Draft Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 23, 2025
6:30pm – Northwest Michigan Fair Grounds

1. Welcome & Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:39pm.

2. Pledges

- Done

3. Roll Call

- Executive board members present: Nicki Brown, Shayna Conger, Katrina Grose, Faith Grose.
- See attached for roll call

4. Additions to the Agenda
- None

5. Approval of the Agenda
- Motion by: Gretchen Sauvage
- Seconded by: Lisa Ralph

6. Approval of the Minutes from June 2, 2025
- Under the buyer lunch there is a money correction of $410 not $10
- Motion by: Clayton Porter
- Seconded by: Diane Moyer

7. Treasurer's Report
- Katrina read report
- No questions or comments.

8. Public Comment *
- None

9. Fair Board News- Frank
- The contract with MSU has been worked out, it's done for this year.
- 40 days until Fair.
- 11:59pm July 1st animal registration is due, Camping is also.
- July 14th is for no animals and no camping, this is for the non- animal entries.

- They heard of some issues trying to register, if you keep trying you will get locked out.
- Reach out to Tom Looks.
- The Fair Board will hold work bees, June 26th 6-9 pm June 29th 1-4 pm July 9th 6-9pm July 13th 1-4pm.
- Do we need to bring any tools?
    - There is a sign up genius out on the fair Facebook, the fair could add what tools?
- July 23rd 6-8PM the Livestock Council is going to set pens up through the barns.

10. 4-H Staff Spotlight

Ali/ Benzie- Goat clinic Saturday sign up through 4-h online hosted in Interlochen, details will go out Thursday to registered participants this is open until Wednesday

- Benzie Soccer is now open.

Danny/Leelanau
Expo was good last week; we often have scholarships for this in the future
(scholarship info)

- Cherry fest horticulture station July 3rd looking for a club to bring animals
- Spots for maritime camp are offered for $30 this year. Contact Danny
- Swimming courses, class Monday& Wednesday in August first class is at Northport highland pool, ages 5-19.

MSU Extension Education/Events
11. GT County Leaders Association – Tanner Building Exhibits- Gretchen

- Thank you for who has signed up for the tanner building
- Sign up for the clover award.
- Cloverbud activities Monday-Friday Saturday are special, Kathy is looking for help 10am-12pm 2pm-4pm.
- Coffee and donuts, tumbler is $25 for new $20 if you already have a 4-H tumbler.

12. Teen Reps

- Nothing to report.
- Movie night on Thursday, check on the schedule for other activities
- On the sign-up genius there is a spot to help the teen reps.

13. Old Business
a. Education – Deadline June 30th

- No late education credits will be accepted.
- On the website there are a lot of opportunities, as well as tonight's meeting and a summary sent to the specie chair.
- Education has been updated, there was an error if someone was not on the list after Education Expo those kids haven't been updated yet, we are working on this.
- Email will be sent when this is all sent.

b. Band App

- On the website is the link for the Band app.
- If you signed up, we have sent some updates of cancellations and other events.

c. Pen Set Ups – 7/23/25

- Setting up pens 7/23/35 6pm-7:30pm (swine barn lamb barn, rabbit barn, goat barn)

d. Final Fair Schedule

- Not final… the showtimes are correct, the swine pictures on Tuesday 8am they are on Wednesday 8am.
- This will get fixed and on the website.

e. Blood Drive

- Signup sheets are here.
- Aug 5th & Aug 8th (see fair schedule for time and locations)

f. Barn Decorations

- Vinyl banners need slits to allow air flow.
- Lynn sent email to Poultry families about decorations
- NO decorations can be set up until Wednesday before fair, other than poultry they are Thursday and Friday.
- Decorations will be taken down if up before allowed in the barns.

g. Appropriate Footwear

- See policy no crocs, flip flops or bare feet.
- Leather closed toed shoes only.

14. Species Chair Updates

Goat – Robin Gildner

- Not here

Dog – Gretchen Sauvage

- 25 total youth Cloverbud: 5 Differently abled:1.
- Keep practicing.

Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph

- Dangerous heat, freeze a water bottle this is best, replace tiles every 20 mins.
- All rabbits should be in possession
- July 9th 6:30pm-8pm July 25 6:30pm-8pm Tattoo and tag showmanship clinic at the Fair grounds.

