

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES - DRAFT

Monday, April 1st, 2024

6:30pm Redeemer Lutheran Church

OFFICERS: Keri Bancroft, Nicki Brown, Leslie Campbell, Katrina Grose, Amber Pomper

TEEN REPS: Miranda Ashley, Kelsey Bott, Emma Brown, Raven Butler, Molly Dane, Addisen Harrand, Aiden Harrand, Colin Heuser, Holly Heuser, Darlene Wilcoxon

STAFF: Rosalie Collier, Kristy Oosterhouse, Robin Gildner, Ali Olson

PRESENT: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Approved. Motion by: Laurie Ashley 2nd by: Elaine Taghon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approved. Motion by: Gretchen Sauvage 2nd by: Shayna Conger

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(See Financial Report)

PUBLIC COMMENT* - Agenda Items Only

Mary Lynn – I didn't get an email this week with an agenda and minutes.

Keri – it was emailed out at 2pm on Friday Afternoon. It is sent from my personal email as well as the livestock email.

Mary Lynn – am I the only one?

Keri – No, Sara said she didn't get it either. But I got 2 in my email since I always send it to myself too.

Amanda – I got it from Keri but not the Livestock email.

Keri – not sure if there is an email glitch, but it was sent.

Amber – I got it from both.

Keri – it was definitely sent. I typically try to send it on Thursday and this time it wasn't sent until Friday.

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Frank Guerin

Unlike TCAPS, I am here!

Thanks to Molon excavating...our bleacher area is beautifully prepped and about a month out at this point.

The tree is out at the future Jr. Beef wash rack area.

Outside of that this is a quiet time for the Fair. Keep an eye on Facebook and our website for all information in terms of registration and premium books.

Questions? How many days?

Frank – oh no, I don't know tonight! Does anyone have internet?

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Grand Traverse (Kristy O./Robin Gildner) –

Registration is now open for the 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science camp. Space is limited to 120 youth, 60 per session. The session dates are July 8th & 9th or July 10th & 11th, at MSU Campus. Deadline to register is April 18th, cost is \$150 per participant.

Please be flexible with the office as the move is back on. We announced the move was on, then it was off, but now it is back on. Please be patient as we'll likely be moving within the next few months.

Benzie County (Ali Olson) – We have scholarships available for Exploration Days, so if you are in Benzie County and want to go then please reach out to me. There is a new 4-H club starting in Benzie for Horses and Dogs. If you know any kids interested, we are taking enrollments for that club. We also have Dog Spin Club coming up in June, for agility, obedience, and rally so a lot of dog and horse stuff going on in Benzie County right now. That's all for now.

Nicki – will the new clubs be showing at Fair?

Ali – yes, we will get them into the system and make sure they are registered.

Leelanau County (Rosali Collier) –

Staff Announcements for NW MI 4-H Livestock Council Meeting April 1, 2024

Tanner 4-H Exhibit Building: We will be offering a more competitive club booth display competition with the top three booths: \$100, \$75, and \$50 VISA gift cards to the first, second, and third place winners. This year's theme for the club booth displays is "Oh, The Places You'll Go with 4-H!". Every club can show what makes their club unique and how taking part in 4-H leads to amazing things. Please see the Exhibits Information packet with the Club Registration Form. Those can be turned into the Grand Traverse or Leelanau 4-H offices. We will have a fillable form on the Livestock Council website, as well.

4-H Tractor Safety: Leelanau 4-H will host an in-person 4-H Tractor Safety Program for 14 and 15-year-old youth on Sundays, May 5, May 19, and June 2 from 3:00-5:00 pm at the NW MI Horticulture Research Center (between Suttons Bay and Traverse City on County Rd 633). The written and driving test will be held in-person, by appointment, on Sunday, June 9 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Rain date will be Saturday, June 15. Participants must attend all four days to become certified. The cost is \$60 per student, which includes the classes, manual, certificate, and snack on testing day. Scholarships are available if finances are an issue. Youth must be 14 years of age by June 1, 2024. Space is limited to 20 youth. The registration deadline is April 26, 2024. Registration is online-only in a two-step process. First, register and pay at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/TractorSafety2024/>, and second, become a 4-H member with Leelanau County and create a family account online at <https://v2.4honline.com/> choosing the Tractor Safety program as their club. Once registered, participants will receive more information about signing up for the testing day. For more information, contact Rosali Collier, Leelanau County 4-H Program Coordinator, at collierr@msu.edu or 231-256-9888.

Flyers available here tonight.

