renshaw, Jozelle Rexroat, Jennifer Ritter, Sharri Robertson-Craft, Candace Rottman, Gretchen Sauvage, Tina & Casey Schaub, Rosile Shaffer, Jennifer Seitz, Noelle Sieloff, Janet Sieffert, Suzan & Karina Svec, Heather Swinney, Elaine & Andrea Taghon, Jill Tallman, Miranda Thompson, Kay Wagner, Beth & Kaylee Walters, Robin Weber, Amanda Wilkins, Shannon Wilson, Allison Wittkopp, Carolyne Woodhams, Cory, Jessica & Shannon Young, Sonya Youker

WELCOME TO: Sara Bristol & Robin Weber-Pen Pals, Tanya Reckow-Twin Lakes, Jessie Milne-Showtime, Sarah Bolin-Wind sonnet Wranglers, Tammy & Nicole Jarvis-Windy Acres, Tina & Casey Schaub-Northern Nature Nutz, Ricki Nadji-Wind sonnet Wranglers, Scott Barnhart-Wrong Way Wabbits, Barb Berta, Debbie ,Dana & Maddy Carnevale-Barn Busters, Allison King, Isaac & Daniel Davis-Noah's Ark

OFFICERS: Darrel Robinson, Mark Barley, Angie Walker, Kelly Kraeft, Nancy Schroeder,
TEEN REP: Jessica Young
MSUE 4-H STAFF: Karin Stevens – Leelanau County
FAIRBOARD: Mike Barley, Scott Gray, Jodi Kaley, Carolyne Woodhams, 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. 9 clubs were not represented.

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Angie Walker presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Mike Barley, seconded by Dale Fritz, to accept the report. Motion carried.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:
CONGRATULATIONS! Welcome to Roxanne Gleason's baby girl! Coralie River Gleason was born today, Sept. 9th. She weighs 7 lb, 5.8 oz & is 20 "long.

Thank you to the Extension Offices for all you do throughout the year – we appreciate you!

Karin Stevens – Leelanau County Extension
Mandatory Club updates – dates are: Oct. 3, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. G.T. Extension / Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Leelanau Government Center / Oct. 12, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Leelanau Government Center / Oct 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. NWM fair office / Oct. 29 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Civic Center
Visual Arts & Crafts Workshop – October 12-13 at Kettunen Center
Volunteer Forum – Sat. Nov. 10 at MSU
Filmmaking Workshop – Oct. 4 – 6 at Kettunen Center
Family fun Discovery weekend – Oct. 5-6
MI-State Poultry Workshop – Sept. 28, 9:00 a.m. MSU

Cyber-Bullying & impacts of Social Media – Fri. Oct. 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Hagerty Center. Free clinic with lunch provided. Online registration: www.nmc.edu/antibullying

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Auctioneer Contract – many thanks to the Bancroft family for their support of the Livestock program! Thank you to Amanda for coordinating.
Auction refreshments – thank you to all who volunteered to serve buyers, be bank runners & donated snacks. Every year the amount donated is impressive – hats off to Proclites who donated wheelbarrow loads of snacks! This was a challenging year due to the inspector from the State of MI informing us food could not be prepared in close proximity to livestock, making the Haberlein Arena off limits. We will work with them & have a plan for next fair. Thank you to Twin Lakes for coordinating the area all day – you are awesome!
Barn Awards – went well. Thank you Janet!
Buildings & grounds – thank you to the many volunteers who worked on projects throughout the year. Be proud – the improvements on the grounds looked great! A special thank you to all who worked on Zeke's Way. Darrel, David & Sawyer Robinson, Mark Barley, Team Elmer's & many others put in many hours to make it possible before fair.
Buyer invites – thanks to Angie for designing the invite & to Kelly & Angie for sending them out.
Buyer's Luncheon – thank you to Walnut Acres for preparing lunch! Over 1300 people were served & 244 4-Her's with over 200 new buyers. Thank you to Gotta Lluva Critter for shadowing & for taking on the project for 2014.
Cherry Festival Parade – thank you for organizing this Amanda!
Cloverbuds – thank you Laura & Kathy
Differently Abled – had a great week. The program received an awesome award & recognition from the State director of 4-H. The Johnson Foundation made a $1000.00 to the program. Thank you to Angie & Nancy Dow & the many volunteers who make this program such a great success.
Elections/Nominations – Specie Chair elections will be in October.
Exhibit building – thank you Melissa for organizing the displays!
Fair Week entertainment – thank you to Radical Rabbit Raisers for great movie nights & snacks! You make a great bag of popcorn!
Fun Saturday – was loads of fun! Thanks to Jackie Davis & Twin Lakes for organizing all the fun! P.S. the lamb barn won the tug of war!
Ice – thank you to the Long Lake Livestock ice road truckers!
Nerd Herd – thank you to all the "nerds" for the help during fair week. New members are needed, please consider applying.
Parade of Champions – went well. Thank you Proclites!
Photography – please check your pictures to be sure you have the right ones. After tonight's meeting they will be at the Extension Office. Thank you Sonya!
Radio/Advertising – thank you for coordinating the interviews Darrel!
Record Books – are due at tonight's meeting. Jill Tallman will take the books to Farm Bureau. Thanks Jill!
Responsibility at the Fair – all 4-Her's should have attended a clean-up date by this time. If you have not you must contact Darrel to make arrangements. The requirement at this point will be 3 hrs of work on the grounds.
Round Robin – went well. Thanks to Long Lake Livestock!
Saturday 4-H dance – was a great success – fun was had by all! Thank you to Rickety Ranchers!
Senior Awards – thank you to Rowdy Ranchers for making the plaques.
Teen Reps – If you are interested in applying please submit your application to Darrel. You must have a driver's license to apply. Thank you to Jessica, Noelle & Maddy for all you have helped with throughout the year.
Thank you Ad – will be done by David Robinson & will be in the Insider. Thanks Dave!

RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE FOR ALL SPECIE'S TONIGHT

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer – it was a good week. Unfortunately, Joe will be stepping down as Specie Chair. Thank you for all the hours you have volunteered & for working with the 4-H members – you will be missed! Drew Alpers shadowed during fair week & is interested in the position.
Dairy Feeder – it was a good week & everyone did a good job of keeping the barn clean all week. Thank you for all you do Amanda & Terry!
Jr. Beef – everything went fine. Thank you Sonya & Jill! Unfortunately, Jill will be retiring from 4-H. Her positive attitude & smile will be greatly missed – thanks so much for all you have done for the program & for the 4-H members.
Swine – there will be a work bee on Sunday, Sept 15th 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to take down the pens. Thank you Stacey & Amanda for a great job!
Lamb – the week went great & the barn was full. Thank you Jackie & Nancy for all you do!
Goats – the week went good with lots of teamwork. There will be a barn clean-up on Sunday, Sept. 15th, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. There will be a horse show going on at the same time so please be aware. Thank you Allison & Catherine!
Rabbits/Cavy – thank you to Tom & Denise & Laura!
Poultry – there will be a barn clean-up on Sunday, Sept. 15th, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. There will be a horse show going on at the same time so please be aware. Thank you Lynn & Gwyn for all you do!
Llama/Alpaca – had a great week. Thank you to Kathy & Renee for all you do!
Dog – had a great location in the front of the grounds by the office & was attended well by the public. Some of our 4-Her's were winners in the State 4-H dog show! Thank you Suzan & Gretchen for a great program & for being flexible with all the moves you had to make during the week!
Horse – there will be a meeting to recap fair week on Mon. Sept 16th, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, meeting room B. Isabella Fiebing & Amanda Rottman won awards in the State horse show representing T.C. Thank you Mandy & Kelly!

********** The Paul & Frances Johnson Foundation **********
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Please send thank you notes to the Foundation for all the many years of support & generosity to the 4-H Livestock program. Their generous donations help to make our program successful & have made so many things possible for the Livestock program. Please take a few minutes to let them know how much they are appreciated. Here are a few things they donated in 2013:

$10,000.00 for technology
$1000.00 for the Differently Abled program
$500.00 for the Glenn Noonan Grain Scholarship
$850.00 for the general fund

NEW BUSINESS:
THANK YOU – fair week went well & again was very successful! There were some small manageable glitches, but nothing major. The amount of visitors to the fair increased & we heard many positive comments. Thanks to all the many volunteers who help make the week happen! It could not be done without support from members, parents, grandparents, friends, leaders & Specie Chairs.
Specie Chair elections – will take place at the October meeting. Those interested need to fill out an application & will present a short speech at the meeting. The Species that are up for election are: Dog, Goat, Rabbit & Dairy Feeder.
Auction Checks – at the next meeting COPIES of 4-Her's thank you notes will need to be presented to receive checks. For your project to be completed you must send the thank you & your picture to your buyer.
Media Committee – will be organized for 2014 to help during fair week.
Carol Popp – owner of The Dairy Lodge & long time 4-H supporter recently passed away. She will be greatly missed. A card has been sent to her husband, Ray & family.

Haunted Walk – will be every Fri. Sat. & Sun. the month of October. 10 – 15 volunteers are needed for 4 hr shifts. This time will serve as your "responsibility at the fair" commitment for 2014. 4-Her's must be 13 years of age or older.
Time of meetings – may change to 6:30 p.m. with Specie Chairs meeting at 5:30 p.m. More to follow.
Educational clinics – are being planned for the fall.
Educational funds – are available for 4-Her's to participate in clinics.
Thank you – to Dorothy Fritz for hand washing & line drying all of the Grand/Reserve Banners!

OLD BUSINESS:
Livestock Council Logo – is available at Bay Supply. Anyone wishing to have the logo on items can take clothing to have it printed on or purchase from them.
Lamb barn raffle tickets – are for sale for $5.00 & there are some great prizes! Volunteers are needed to sell tickets during fair week. Candy bars are being sold for $1.00 & totes for $6.00.
Guidebook – is available to be printed from the Extension website. Copies are also available at Copy Queenz on 14th St.

FAIRBOARD NEWS:
Fair board meeting – the next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 12th at 7:00 p.m.
Thank you from the Fair Board for a very successful fair week! We need each other & we need to work together to have a successful week. Fair Board members have been visiting other fairs and are finding that we are in pretty good shape. It is helpful to see what other fairs do that works & what doesn't work.
Fair Board elections – there are 7 openings. If interested please apply, applications are on the website. Deadline for applications is Oct. 3.
Annual meeting – will be Thurs. Nov. 7th, 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Regional Fire Training Center, 3737 Nimrod Rd. You must present your lifetime membership & a photo ID for voting. Absentee ballots are available. If you have questions call Carolyne Woodhams at 342-1575.
Harvest Festival – is being planned at the grounds October 4th – 6th. Many fun events are being planned – trick or treating, pumpkin carving. Come & camp & have fun for $30.00. Call Tamarra with questions, 668-1912.
Haunted Walk – is being planned & will take place every Fri, Sat, and Sun in October.
Lambs Barn update – the raffle has raised $5,500. Tickets are still for sale. There are 20 rafters left to sell for $250.00 each.
Bath House – blue prints are completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Schroeder

NEXT MEETING : PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

Monday, October 7th, 7:00 p.m.
Specie chairs meet at 6:00 p.m.
Civic Center

Specie Chair Elections