Large Beef – Haven Bouwens

- #’s so far…
    - 95 - Registered
    - 86 - Market Steer
    - 5 - Market Heifer
    - 4 - Show only
- Hoof Trimming 2 of 2
    - July 12th, 8 am
    - No Bull Hoof Care - $25 per head
    - At the Fair and we plan to have a scale open
    - Sign-up Genius on Facebook
- Seniors
    - 12 Registered
    - Need Bio and 4x6 Photos by the July meeting (email or hard copy)
- Practice Dates
    - Sunday, June 29th 5p-7p (This weekend)
    - Tuesday, July 8th 6p-8p
    - Wednesday, July 16th 6p-8p
- Education
    - Due June 30th (13 kids still in need)
- Animal Health updates
    - IT’S HOT! Make sure your animal has fresh, clean water and fans to help keep them cool. Also, when cooling them down with water make sure you always start at their feet and work your way up.
- Fair Supplies
    - We do recommend stall mats because we have a concrete floor. If you do not have one we recommend starting to search around now… occasionally you can find them on Facebook
- Program Changes for 2025
    - Cattle classes will be starting Tuesday MORNING
    - Large Beef will be going FIRST for showmanship on Wednesday.
    - Placing the top 15 Steers & Top 15 Heifers remainder will be placed by Lottery
    - ***UPDATED*** Preventing large beef heifers from coming into heat at the fair. Any large beef heifer that is planning to attend that fair will be required to have a CIDR administered. We will be administering the CIDR’s upon arrival at the fair on August 2nd. We will remove them the following Sunday before they leave the fairgrounds.
- Program Changes for 2026
    - Moving the Possession date and Registration Date to Nov.
        - Possession will move to Nov. 1, 2025
        - Registration will move to Nov. 3, 2025 (LC Meeting)
    - Mandatory Weight-in
        - Weight-in and tagging on Nov. 8 & 9, 2025, @ Fairgrounds
        - Start a Rate of gain program

Poultry – Lynn Henning

- Sent email, those have been frequent.
- Cornish game birds will be arriving within the next week; you will get a text.
- July 23rd setting pens up, a lot of birds.
- Barn decorating 4-9pm Thursday and Friday all day before the fair.

Dairy Beef/Feeder – Greg Bancroft

- Keep up on water, fresh and cold.
- Handling practice next week.
- Dairy Feeder- 33 registered 27 market 3 clover bud 4 show only
- Dairy Beef- 4 registered 3 market 1 show only

Horse – Mandy DePuy

- When unloading you need a hard copy of Coggins, check with the vet to see what vaccines your horse needs.

Lamb –Clayton Porter

- Deadlines for fair registration.
- A handful of kids need education credits; leaders help me out with this.
- Fair shows (open classes) were added, check those out, parent/adult class, market pair, Homegrown.
- Make sure fresh, cool, clean water at least 3 times a day.
- If you haven't sheared, please reach out, they are really hot and don't grow well, there is a list on Facebook and website too.
- In hot weather they slow down on feed.
- Worm 30 days out from fair, check withdrawal date.
- Tags, lambs have been ripping scrapie's tags out.
- Contact your breeder and Myself when that happens.
- Print out your health forms and get the info now.
- Collect show supplies
- July 23rd pen set up.
- No clinics this year, there is a show clinic through Brenda Bigalow.
- There will be stuff on Facebook for that but that will count for next year's education credit.
- Tagging- Myself, Ayla, or Shayna will be coming out to tag here soon.

Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins

- Numbers: Market:40 Show only: 12 Clover bud:31 Total Registrations: 83 Drops: 19 Sharing a calf so far: 10
- As of now apox. 73 calves coming.
- Tagging: I have started so if you have not heard from me, you will. If you are at practice and I have not gotten to you to tag yet I will tag them at the practice. When you get a email or message from me please get back to me! Thank you to everyone that I have tagged, for being ready and tied when I arrived!
- Education: 1 more week until deadline, Due June 30th

- Visit the Livestock Council website for education credit options.http://www.northwestmichiganlivestockcouncil.org/education.html.
- Watch the webinar on Formula of Champions website write a one-page paper on what you learned and turn it in to me for your credit. Home - Formula of Champions
  I sent out links to education in an email and posted them on the beef Facebook page.

- Summer has arrived and it has been hot. Make sure your calf always has clean fresh water. Get fans out, cool them off as needed starting with their legs. Due to the eat they may go off feed a little bit may have to adjust feeding times to earlier in the morning and later at night when it cooler,
  Practice with purpose, showmanship starts at home make sure you are practicing with the show halter and show stick. Before coming to fair.
- Summer Practice Dates at the Fairgrounds – We also plan to have the scales open.
  - Sunday, June 29th - 5-7pm
  - Tuesday, July 8th - 6-8pm
  - Wednesday, July 16th - 6-8pm

- Other items to be working on:
  Make sure all bull calves have been castrated.
  Make sure any calves that have horns have been dehorned.
  Vaccines are done and the information in written on the health record form that can be found on the Jr. Beef website page. This needs to be turned in at unloading.
  Make sure the calf has its RFID tag

- Reminder for market project minimum weight is 300lbs and maximum weight is 700lbs.