Leelanau 4-H Babysitting Club: Open to all youth in grades 6th-8th, and limited to a class size of 20, the club will meet the next four Sundays, April 7, 14, 21, and 28, from 1-4:00 pm at the Suttons Bay Bingham Fire and Rescue Station. Cost is \$30, which includes the First Aid/CPR certification fee, snacks, and materials. Youth will learn about how children develop, safety while babysitting, ways to entertain children of different ages and stages, and about the business of babysitting. Youth will receive materials and a First Aid/CPR Certificate from the American Heart Association after completion of the club. How to register: Register with 4HOnline 2.0 at <https://v2.4honline.com/> for the Leelanau County 4-H Babysitting Club, and then send your check made out to "Leelanau 4-H" to the Michigan State University Extension office at 8527 E Government Center Dr., Ste 107, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. Registration Deadline is Friday, April 5, 2024. Questions? Contact the Leelanau 4-H office at 256-9888 or email the coordinator, Rosali Collier, at collierr@msu.edu.

4-H Exploration Days: Taking place this year from Wednesday, June 19th through Friday, June 21st, at MSU. Leelanau County is offering the usual bus ride down and back for \$30. This is open to all local counties. Cost for the event is \$220 for youth and \$130 for adults. Leelanau covers the cost of all of its adult volunteers. We have plenty of scholarship funds available. Just check with your 4-H county for more information on funding. For youth ages 12-19, with registration opening during Spring Break on Monday, March 25th, at 7 pm. You can ask a friend to join you and then room in the dorm with them! Registration is online, and a \$50 deposit is required. Deadline for registration is April 19th. Sessions and the registration link are available on the website:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information

Job Opportunities for Local Teens: If you are interested in horticulture and would like a summer job at a local fresh market vegetable farm, La Casa Verde Produce in Cedar is hiring for this summer! Floral assistant, field assistant, market assistant, and mechanical assistant. I have the email here from David Weeks, and if you are interested in seeing his email, please see me after the meeting. His phone number is 231-835-0939

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Education Expo - Total spent = \$5,326.50 which was less than last year by about \$150. We have re-signed with the Grand Traverse Resort for next year and the Expo will be held on February 23, 2025. This will still be on a Sunday, but it is a week prior. They were already booked for the March date, but we are hoping that next year's date might help with some of the goat and rabbit speakers that had conflicts on the March date. If you would all like to bring me (Keri) a Birthday Cake that would be fine because that is my Birthday! 😊
- b. Remind App – there are sheets up front to sign up for the app. There was a reminder sent out tonight for this meeting, so if you signed up you should have gotten that reminder. We will make sure not to overuse it, but probably overuse it during fair week.

Jen Davis – I signed up but I didn't get it?

Robin – I didn't get it until about an hour ago.

Keri – mine came about noon. So it is still a work in progress as this is the time to test it out.

Nicki – it's not us, there is a site issue.

- c. Name Tags – there is a google doc on our website for Club Leaders to sign up. They are \$9 each and we will leave this open for about another month before we close the doc and send this in.

NEW BUSINESS

None

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

- **Goat – Robin Gildner**

Possession Date May 1st. Minimum weight 65#

Make sure you get your scrapie tag from your breeder and preferably a shot & health record to better help you when filling out the health form to go to fair.

A tagging date will be scheduled soon after possession date. You can tag a second project for \$10.

63 Registered participants, 13 Market projects.

Education Opportunities:

May 4th, Hillsdale, MI – Hillsdale County Fairgrounds. 3 ABGA shows.

June 1st, Elkhart, IN – Elkhart County Fairgrounds. Both ABGA & ADGA shows.

July 13th & 14th at the Northwestern Michigan Fair. 3 ABGA shows on the 13th.

Showmanship and 2 ABGA shows on the 14th. Showmanship is open to all ages and all breeds of goats. Great practice before fair. More details to come. More educational opportunities to come as they become available.

Facebook Page: Goat Barn – NWMI Livestock Council

Any questions please let me know, 231-883-2002 **or** info@luckyfarmsmi.com

- **Dog – Gretchen Sauvage**

Registration is 6/3, sign up for workbees, working on ed classes, more info to come.

Anyone who know a youth that would like to do dogs but doesn't have a dog, I have aged out 4-H family that has a dog that someone can use. 231-883-3378.

Any questions please reach out: ges5250@gmail.com or 231-883-3378.

