

Northwest Michigan Livestock Council

MINUTES - APPROVED

Monday, May 6th, 2024

6:30pm Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

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

STAFF: Jennifer Berkey, *Absent: Robin Gildner, Ali Olson, Rosalie Collier*

PRESENT: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

PLEDGES: Led by Teen Reps

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

New Business - Scholarships

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Approved. Motion by: Miranda Ashley 2nd by: Diane Moyer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approved. Motion by: Miranda Ashley 2nd by: Miranda Thompson

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(See Financial Report)

PUBLIC COMMENT* - Agenda Items Only

None

FAIRBOARD NEWS: Frank Guerin

89 Days until Fair!

Jr Beef Wash Rack is underway. There is a fundraiser on Monday, June 10th for the Jr Beef Wash Rack at Marco's Pizza all day. If you order online you can put in the code WASH RACK or mention it if you dine in and 20 % of the proceeds go to the Wash Rack.

Grand Stand Update – the Announcer’s Booth foundation has passed inspection. The posts are up and the framing is going up as well.

Thank you to Laurie Ashley for writing a grant on behalf of the Fair Board, as we received \$100,000 from MDARD.

Thank you so much to all the youth that attended the Work Bee on May 4th. 90% of our work got done and it was awesome. Johnson Outdoors came in with many employees and got everything cleaned up.

Thank you to Mandy DePuy for getting a crew together to put up stalls in the horse barn, and without one finger getting pinched! Great Leadership and Hats Off to the whole crew.

June 1st is the target date for registrations and premium books. That will give Karen time to get everything together. Carolyn has asked me to put the word out to any businesses that might want to sponsor the premium book, please send them her way.

Arnolds Amusement will now open Sunday.

Mary Lynn – will Sunday then be dollar day?

Unknown – do we know when registrations will be due?

Frank – July 1st for animal registrations. But please don’t wait, get your registrations in as soon as they open.

Questions?

Renee – what was the name of the company that helped clean up?

Frank – Johnson Outdoors.

Thank you so much and we look forward to future work bees!

Keri – if anyone would like to send a Thank You to Johnson Outdoors, that would be great because they really lightened our load. The afternoon Work Bee ended a bit short because the work was done.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

General MSU Update (Jennifer Berkey) – Updates on the front table of statewide events. There is also a flier regarding leader dogs for the blind. Biosecurity resource for livestock and poultry owners. The spring paper clover deadline has been extended until Sunday May 12th.

There is also information on the 2024 commemorative coin design competition. Any 4-H member in any of the 5 counties is eligible.

The midnight deadline for the Heather Barley scholarship is tonight. Please turn those in to me or any committee representative.

Grand Traverse (Robin Gildner) – None

Benzie County (Ali Olson) – None

Leelanau County (Rosali Collier) – None

D3 Advisory Council (Nicki Brown) – This is a council that Jennifer Berkey asked me to represent the council on this year. We meet quarterly. It has everyone represented from the 6 counties that she covers, including but not limited to Grow Benzie, Botanical Gardens, NWMI Livestock Council, etc. Last month we met at Lott Farms in South Boardman, which is a massive potato farm. This is the farm that provides purple potatoes for Great Lakes Potato Chips. They also grow radishes. I have a contact person if anyone would like to plan a trip to Lott Farms, it would be an awesome experience. We have asked him if he would be willing to present an Ag panel for next year's Education Expo. He said he would be more than willing and already has us on the calendar.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Education Expo – we broke down the cost to equal \$6.05 per credit. Total number of participants = 425.
- b. Remind App – If you already signed up then you should have gotten reminders about our meeting. If you haven't signed up yet, there are forms on the front table. We will be breaking this into species for Fair Week so that we can send out reminders per species about important events.
- c. Name Tags – Please fill this out if needed, the link is located under the leaders corner tab. The link will close May 15th.
- d. Workbees – We had an incredibly successful Workbee this past Saturday and the next one will be May 15th, please sign up.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Scholarships – Jennifer Berkey already touched on the Johnson Foundation due May 15th. Heather Barley Scholarship applications are due tonight.

SPECIE CHAIR UPDATES:

- **Goat – Robin Gildner**

We have 62 Registered participants, 14 Market projects.

Possession Date was May 1st .