- If you are a drop, please let me know as the next project will be planning pen assignments.

- Fair Registration- Fair registration is due on July 1st! You can access the premium book online in the Forms & Documents section. This year, all registrations will be conducted online. Remember, signing up for classes and camping requires two separate links. When registering for classes, ensure you select your 4-H classes, and you also have the option to enroll in the open-cattle classes offered by the Fair board superintendent. While you can drop an open class later, keep in mind that you won't be able to register for them after the July 1st deadline.

- Reminder Cattle shows will start at 8am on Tuesday with open shows followed by 4-H Market Classes. Wednesday starts at 9am but the order has changed. Large Beef will go first to give the younger youth a chance to watch a couple classes and learn from the older youth.

- Barn meeting Changed to 4:30pm.
- Please reach out with any questions.

Llama/Alpaca – Kathy Easter

- Hot weather please pay extra attention to plenty of shade and water.
- Practice when the weather breaks.
- Start our new record book
- Saturday June 28th 5-pm, be ready to learn.

- Education due June 30th, Fair registration due July 1st

Swine- Jen Davis

1. Updates:
   - Keep up the great work!!
   - Important to keep your swine cool, using shade, fans - keep air moving!
   - They burn easily, so protect them with cover/shelter.
   - Ensure they have access to fresh water 24/7.
   - Walking and practicing as if you are in the show ring will get your hog ready for the fair!

2. WEIGHTS:
   - Min weight 225#
   - Max weight is 315#
   - If you are worried about being underweight or are getting close to being overweight - please consult your feed specialist or vet to ensure you can market your animal at fair!

3. WATERERS at FAIR
   - There are no water lines that go directly into the pig stalls.
   - Each swine will need its own waterer in its stall.
   - If you need the instructions to make the PVC waterer, please let me know and I can email it to you!

4. TAGS: Your 840 tag that you sent on your tagging form is required to be in your pigs ear in order to unload the animal at fair.
   - Sometimes tags fall out! Make sure to let me know if this happens.
   - Immediately obtain a new tag from your breeder.
   - Send me a text or an email with pictures of tag # out of ear, and new tag so I can update the tagging form for Fair check in

5. Unloading at Fair:
   - Saturday 6-10am.
   - ***You MUST be in line by 10am to unload your swine project at the fair.
   - If you need any help or are struggling to load, call me EARLY so I can work on solutions with you.

6. HEALTH FORMS -
   - There are 2 required health forms located on the livestock council website, also link to these in the June Swine barn newsletter in your emails.
   - 2 health forms must be completed prior to unloading and will be collected as you arrive to unload your swine project.
   - EACH swine project must have its own health forms.
   - The TWO REQUIRED HEALTH FORMS are:

1 Swine Health Form
2 NWMi Fair Animal Health
Plan agreement

7. Education credits due June 30th!

15. Differently Abled
- Looking for 1 judge for small animals Monday 9:30-12pm (senior or past 4-Her)
- Wednesday morning, we sponsor a petting zoo. We need some docile animals for this.
- If we haven't spoken about your youth in the Da program please reach out.

16. Committee Reports
a. Reporting Committees:

Auction –
- Post cards are going out this week.
- All leaders come see Katrina make sure the names are correct, if a leader is not an email will go out.
- Drops were added so those don't reflect on this sheet right now.

Auction Refreshments –
- Please sign up on the sign-up genius.
- Auction snacks brought tonight we can take those.

Buyers Lunch -
- Secured donations of 1,000 to-go Containers from Cracker Barrel and picked up.
- Olsen's Food Store donated 500 foam cups, lids, straws, two rolls of plastic tablecloth, and 1,000 wet naps.
- Picked up BBQ from Casiano's Management (Burger King)
- In the process of finalizing the Pepsi donation.
- After the cherry fest, pick up the rest of the non-perishable items.
- Ordering any non-perishable items that could not be sourced through donation.
- At the moment there is still a budget shortfall of $697.99 that includes:
    - Catering quote: $410.00
    - 1 Roll of table cloth: $26.99
    - 6 16Pks of Buns: $20.00
    - Ice: $100.00
    - Coke Products 10 cases (if needed after sign up genius): $141.00
    - Total of estimated additional Expenses: $697.99

I need a motion to increase the budget for the buyers Lunch by $1,000.00. I am asking for mor money than my list shows so I have some wiggle room on my expenses so that I am able to spend money if an urgent need arises.

Motion by: Diane Moyer

Seconded by: Shannon Baynton
Yay: majority of those in attendance, nay: 1- Kelly Stockfisch

Cherry Festival Parade –

- Parade is next week on July 3rd Meet at TC City Garage be there by 6pm they start promptly.

