

## West Michigan Livestock Council

The July 3, 2019 West Michigan Livestock Council Regular Session meeting was called to order by President, Spencer Bowman, at 7:13 PM.

**Officers and Advisors Present:** Spencer Bowman-President, Samantha Wilkosz-Secretary, Lydia Howe-Corresponding Secretary and Jolene Babbin-Treasurer.

Advisors: Tonya Bates-Corresponding Secretary.

The American Pledge was led by Spencer Bowman.

There were no new members or guests present.

**Secretary's report:** The minutes from the June 5, 2019 regular session meeting were read by Samantha Wilkosz. Anna Tyndall made a motion to accept the minutes as written, supported by Nina Card. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** The treasurer's report was read by Samantha Wilkosz. Bob Jensen made a motion to accept the report, supported by Arianna Jensen. Motion carried. See Attachment 1.

### Correspondence:

- The 2019 Fair Book is available on our website and registrations are due by **July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.
- The 2019 Fair Camping form is also available on the website and is due by **July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. The cost for camping is \$100 for the entire week of fair, and payment must accompany form.

### Old Business

- Raffle tickets are available. Please see Jolene to pick up your tickets.
- The second steer check will be held on **Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM** at the Mason County Fairgrounds.
- The Buyer's Banquet will be **Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the Community Center at the fairgrounds. Please have all food there by 6:00 PM. Cards letting people know what food they need to bring, and what committee they are on, will be available at weigh-in
- **Potential Buyer forms are due tonight.** Two potential buyer's signatures per project animal are required. An additional 5% commission will be held from the market check of anyone failing to turn it in by tonight.

### New Business

- We are looking for donated items to be auctioned at the sale. If you are interested in donating please let Jolene know.

- Volunteers are needed to run the refreshment table during the auction. Discussion was tabled until the August meeting.
- Record books are due on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> by noon at the fair office drop box. A record book is due for every marketed animal, or an additional 5% commission will be deducted from your market check.
- All clubs are asked to sign-up for barn cleaning duty. The shifts are for two hours each, and the club will be responsible to keeping the beef barn, pig barn, calf barn, dairy barn and all wash racks clean during their selected time. A time slot will be assigned to clubs who do not sign up ahead of time.
- The market sale order for this year will be: Ducks, Goats, Rabbits, Turkeys, Chickens, Steers, Feeders, Milk, Sheep and Swine.
- Weigh-in times for market animals are:
  - **Swine - Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am.** All swine must be unloaded and in their pens by 10:00am.
  - **Steers/Feeders/Sheep/Goats – Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm**
- Please make sure tags are cleaned. All animal designations must be made at weigh-in. We need to know which child be selling the animal, and whether you would like to designate any extra-tagged animals to be in the extra-tagged class. Anyone failing to make this designation at weigh-in **MUST** exhibit both animals (unless different species) and sell the highest placing. Any extra animals needing to be hauled to a butcher, must also be designated where they will be going at weigh-in.
- Market signs will be available at weigh-in. Each exhibitor is responsible for completing the information and hanging the sign in their pen. This should be done before the start of fair, and updated with the buyer information, after the sale.
- The Set-up Committee is Northwest Livestock and Fine Swine. They will meet immediately following the meeting on **Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**, and again the morning of **Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** to set-up the sale ring.
- Tear-down Committee is Free Soil Friendly Farmers, Hog Wild and Weldon Creek. The Tear-down committee is responsible for taking down the sale ring the morning of **Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**, and for taking down the pens in the pig barn and stall dividers in the beef barn on the morning of **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**, as soon as a majority of pigs have left the barn.
- The Senior Committee for the Buyer's Banquet is Olivia Flewelling, Nicole Kaminski, Ethan Kelley, Mitchael Kenney, Daniel Knizacky, Audra Shoop, Randi Stone and Nate Story. The committee is strongly encouraged to attend the August meeting to discuss dividing up the speaking responsibilities for the program.
- Anyone selling Market Poultry or Market Rabbits must schedule their own processing and delivery. WMLC is not responsible for arranging this for you.

- Wrist Bands for entry into the fairgrounds during fair, will be available at the Fair Kickoff Event, **Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.**
- Becky Tyndall made a motion to purchase 41 lamb/goat feeders, supported by Bob Jensen. Motion carried.
- Bob Jensen made a motion to rotate the sale order of steers, feeders, milk, sheep and pigs beginning with next year, supported by Nina Card. **This rule change motion will be voted on at the August meeting.**

The next WMLC meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the show/sale barn at the Mason County Fairgrounds.

Roll call completed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Samantha Wilkosz  
WMLC Secretary