- **Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph**

48 Regular Show

14 Cloverbud

19 Cavy

8 Market

Registration Closes May 6th so if you're interested then you still have time. I do have in my possession the roaster projects. I have a few of those that if the kids are ready for their rabbits then they can come and get them. There is a show coming up this weekend in Everett, MI if you're still looking for an animal to show then there will be a variety of animals there for you to see and be able to handle so you can find the appropriate size. Please watch the weather.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call: 231-633-4492

Email: r4rabbity@yahoo.com

- **Large Beef – Haven Bouwens**

102 – Registered

86 – Market

14 – Market Heifer

2 – Show Only

Hoof Trimming 1 of 2 is April 20th, 8am – 12pm. No Bull Hoof Care - \$25 per head, I emailed a sign-up genius.

124 Days until Fair, thanks to Frank.

Check your feed rations lately, I highly recommend doing so now. With the weather looking to warm up slightly, it's a good time to start putting weight on because their bodies won't be working so hard to try and keep warm.

Upcoming shows for Education Credits:

Starting April 6th there will be a show every weekend until June 15th.

I sent an email last week, if you didn't get it please let me know. We are currently having Facebook Difficulties. Just a reminder that the minimum weight is 1,000lbs.

For any questions you can email or call Haven:

havenmrobinson@gmail.com 231-263-2217

- **Poultry – Lynn Henning**

10 Pens of Turkey

2 Pens of Ducks

1 Pen of Geese

30 Pens of Meat Chickens

7 Pens of Cornish Game

24 Pens of Production Pullets

An email was sent out on March 18th with a lot of information in it. I am taking orders for Market projects; turkeys have already been ordered so we are heading in to

ducks and geese and meat birds. Contact me any time with how many you would like and with any questions. Feed stores – please contact your feed store and be sure you are feeding the proper feed as it is very important for those market birds. You are spending a lot of time on those market birds and it is very important that they are feeding and growing appropriately. If there are any drops please email or text me. On the livestock council website are the guidelines for poultry so please look through those.

Call or text with any questions, 231-357-5132.

Email: 4hchickenqueen@gmail.com

- **Large Dairy Beef & Feeder – Greg Bancroft**

5 Dairy Beef

47 Dairy Feeder

Keep up on the weather as it is still up and down. Get your barns open so they're getting fresh air like they need. Watch out for scouring on calves, if you have any questions then get in touch with us. Tagging will be in the next couple of weeks. If you have a back up animal that you want to tag it is \$10. The cattle industry has gone kind of crazy and the dairy feeder kids that have gotten their calves for the year are fortunate because they're talking \$5 a pound for 3-day old calves and that's about twice what we paid on average for calves this year. But it doesn't look like this is going to change much in the next few years so keep up on the health of your calves and it is definitely worth your investment this year.

If you have any questions, please call or email:

gbancroft1976@gmail.com 231-313-8063

- **Horse – Mandy DePuy**

Registration for horses is due May 1st. Declaring which horse you will bring will be due July 1. Boot Camp is May 11 & 12 at the fairgrounds. Cost is 60 if you register by April \$28 and will be \$75 thereafter to attend for the weekend with your horse. If you need help with registration please see Alisa or myself and we can help find avenues for scholarship's. Reminder to get your coggins and vaccinations done as soon as you can. Don't hesitate to call or email with any questions: Mandy DePuy - mandydepuy@gmail.com 231-649-3102

- **Lamb – Shayna Conger**

59 Total

42 Market

7 Show Only

10 Cloverbud

We don't have a lot going on, but a few reminders:

May 1st is possession. Make sure that your lamb has a scrapies tag in their ear from the breeder. If any local farmers don't have scrapies tags and have questions, you can reach out to me and I can help get let them know that they will need to get in touch with the USDA. If you would like to tag an extra lamb, it is \$10 and the extra lamb would be for use within the family that tagged it. If you're getting your lambs right now then be sure to keep them warm and dry, and provide fresh water. This year we are trying something new and ask everyone to arrange their own rough shearing this year. If you need help finding someone then please reach out to me. Thunderstruck Lambs had something come up for showmanship clinic, so we are back to the drawing board and I will put something out as soon as we can get it nailed down. We are working on a shearing clinic as well. Be sure to sign up for your work bees. Education due June 30th, one specie specific credit and one general credit. Shows count as credits, we just need the education receipt which can be found on the livestock council website.

Any questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Facebook page: Sheep Barn – NWMILivestock Council

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions: 231-357-6898

Email: sheepbarn4hnwmf@gmail.com

- **Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins**

Total Registrations: 98

Market: 47

Cloverbud: 33

Show Only: 18

I will have animal totals after tagging is completed.

