Livestock Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2026
6:30pm – NWMI Fair Grounds

1. Welcome & Call to Order Meeting started @ 6:32
2. Pledges
   - Pledges completed
3. Roll Call
   - Completed
4. Additions to the Agenda
   - No additions to Agenda
5. Approval of the Agenda
   Motion: Gretchen Sauvage
   Second: Shayna Conger
6. Approval of the Minutes from May 4th
   Motion: Rick Tallieu
   Second: Gretchen Sauvage
7. Treasurer's Report
   - Current Report posted on LSC Webpage
8. Public Comment *
   - No public comment
9. Fair Board News
   - Tom Looks: 69 days until fair. Registration opened at midnight June 1st on website. Animal, non animal, Golf cart Registrations Due July 1st. Also Queen and Homemaker apps are due July 1st. Fair Board is looking for volunteers to help with the front gate. Premium books are now online in the form of PDF. Cherry fest parade July 9th, Everyone is meeting at 4:45 at TC garage on Woodmere. New this year for the 250th celebration of US, red/white/blue campsite decoration contest, more to come on Fair website.
10. 4-H Staff Spotlight
    - MSU Extension Education/Events – Supplemental Accident Insurance coverage gone over that MSU volunteers and participants are covered under. Please contact MSU with any questions.
    - Tanner Building Exhibits – Coffee, doughnuts and hot chocolate will be served, contact Gretchen to purchase or renew your 4H refill cup for free refills during fair. Coffee cups are $25 new or $20 to renew your old cup.
11. Old Business
    a. Workbees – 2 left June 16 andf July 22nd
    b. Education – June 30th Educations credits due
    c. W9 Process – Ali went over what is required and shared that the link is available on the Livestock web page
12. Species Chair Updates

Goat – • Minimum weight for market projects is 65 pounds. If you feel like your goat is not gaining weight like it should be please reach out to your breeder or to me for help.

- Make sure you are now checking withdrawal periods on anything you give your animal. We are only 69 days away from fair and some medications have longer withdrawal periods.
- Your project must have an official USDA scapie tag. This is for ALL projects, market and show only animals, registered or not. If your goat does not have a scrapie tag or if you have questions about scrapie tags or tattoos please reach out to me asap, don't wait till the last minute.
- Tags for market projects, I will be reaching out to those registered for a market project to schedule tagging here shortly.
- As always, I can be reached by phone, text or email:

(231) 883-2002 or info@luckyfarmsmi.com

Dog – Dog Registrations due tonight at 11:59PM

Rabbit/Cavy –June 18 and 25 5-8 PM, email coming soon. Tattooing will be available

Large Beef – ○ 90 - Registered
○ 73 - Market Steer ○ 16 - Market Heifer ○ 1 - Show only

- Hoof Trimming 2 of 2 ○ July 11th, 8 am
  - Sign-up Genius on Facebook
- Practice Dates ○ Wednesday, June 17th 6-8pm ○ Thursday, June 25th 6-8pm ○ Wednesday, July 1st 6-8pm ○ Sunday, July 19th 4-6pm
- Animal Health updates ○ 1000min still
  - As we get closer to fair please remember the withdrawal period for vaccines and wormers. If you have not wormed yet I recommend doing it now.
- Seniors ○ 16 Registered
  - Need Bio and 4x6 Photos by the July meeting (email or hard copy)
- Upcoming Education… ○ Need by June 30th
  - There are a few options on our website, and just a few state shows left
- Cherry Capital Show Update ○ 30 Kids participated
  - 13 Kids attended for a total of 36 Kids
- 2027 Program Update ○ Moving the Possession date and Registration Date to Nov.
    - Possession will move to Nov. 1, 2026
    - Registration will move to Nov. 2, 2026 (LC Meeting) ○ Mandatory Weight-in
  - Weight-in and Tagging on Nov. 7 & 8, 2026, @ Fairgrounds

Poultry – June Poultry Show Clinics dates: Clinics will be two hours long and will be credited as 2 hours of education.

