

West Michigan Livestock Council

The September 11, 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, Michael Lammi-Vice-President, Samantha Wilkosz-Secretary, Lydia Howe-Corresponding Secretary, and Jolene Babbin-Treasurer.

Advisors: Karen Lammi-Secretary and Tonya Bates-Corresponding Secretary.

The American Pledge was led by Spencer Bowman.

New members present were Landry Tate and Makenna Holladay both selling steers, and Hunter Quillan selling a pig.

Secretary's report: The minutes from the July 31, 2019 regular session meeting were read by Samantha Wilkosz. Anna Tyndall made a motion to accept the minutes as written, supported by Brody Hays. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report was read by Spencer Bowman. Anna Tyndall made a motion to accept the report, supported by Brayden Saxton. Motion carried. See Attachment 1.

Correspondence:

- 2020 Member Enrollment forms were available and due tonight for anyone wishing to vote for officers.

Old Business

- **Fair Comments:** Pig weigh-in went much smoother this year, people liked the way it was run.
- **Sale Comments:** It was stated that the buyers were not happy with the auction start time. They felt it started too early, and would be better if it started at 5:00 or 5:30. Survey results will be in soon.
- **Buyer's Banquet Comments:** It was mentioned that we stop doing a dinner for the buyers, and instead do something the night of the auction. It was also mentioned that we had a hard time getting people to hand out refreshments at the auction this year, how would we get enough people to put on a dinner during the auction as well. It was also suggested we could cut down on the amount of food brought to the buyer's banquet.

New Business

Election of Officers

President – Samantha Wilkosz

Advisor – Karen Lammi

- Spencer Bowman and Samantha Wilkosz were nominated for the office of president. JP Howe made a motion to close the nominations, supported by Anna Tyndall. Motion passed. Samantha Wilkosz was elected to the position of President; Karen Lammi will serve as her advisor. Dennis Cregg made a motion to destroy the ballots, supported by Anna Tyndall. Motion carried.

Vice-President – Michael Lammi

Advisor – Beth Saxton

- Michael Lammi and Spencer Bowman were nominated for the office of Vice-President. Bob Jensen made a motion to close nominations, supported by Ella Plyman. Michael Lammi was elected to the position of Vice-President; Beth Saxton will serve as his advisor. Frances Knizacky made a motion to destroy the ballots, supported by Daniel Knizacky. Motion carried.

Secretary – Meg Cooper

Advisor – Mark Cooper

- Spencer Bowman and Meg Cooper were nominated for the office of Secretary. Frances Knizacky made a motion to close nominations, supported by Henry Hilton. Motion carried. Meg Cooper was elected to the position of Secretary; Mark Cooper will serve as her advisor. Keaton Gajewski made a motion to destroy ballots, supported by Anna Tyndall. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary – Spencer Bowman

Advisor – Sally Wittlieff

- Spencer Bowman was nominated for the office of Corresponding Secretary. Henry Hilton made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Spencer Bowman, supported by Brody Hays. Motion carried. Spencer Bowman was elected to the position of Corresponding Secretary; Sally Wittlieff will serve as her advisor.

Treasurer – Jolene Babbin

- Jolene Babbin was nominated for the office of Treasurer. JP Howe made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Jolene Babbin, supported by Henry Hilton. Motion carried. Jolene Babbin was elected to the position of Treasurer.

Other New Business

- Paul Shoup made a motion to reimburse the livestock haulers \$100/trip for their fuel costs and time. The motion was supported by Dallas Cregg. Motion carried.
- 2020 Parent Permission slips were available. The deadline for Market Steers is the November meeting, and all other species of animals are due at the March meeting.
- Pictures that were left at the Buyer's Banquet were available, it is the child's responsibility to get them to their buyer. See Jolene if you still need to get your picture to your buyer.
- Dishes left at the Buyer's Banquet were available for pick-up. Anything left after tonight will be donated to the cook shack at the Fairgrounds.

The next WMLC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Mason County Eastern Schools.

Roll call completed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Wilkosz
WMLC Secretary