Possession date is May 15th. If you have not contacted a breeder yet you need to ASAP. There is a breeder list on the website or let me know if you need help finding a calf. I do know of 1 for sale if interested, see me after the meeting. You can tag an extra calf for \$10 due at the time of tagging.

Calves must be born after Jan 1st and must be 100% beef breeds or crosses of 1 or more beef breeds. NO dairy/beef crosses also mini or smaller breeds i.e. Dexters cannot be used for market projects.

For market animals there is now a minimum weight of 300lbs and maximum weight of 700lbs.

After possession date I will send out a form to have filled out and sent back to me to get the information that we won't have until then that is needed for the auction book and market classes. Will also be reaching out to schedule tagging.

Spring/Summer Practice dates at the fairgrounds:

Wednesday June 12th 6pm – 8pm (Jr. Beef tagging if needed)

Wednesday June 26th 6pm – 8pm (Jr. Beef tagging if needed)

Sunday July 7th 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Wednesday July 17th 6pm – 8pm

Call or text with questions: 231-357-0777, jr.beef4h@yahoo.com

- **Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins**

Registrations are due May 6, by midnight.

Practice and play with your llamas and alpacas! Talk to them, read them a book, etc so they get used to you and your mannerisms.

Check their toes and trim if needed, and body fat (body scoring) to make sure they are at a healthy weight. Make sure you are on a shearer's list for Spring shearing if you need it done.

Two upcoming llama and alpaca shows: Jackson County Hobo Hootenanny at the Jackson, MI Fairgrounds on April 20.

The Mid-Michigan Lama Show at the Eaton County Fairgrounds in Charlotte, MI, on May 11-12.

Our clinics will be in mid and late June. More info to come as we finalize details.

If you have any questions, you can call: Kathy Easter 231-499-7434,

ndalpacas@aol.com

Renee Hobbins 231-835-0441, hobbins@centurytel.net

- **Swine – Jennifer Davis**

We currently have

190 registered for the swine barn

21 - Cloverbud

15 - Graduating Seniors

10 - Super Seniors

2 - DA

Any Updates:

With numbers at less than our cap of 225 swine for the barn - our 7year old cloverbuds can bring their own project swine. Cloverbuds Ages 5-6 must utilize another 4Her's swine project for shows.

Many 4Hets starting to bring their projects home this month. Possession date deadline is 5/1/24 . Please be sure that your swine has an 840 tag before you bring it to your place- the breeder should place this tag for you.

Also work to prep your new project's home with adequate shelter/bedding/feed/clean water system.

Keep swine warm and dry during cold weather shifts through spring.

Please review the Swine Policy and procedures guide on the Northwest Michigan Livestock Council site-

<http://www.northwestmichiganlivestockcouncil.org/swine.html>, then go to species specific, select Swine! Read through the manual and send any questions to swinebarn4H@gmail.com or text or call me at 231-649-2443

Requirements for fair -

2 education credits (one that is species specific) - see website for more opportunities for education under the swine page in the coming weeks.

2 hours of Work Bee - sign up on the council website.

Upcoming Dates:

Possession Date By May 1st, 2024

Virtual Tagging by May 15th, 2024 (link coming out in the next 1-2 weeks.

You can text or call with any questions 231-649-2443.

Email: swinebarn4h@gmail.com

DIFFERENTLY ABLED REPORT

Now that animals are in possession, our feed grants for our kids can come see me after the next meeting and I will have the checkbook with me. If you have a specific place you like to purchase your feed from and would like a gift certificate instead then reach out to me and we can make that happen for you.

Any questions, please Call Beth Stephans: (231) 883-6189.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Nicki

a. Auction Refreshments – no update.

Award Ceremony – we're working on this.

Buyer's Luncheon – I've contracted with Ebels again this year and we will be having chicken again. At this point I am reaching out to vendors for donations, and I have made a call to the food inspector so they know what I am doing we will hopefully pass inspection. That all for now.

Cherry Festival – July 4th is the junior royale parade.

Fair Week Evening Activities (Teen Reps) – no update.

Fun Saturday – all the water balloons have been donated and I am going to get prizes again from Tractor Supply. I also have Ankerson Construction donating a lot of the gift cards and candy to go inside of the buckets.

Fun Class Friday – no one to report.

Friday 4-H Dance – no update.