JUNE 18th, Thursday 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm
JUNE 25th Thursday 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm

Other Educational essay options have been sent out to Poultry Club members.

Sunday July 12th *Practice only,* no educational credits 4pm to 6pm

- Meat Ducks order now
- Meat birds order has been placed. Delivery the week of June 8th.
- Cornish game pens orders will now be accepted, delivery week of July13.

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- SHOW BIRDS SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION IN APRIL!

<u>Poultry market Pen Numbers:</u>

Meat chickens 25
Turkey 11
Cornish Game 10
Production pullets 10
Meat ducks 7
Seniors 4
Clover Buds 10

Dairy Beef/Feeder – 7 market Dairy Beef, 27 total Dairy Feeders. July 11th hoof trimming for Dairy Beef, Fresh water and fans during this heat.

Horse – As a reminder, please have Coggins tests pulled as soon as possible to ensure they are completed in time for the Fair. We also recommend any vaccinations advised by your veterinarian.
If you have not yet completed your education requirements or work bees, please remember to sign up.
We currently have 38 registered horses this year, including 2 Super Seniors, 3 graduating seniors, and 1 Cloverbud.
If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at 231-649-3102 or at mandydepuy@gmail.com.

Lamb – 2 shearing clinics/ showmanship clinics scheduled, these clinics are this Sunday June 7th 12-3pm and June 10th 5-8pm. We will use these clinic to tag lambs, both will be in the lamb barn on the Fair Grounds. Keep lambs with fresh water during this heat. Worming should be completed and you need to make sure the withdraw period is prior to fair.

Jr Beef – Current Numbers: 29 Cloverbud, 44 Market, 8 Show only.

- The Calf should have an RFID tag from the farm you are purchasing it from.
- Tagging will take place in June; you can tag a second Jr. Beef for $10 due at the time of tagging. And that calf can only be used within the family that purchased it.
- There is a minimum weight of 300 and a Max weight of 700. Under or over this amount at fair weight in you will not be able to participate in market but can still show in show only and open classes.

- Reminder that if you are enrolled in more than one 4-H cattle project you my must declare which project you will be showing by the NWMI Fair registration deadline.

Llama/Alpaca – Shearing is important and needs to be done. Fresh water always. Education opportunity will be held at the llama and alpaca barn on June 28th 5-7 about fiber and wool. Worm animals and practice with them!

Swine — 147 – Market, 22 – Cloverbud, 8 - Graduating Seniors Any
updates:

1. Extra tagging money is due tonight $10.00
2. Senior bio & picture due by July meeting 7-27
3. Working should have occurred if not try to get it done soon 4. Water for pig's week of fair- you will need to bucket water or make a tube water for your pen- we do not have a watering system in the barn anymore.
5. Best practice to weigh your pig weekly to make sure you are on track to having successful project
6. Keep getting your pig out and working with it.
7. Upcoming Dates: Education due June 30 th & Work bee.

13. Differently Abled
    - Record book clinic June 18th from 5-7 at the poultry barn. Help to fill out books and decorate pages. Any questions reach out to Beth at 231-883-6189
14. Committee Reports
    a. Reporting Committees:

    Auction – Buyer packet and invites going out this week. Needs leaders to come up after meeting
    Buyer awards ordered, June 11 6PM next auction meeting, location will be sent out soon.
    Auction Refreshments – all set
    Buyers Lunch – Making requested for donations
    Cherry Festival Parade – July 9th, Meet at the city building 445, 515 move to f and M park
    Fair Week Evening Activities –
    Fun Saturday – no updates
    Fun Classes – no update
    4H Dance – all set
    Showmanship Showdown– All set
    Fair Week Activities – All good

    b. Non-Reporting Committees:

    Auction Ring Set- no answer
    Cloverbud Fair Week Activities – no answer
    Fair Set-Up & Tear Down – no answer
    Pizza Party – Check with Keri to see if plates, napkins or water are needed