Minimum market project weight for fair is 65#.

Make sure your goat has a scrapie tag in its ear or that it has been tattooed with the

corresponding numbers from the scrapie tag. If your goat does not have a scrapie tag and you need help getting one, please reach out to Robin ASAP so there is time to get it prior to fair.

One tagging date has been set, Friday May 17th, from 5-7 pm behind the goat barn. You can enter and exit through gate two, right behind the goat barn. This tagging date is for market project tagging, if you need help putting in a scrapie tag, or you need to have tattoos done/re-done. Check your email for the google forms signup sheet. You must sign up to attend this tagging because it will be cancelled if no one needs tagging, or tattoos done. You can tag a second/backup market project for \$10, due at the time of tagging.

Education deadline is June 30th. If you're having issues finding education opportunities for your goat specie specific education credit, please reach out to Robin ASAP for help finding one. Don't wait till the last minute to complete.

Upcoming in person Education Opportunities:

- o June 1st, Elkhart, IN – Elkhart County Fairgrounds. Both ABGA & ADGA shows this day.

- o This one does not count towards education credits for this year but: On July 13th & 14th at the Northwestern Michigan Fair ground we will be having a goat show weekend. 3 ABGA shows on the 13th and Showmanship along with 2 ABGA shows on the 14th. Showmanship is open to all ages and ALL breeds of goats. Great practice before fair. Please reach out to Robin or watch your email for more details regarding the show.

- o 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 due June 3rd by 11:59pm

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

- **Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph**

17 Cloverbud

5 Single Roasters

7 Pens of 3

27 Show Only

4 Cavy

1 Cavy Cloverbud

Total of 61

Roaster projects – I still have some available.

Breed Rabbits for showmanship – let me know if you are having difficulties locating the breed you're looking for.

Make sure you are treating for Fleas and Ticks – I had a call from a parent with a Tick on their Rabbit, it is going to be a long year for these.

Water – be sure to have fresh water available.

Drastic Temperature changes can cause illness, so keep a close eye on your Rabbit/Cavy.

Clinic Dates:

June 8th 4pm – 6pm

June 9th 4:30pm – 6:30pm

June 10th 4pm – 6pm

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

Email: r4rabbity@yahoo.com

- **Large Beef – Haven Bouwens**

(See Attached)

For any questions you can email or call Haven:

havenmrobinson@gmail.com 231-263-2217

- **Poultry – Lynn Henning**

(See Attachment)

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

Email: 4hchickenqueen@gmail.com

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

Large Dairy = 4 Total

2 Show Only

2 Market

Feeder = 46 Total

38 Marker

4 Show Only

4 Cloverbud

Tagging has commenced. Make sure your barns are clean and that animals have extra feed and water in front of them. If you have any needs, please let me know and we can plan accordingly when we come to tag (like banding).

If you have any questions, please call or email:

gbancroft1976@gmail.com 231-313-8063

- **Horse – Mandy DePuy**

Registrations are due tonight by 11:59pm. Please sign up and cancel versus missing the sign up. Be sure you are getting your Coggins done as well as any vaccinations your vet is recommending to be at the Fair. It is a social setting and it is more than likely your horses will be nose to nose at certain times and we want to avoid illness. We have Boot Camp coming up this weekend at the fairgrounds. We have several clinicians that will be there. There are a few spots still available and please contact Alyssa if you're interested in attending. Huge thank you to everyone who helped with putting up stalls.

Don't hesitate to call or email with any questions: Mandy DePuy -
mandydepuy@gmail.com 231-649-3102

- **Lamb – Shayna Conger**

I would like to start off with the numbers for the lamb program.

We have:

45 market

12 clover bud

7 show only

Possession date was May 1st so everyone should have their lamb in their care.

We tried something new this year, Virtual Tagging.

I know this was sudden and a change to the program.

I have some reasons for this.

Scrapies tag seems to be something that slips our mind. We are so excited to get our projects home we don't always check to ensure our lambs have this before leaving the farm. Also we are seeing more farm/homestead bred projects which is wonderful but the scrapies tags slips our minds. I have had multiple families that contacted me with this issue. Our policy is lambs must have the scrapies tag in order to come to the fair and I don't want to turn anyone away.

Illness/biosecurity- May can have unpredictable weather last year it snowed...