Photography – we are officially looking for photographers and are taking bids for all species. If anyone knows someone wanting to put a bid in then come find me after the meeting. A lot more to come.

Pizza Party – as long as you have us on for bottles of water, we are good with Jets yet and we will get a dessert as we get closer to Fair. We will get numbers then too.

Pop Cans – no update

Showmanship Showdown – working on the design for the belt buckle and ordering that in the next week.

Work Bees – All 4-H members 8 to 19 years old who plan on showing an animal at the 2024 NWMI Fair will need to complete a two hour work Bee at one of the following dates. Clover bud and differently abled participants are welcome to attend but not required.

May 4th 9am – 11am & 2pm – 4pm (AM has 96 registered) (PM has 40 registered)

May 15th 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM (34 registered)

June 11th 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM (15 registered)

July 24th 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM (10 registered)

When signing up:

Please sign up one 4-H youth per line (this helps when making the sign in sheets)

Change the display name to the 4-H youth's name

In the comment section please put the animal being shown or the club name, this helps when checking youth off on the tracking sheet

Any questions, email: jrbeef4h@yahoo.com

Exhibit Barn – no update (fliers with info available on the front table)

Cloverbud Activities – no update

- b. Auction Committee – (Leslie) We had a meeting. We have updated all of the letters that go out to buyers and I will have them at the next meeting. If your kids are getting ready to work on buyers letters that info will be available at the next meeting. Poultry this year is going to have a big change, as we will be selling them by the pen and not by the pound. So, if you are a poultry kid then you will want to start letting your buyers know about this change. Lynn was at our last Auction Committee meeting and is aware of this change. I will get with Frank to see if we can use the Fair office for our next meeting and we will be working on labels and bid cards. I do have to talk to a couple more people and then Banner Sponsorship invoices will go out. Other than that, we are good right now. Any questions? If you want to help, we have a sign-up sheet available so just fill your name in on an open slot. Thank you.

Keri – I do have a couple of Farm Bureau envelopes for winners up here if anyone can pick these up and deliver them, let me know.

PUBLIC COMMENT*

Kelly Stockfisch – do we have a breakdown for Ed Expo per participant of how much it cost?

Keri – not yet we just got a breakdown today of how many kids were there and attended each session.

Kelly – I am just looking for how much it costs per participant to obtain that education credit.

Keri – We can absolutely work on getting that for you for the next meeting.

Kelly – That's great, thank you.

Adjournment: Approved. Motion by Shannon Baynton 2nd by Miranda Ashley

Time: 7:16 pm

Next Meeting: May 6th, 2024 @ 6:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Club List for 2024	January	February	March	April
A Backyard Bunch	x	x	x	x
All Creatures Great & Small	x		x	
Barn Busters	x	x	x	x
Beef & Bacon Bunch		x		x
Benzie Cowabungas	x	x	x	x
Bits - N - Grit	x	x		
Boots & Roots	x	x	x	x
Caring Critters				
Carousel Club	x	x	x	x
Clover Bunch 4-H Club			x	
Country Cousins				
Country Kids	x	x	x	x
Country Roots	x	x	x	
Crazy Acres	x	x	x	x
Dirty Boots & Country Roots				
Dogs R Us				
Dusty Trails	x			
Excalibur Mazkaraders	x	x		x
Farm and Fleece	x	x		
Farm and Freedom	x	x		
Forever Farmin'		x	x	x
Frontier Quest	x			
Gotta Lluva a Cool Critter	x	x	x	x
Green Acres	x	x	x	x
Happy Highlanders	x	x	x	x
Happy Hooves	x	x	x	x
Kaleidoscope Kids	x	x	x	x
Lake Ann 4H Livestock Club	x	x	x	x
Leaders and Lopers				
Leather-N-Laces	x	x	x	x
Living Livestock	x	x	x	x
Lone Wolves				
Long Lake 4H Livestock	x	x	x	x

Maple Ridge	x	x	x	x
Misty Meadows				
Northern Explorers				
Northern Lights	x	x	x	x
Northwest Classy K-9's	x	x	x	x
Pen Pals		x		
Proclites	x	x	x	x
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	x	x	x	x
Rickety Ranchers	x	x	x	x
Round About Wranglers	X	x		
Showtime		x	x	
Small Town Farmers	x	x	x	x
Sunshine Acres	x	x	x	x
TC Hooves and Wings		x		
Too Goat to be True	x	x	x	x
Twin Lakes	x	x	x	x
Two By Two	x	x	x	x
Walnut Acres		x	x	
Windy Acres	x	x	x	x