15. New Business
    a. Blood Drive – Kathi Easter, Sign up with Kathi Tuesday/ Friday during fair week. Photo ID needed. Walk-ins welcome during fair.
    b. Vacant VP Position open and will be posted for new applications on Livestock web page
16. Public Comment *
    - Joe Hubbell, the NWMI Fair Board President stood up and spoke this statement:
      After reflecting on our Mission Statement and considering the growth and future of the

Northwestern Michigan Fair, this Board has decided to sever the direct relationship with MSU and move forward as a Youth Fair for the 2027 Fair. Moving to a Youth Fair will streamline management of our event. This change creates greater opportunities for the Fair to support Youth and the Community by opening the Fair to all the surrounding Youth in the five counties we serve of Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau.
Let's be clear ALL 4-H Clubs, FFA and Youth in our five-county area will be welcomed.
We will continue to work with all local organizations, and group your clubs and organizations in camping spaces and the barns to the best of our ability. The only change will be that all Youth will register for Youth Classes and no longer have a "4-H only" category available.
We are distributing a FAQ sheet for some of your most immediate concerns. We will not take questions now during this meeting as many items are addressed in the FAQ document and we do not want to disrupt this meeting more than we already have. We will hold an in person only, question and answer meeting here at the Pavillion on the Fairgrounds this Thursday, June 4th at 7 pm. Please feel free to attend. Additional questions should wait until Thursday evening.

17. Questions?
    - Kelly Stockfisch: what does this mean about our large purchases?

      Live stock council replies that this is the first time we have heard this news regarding the fair board change away from 4H and request all be present at the meeting the Fair Board is hosting this Thursday.
18. Adjourn

    Motion: **Shayna Conger**

    Second: Kathi Easter

    Meeting adjourned @ 7:17

    All in favor: YES

ROLL CALL

Club	**County**	June
A Backyard Bunch	Antrim	xx
Beef & Bacon		xx
Benzie Critters	Benzie	
Benzie Cowabungas	Benzie	x
Bits n Grit	Grand Traverse	x
Blueberry Barnyard	Grand Traverse	
Boots & Roots	Grand Traverse	
Caring Critters	Grand Traverse	
Carousel Club	Grand Traverse	x
Country Cousins	Grand Traverse	
Country Kids	Grand Traverse	x
Country Roots	Grand Traverse	x
Crazy Acres	Grand Traverse	x

Crossroad Kids	Benzie	
Dirty Boots & Country Roots	Grand Traverse	
Dusty Trails		x
Excalibur Mazkaraders	Grand Traverse	
Farm and Fleece	Grand Traverse	x
Farm and Freedom	Grand Traverse	x
Fence & Field	Leelanau	x
Forever Farmin'	Grand Traverse	x
Frontier Quest	Leelanau	
Gotta Lluva Cool Critter	Leelanau	x
Green Acres	Grand Traverse	
Happy Highlanders	Grand Traverse	x
Happy Hooves	Leelanau	x
Hats N Boots	Grand Traverse	x
Kaleidoscope Kids	Benzie	
Lake Ann 4-H Livestock Club	Leelanau	x
Leaders and Lopers	Antrim	
Leather-N-Laces	Grand Traverse	x
Legacy Livestock	Grand Traverse	x
Liberty Livestock	Grand Traverse	
Lone Wolves	Grand Traverse	
Long Lake 4-H Livestock	Grand Traverse	x
Maple Ridge	Grand Traverse	x
Misty Meadows	Grand Traverse	
Northern Lights	Grand Traverse	x
Northwest Classy K-9's	Grand Traverse	x
Pen Pals	Grand Traverse	x
Pony Pals 4-H	Leelanau	
Proclites	Leelanau	x
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	Grand Traverse	
Rickety Ranchers	Grand Traverse	x
Round About Wranglers	Grand Traverse	x
Showtime	Grand Traverse	x
Small Town Farmers	Leelanau	x

Sunshine Acres	Grand Traverse	x
TC Hooves and Wings	Grand Traverse	x
Too Goat to Be True	Grand Traverse	x
Twin Lakes	Grand Traverse	x
Two By Two	Leelanau	
Walnut Acres	Grand Traverse	x
Windy Acres	Grand Traverse	x