Also, with the cases of avian flu and TB making its way around I wanted to take biosecurity measures. I have been contacted by a couple of families that were worried they might have a sick lamb, I didn't want to take any chances

There were no repercussions to a late entry for Tagging but a due date had to be set.

I contacted families that I didn't hear from yet and ensured they could complete the form.

Overall I know I could have done better in communicating this change but sometimes we have to make quick decisions and we hope you all can trust the person in the specie chair position is doing it for the good of the program.

We really did receive some positive feedback and a lot of families in the program appreciated this change.

We will be using our traditional tags still Clayton and myself will be tagging lambs that are at the events we have planned and if anyone is not able to attend we will make arrangements to have tagging done. This will be done before the fair.

Events planned:

June 2nd 2024- Shearing clinic more details coming

June 26th 2024-Shearing clinic more details coming

June 30th 2024- Showmanship clinic & Education credits due

Rough Shearing we would like families to arrange their own shearing this year.

Over the past few years we have seen a decrease in participants due to more youth and parents learning this skill. It is very hard to get a professional to come to the fair grounds and shear for only a few lambs.

We have however found there are more youth and adults in our area willing to shear for individuals. I have a list on our website and I have copies provided up here. If you have any questions please let me know.

June 30th Showmanship Clinic please Sign up on our website so I can get a schedule created and let Alexandria Johnston from Thunderstruck Club Lambs know numbers, so further details can be worked out.

Shayna Conger

NWMF Lamb Specie Chair

(231) 357-6898

Lamb - Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council

(northwestmichiganlivestockcouncil.org)

Facebook page: Sheep Barn – NWMI Livestock Council

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

Email: sheepbarn4hnwmf@gmail.com

- **Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins**
(See Attachment)
Call or text with questions: 231-357-0777, jr.beef4h@yahoo.com
- **Llama/Alpaca – Renee Hobbins**
(See Attachment)
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

188 registered for the swine barn

20 - Cloverbud

15 - Graduating Seniors

10 - Super Seniors

2 - DA

Updates:

Everyone should have their project as the Possession date deadline has passed - 5/1/24 . Please be sure that your swine has an 840 tag and if not, call your breeder for one.

Tagging is DUE MAY 15th by 11:59pm - Fill out the online form with your info and required pictures of your swine. If you have any trouble - email us or call/text Jen 231-649-2443

Make sure your swine project has adequate shelter/bedding/feed/clean water system. Pigs burn easily, even in overcast weather, so provide a shade for your project.

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:

Virtual Tagging by May 15th, 2024 - the link is on the council website, in the April newsletter. See your emails for the newsletter.

Hunt the Clover Game - for 4Hers and Cloverbuds:

Each Swine Barn Newsletter will have a clover hidden in the articles. READ the newsletter, hunt for the clover with the letter inside! Then send us an email at SWINEBARN4H@gmail.com when

you find it and tell us the letter inside the clover. Each correct letter will enter you name into a drawing for a prize to be given out at each of the upcoming Livestock Council meetings. Keep track of the letters to spell a word for a chance to win the Grand Prize during Fair week!

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

Email: swinebarn4h@gmail.com

DIFFERENTLY ABLED REPORT

We are moving our show start time. It will still be on Monday but it will start at 9:30am to help us be out of the tent and allow for Poultry show to start.

I have the checkbook with me this evening for anyone that was awarded one of the feed grants, I can write you a check tonight.

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

Keri – As many of you have heard tonight, we have moved some of the shows around for Fair Week to try to accommodate space and time. So, the Fair Week Schedule we are hoping to have done for our June Meeting. We will get it out to you all as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Nicki

a. Auction Committee (Leslie) – no report

Auction Refreshments – (See Attached) sign up genius will go out this week.