Fun Saturday – Heather Rosa

- Working on donations.
- Working on new games.
- Working on making the games more for the smaller kids.

Fun Classes –

- Sign up coming out in July.
- Costume Classes.

4H Dance –

- Reminder it is all one dance time this year, all 4-Hers the whole time.

Showmanship Showdown -

- Ordered the belt buckle.
- Question: if you won in the past can you win again?
    - We will double check the policy after the meeting.

Photography-

- Backdrops are ordered.
- Photographers are set up.
- Swine doesn't have digital ordering $12 for the Cloverbud or Show only for picture cost.

b. Non-Reporting Committees:
Auction Ring Set-Up –
Can Drive –

- Need a group to take on still
- Pick up each night of fair, you get a golf cart to use.
- Funds go to the Livestock Council.

Cloverbud Fair Week Activities –
Fair Set-Up & Tear-Down –

- None

Pizza Party-

- None

17. New Business

a. Health Forms – 2 Forms Required

- Start working on them now.
- Email was sent with the agenda for tonight.

b. 4H Wrist Bands

- Change this year, Saturday evening 6-7:30pm outside of the grandstand, no bands will be handed out after the mandatory meeting.
- Every day at 11am at the case pavilion you can get one from Sonya.

18. Public Comment *

- Allison, thank you everyone my mom got a ton of cards.
- Leeana Wares, The Livestock Council is working on this and the buyer letter is missing Geese and Ducks on it. The post cards do say Geese and Ducks do say Geese and Ducks.

19. Questions?

- None.

20. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:43PM
- Motion by: Gretchen Sauvage
- Seconded by: Clayton Porter

Club List for 2025	**June 23**
A Backyard Bunch	x
Barn Busters	x
Beef & Bacon Bunch	x
Benzie Cowabungas	x
Bits - N - Grit	
Boots & Roots	x
Caring Critters	
Carousel Club	x
Country Cousins	x
Country Kids	x

Country Roots	x
Crazy Acres	x
Dirty Boots & Country Roots	
Dusty Trails	x
Excalibur Mazkaraders	x
Farm and Fleece	x
Farm and Freedom	x
Forever Farmin'	
Frontier Quest	x
Gotta Lluva a Cool Critter	x
Green Acres	
Happy Highlanders	x
Happy Hooves	x
Hats N Boots	x
Kaleidoscope Kids	x
Lake Ann 4H Livestock Club	x
Leaders and Lopers	
Leather-N-Laces	x
Legacy Livestock	x
Lone Wolves	x
Long Lake 4H Livestock	x
Maple Ridge	x
Misty Meadows	
Northern Explorers	
Northern Lights	x
Northwest Classy K-9's	x
Pen Pals	x

Proclites	x
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	x
Rickety Ranchers	x
Round About Wranglers	x
Showtime	
Small Town Farmers	x
Sunshine Acres	x
TC Hooves and Wings	x
Too Goat to be True	x
Twin Lakes	x
Two By Two	
Walnut Acres	x
Windy Acres	x
Fence and Field	x

Membership attendance by paper:
Greg Bancroft
Cher'rie Brown
Elaine Taghon
Kelly Stockfisch
Randy Stockfisch
Kelsey Stockfisch
Laurie Ashley
Diane Moyer
Amanda King
Michelle Reinke
Amanda Wilkins
Andrea Bedrick
Sherri Forton
Gretchen Sauvage
Anne Sitz
Rick Tallieu
Lisa Ralph
Nichole Meredith

Shannon Baynton
Gwyn Carter
Lynn Henning
Chole Cochrane
Kally Ocobuch
Darcey White
Clayton Porter
Jenn Cole
Aldous Cole
Corachmae Cole
Addion Benningfield
Morgan Barrett
Chartan Barrett
Jeremy Grant
Anne Grant
Everlynn Grant
Dannah Miller
Crystal Breithaupt
Sami Zientek
Pam Zientek
Angel Schwerin
Aria Wares
Rosie Shaffer
Hope Vantassull
Brooke Schaub
Holly Hale
Hannah Frasier
Lakaila Streeter
Ronin Streeter
Kathy Swinney
Alyssa Wares
Leeanna Wares
Amber Pomper
Miguel Shuff
Nancy Green
Andrea Loomis
Becky Maddixdane
Heather Rosa
Brookelynn Rosa
Olivia Rice
Beth Stephens
Gabe Norris
Sara Jakee
Adam Wilcoxen

Emma Brown
Amber Robertson
Lily Robertson
Nicole Wares
Kathy Easter
Kate Wilson
Violet Claar
Kelly Claar
Allison Wittkopp
Lynn Henning
Kara Cade
Josh Carpenter
Tucker Drews
Cole Drews
Haven Bouwens