

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MINUTES

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Monday, September 14, 2015

Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds

PRESENT: Drew & Trevor Alpers, Kyle Alpers, Staci & Libby Alpers, Keri Bancroft, Wendy Barker, Karla Blackmer, Jo Ann & Rose Bohrer, Tom & Denise Bretzke, Diane Brown, John & Natalie Burns, Deb, Spencer, Reece & Bella Canfield, Gwyn Carter, Kayce Caugh, Lori Cederquist, Stacey Clous, Jackie Davis, Michael, Leah & Hunter Delahanty, Mandy & Emma DePuy, Nancy Dow, Lyn Drzewiecki, Kathy Easter, Samantha & Peyton Fewins, Alisa Forton, Shelly Gray, Katherine Franke, Kim Franke, Dale & Dorothy Fritz, Jeff Goodwin, Shelly Gray, Vanja Griffin, Brad, Andrea, John, Luke & Elizabeth Hagelstein, Lynn Henning, Renee Hobbins, Jeff Hubbell, Abby Hunt, Tammy, Jeff, Brent & Nicole Jarvis, Laura Kirby, Milt & Iva Lewis, Emma Marriott, Nikki Meredith, Jill Noei, Julie Nowland, Linda Oosse, Jodi Willard Ortega, Melissa & Kole Osborn, Jozell Rexroat, Lauren Richmond, David Robinson, Ronda & Sawyer Robinson, Candace Rottman, Gretchen Sauvage, Rebecca Schaub, Bill, Lisa & Danny Schaub, Jennifer Seitz, Rosile Shaffer, Deb & Gena Shelagowski, Janet & Stacy Sieffert, Christine Snow, Roger, Tara & Hannah Steffens, Suzan Ruth & Karina Svec, Kathy & Heather Swinney, Miranda Thompson, Kim Town, Nicole Wade, Brenda Weber, Amanda Wilkins, Mary Ann Wilsey, Sara Wolf, Stephanie Wolf, Sonya Youker, Cory Young.

Welcome to: Staci & Libby Alpers-Barn Busters, Abby Hunt & Emma Marriott-NNN, Melissa & Kole Osborn, Kim Town, Kyle Alpers-Country Kids, Deb & Gena Shelagowski, Nicole Wade,

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

TEEN REP: Ruth Svec, Heather Swinney

MSU 4-H STAFF: Karin Stevens – GT Co Extension

FAIRBOARD: Scott Gray, Milt Lewis, 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 Greg Bancroft, seconded by Gretchen Sauvage, to accept the report. Motion carried. There are still many outstanding buyer payments.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Thank you to the Extension Office Staff for all they do for us throughout the year!

Karin Stevens – GT County MSU Extension

Fall 4-club updates – are required for all clubs

Sun. Oct. 4 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. TC MSU Extension Office

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

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

Club leaders – can choose who participates in the clubs – if the members are non-compliant they decide if they will be a member in the club.

Club training – MSU extension will be more involved in helping clubs have more productive 4-H meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Thank you to all who organize committees & the volunteers who help – the week would not be successful without you! We appreciate you!

Auction Committee -- has been meeting & has begun talking about the process for 2016.

Buyer Luncheon -- 756 were served.

Cloverbuds -- will continue to plan more activities fair week

Differently Abled -- thank you to the Johnson Foundation for the donated swine resale.

Entertainment -- there will be 4 movie nights next year.

Ice -- will increase the amount next year.

Photography -- photos were available at the meeting tonight. Contact Karin Neumann 231-668-2745 or Karin.neumann@hotmail.com with questions/concerns

Record books -- are due tonight. After Specie Chair review those selected will go to Farm Bureau for review.

Round Robin -- Long Lake Livestock has organized this for many years -- thank you! they are asking for a new club to step up to take a fresh look at it.

Senior/Special awards -- next year the committee may need to also involve ribbons for seniors so they are all being done together.

Technology Team -- Wendy & Ryan Barker are improving the website. Looking for volunteers to help who are 13 y.o. or older. If you have questions or are interested in helping call Wendy 218-5509 or aenigmaz@gmail.com

Teen Reps -- will be needed -- please consider applying.

Thank you to all the Specie Chairs & Assistants for a great Fair week & for all you do all year to make our Livestock program one of the best in the State! We appreciate all of you!

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

Steer -- registrations are due Jan. 1.

Dairy feeder -- keep in mind that Amanda will attend club meetings to discuss the project. She has a lost & found from Fair week.

Jr. Beef -- everything went fine

Swine -- growth in the program has been enormous & we need to take the time to be sure to raise a quality project. This year 43 pigs were greater than 300 lbs & 19 were underweight. Pigs need to be washed prior to showing. Time must be spent practicing & working with your pig prior to fair.

Goat -- be looking for meat goats & put your order into breeders. If you are interested in pygmy goats call Diane for a number.

Rabbits -- there is a great rabbit show in Midland Sept 26 -- it is a great place to purchase breed rabbits

Lamb --fund raising for the new barn is going well. A grant will be done in March & letters from the kids will be needed again -- it makes all the difference!

Poultry -- thanks for all the support this year.

Horse -- the new barn was great! Participate in fall trail rides. A work bee will be planned to take down the stalls.

Llama/Alpaca -- it was a good week!

Dogs --keep practicing

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Open Specie Chair positions -- Horse, Swine & Jr. Beef are open. If you have any interest please contact the Extension office or the Livestock Council Secretary

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. Bring a copy of your thank you next month to receive your check.