Buyer's Luncheon – (Laurie Ashley)

Last year we fed 825 people but almost ran out of food. This year I rounded up to 900 people for planning purposes. We will be having smoked chicken and coleslaw from Dawn's Fresh Catering, and that contract was signed in February. I have reached out to Northwoods Soda, Pepsi Co. Jimmy Johns, Sara Lee, Coca Cola, and Apple Bee's – Northwoods has donated Root Beer, Jimmy Johns has donated chips, Sara Lee has committed to 900 servings of pie, Pepsi has committed to 350 servings of pop, we picked up 1000 packets of silverware from Apple Bee's. I will be filing for the food license, collecting more donations, doing a bunch of pick-ups, writing thank you notes, and talking to my volunteer clubs. Adults that will be assisting with the buyers lunch must have a silver level background check completed through MSU. If you completed that last year, you are good for this year, but if you have anyone new helping they must complete that background check. You can reach out to me with any questions or for help, at:

Snowbird_nd@yahoo.com or 816-516-8119.

Question – how many servings are the kegs of root beer?

Laurie – I can answer that in a few minutes.

Laurie – 1 keg equals 150, 12oz servings. So we will receive 300 12oz servings.

Cherry Festival – (Report given by Nicki Brown) The parade will be Thursday, July 4th at 6:30pm. We would like for the Fair Queen to ride on the float with us this year. We have ordered float décor and would like a head count for how many will be attending so we can know what size trailer. We need the 4H banner. Please

bring candy if you're coming, wear your club shirt and 4th of July swag. Please arrive by 4:30pm. We will meet at the city garage like last year and ride over to line up.

Fair Week Evening Activities (Teen Reps) – Kelsey Bott – last year we heard a lot of good feedback. We will be doing the scavenger hunt, glow party, and movie night again this year. We will be making fliers again, so be on the look out for those.

Fun Saturday – (See Attached)

Fun Class Friday – No one here to Report

Friday 4-H Dance – (See Attached)

Photography – (See Attached)

Pizza Party – (See Attached)

Pop Cans – No Report

Showmanship Showdown – All set. Same as last year, small animals will be in Rosa arena and large animals will be in Haberlein arena. Once the schedule comes out we will know when we can have our meeting. One prize is already in the process and the other one is all set. Any questions? No.

Work Bees – (See Attached)

Exhibit Barn – No report

Cloverbud Activities – No report

PUBLIC COMMENT*

None

Adjournment: Approved. Motion by: Lisa Ralph 2nd by: Gwyn Carter

Time: 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: June 3rd, 2024 @ 6:30pm at The Fairgrounds

Club List for 2024	January	February	March	April	May
A Backyard Bunch	x	x	x	x	x
All Creatures Great & Small	x		x		x
Barn Busters	x	x	x	x	x
Beef & Bacon Bunch		x		x	x
Benzie Cowabungas	x	x	x	x	x

Bits - N - Grit	x	x			x
Boots & Roots	x	x	x	x	
Caring Critters					
Carousel Club	x	x	x	x	x
Clover Bunch 4-H Club			x		
Country Cousins					
Country Kids	x	x	x	x	x
Country Roots	x	x	x		
Crazy Acres	x	x	x	x	x
Dirty Boots & Country Roots					
Dogs R Us					
Dusty Trails	x				x
Excalibur Mazkaraders	x	x		x	x
Farm and Fleece	x	x			x
Farm and Freedom	x	x			
Forever Farmin'		x	x	x	x
Frontier Quest	x				
Gotta Lluya a Cool Critter	x	x	x	x	x
Green Acres	x	x	x	x	x
Happy Highlanders	x	x	x	x	x
Happy Hooves	x	x	x	x	x
Kaleidoscope Kids	x	x	x	x	x
Lake Ann 4H Livestock Club	x	x	x	x	x
Leaders and Lopers					
Leather-N-Laces	x	x	x	x	x
Living Livestock	x	x	x	x	x
Lone Wolves					
Long Lake 4H Livestock	x	x	x	x	x
Maple Ridge	x	x	x	x	x
Misty Meadows					
Northern Explorers					
Northern Lights	x	x	x	x	x
Northwest Classy K-9's	x	x	x	x	x
Pen Pals		x			
Proclites	x	x	x	x	x
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	x	x	x	x	x
Rickety Ranchers	x	x	x	x	x
Round About Wranglers	x	x			x
Showtime		x	x		x

Small Town Farmers	x	x	x	x	
Sunshine Acres	x	x	x	x	x
TC Hooves and Wings		x			
Too Goat to be True	x	x	x	x	x
Twin Lakes	x	x	x	x	x
Two By Two	x	x	x	x	x
Walnut Acres		x	x		
Windy Acres	x	x	x	x	x