

West Michigan Livestock Council

The October 2nd, 2019 West Michigan Livestock Council regular session meeting was called to order by President, Samantha Wilkosz at 7:06 PM.

Officers and Advisers Present: Samantha Wilkosz-President, Michael Lammi-Vice-President, Meg Cooper-Secretary, Spencer Bowman-Corresponding Secretary, Jolene Babbin-Treasurer,

Advisors: Beth Saxton-Vice-President, Mark Cooper-Secretary, and Sally Wittlieff-Corresponding Secretary.

The American Pledge was led by Samantha Wilkosz.

New members present were JD Areklet and Roxen McDonald both selling swine.

Secretary's report: The September minutes were read by Meg Cooper. Anna Tyndall made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Emily Robinson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report was read by Michael Lammi. Alex Tyndall made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Anna Tyndall. Motion carried. See Attachment 1.

Correspondence

- 2020 Member Enrollment forms were available and due tonight for anyone wishing to vote for officers.
- 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.
- Information regarding the Rural Youth Loan Program with the Farm Service Agency was also available. For more information regarding the program please contact Beth Saxton.
- A flyer was available about the Citizenship Washington Focus trip offered through 4-H. Participants will spend the week of June 20th-27th learning about our Nations Government through leadership workshops and touring the historical sites in Washington D.C. Participants between the ages of 14-19 may register online by Jan. 6th. The cost of the trip is \$1500. Space is limited, please contact Aaron Myers at MSUE if interested.

Old Business

- The buyer survey results were in, and there was some discussion regarding when the livestock auction will be held. Discussion was tabled, pending Fairboard input. See Attachment 2.

- Discussion was opened regarding fair comments made at the September meeting. Most of the discussion was regarding the date and time of the livestock auction.
- Discussion was opened regarding the Buyer's Banquet comments also made at the September meeting. It was brought up that with the sale starting earlier, and no intermission in the sale order, when are buyers expected to eat? There was some discussion regarding possibly offering hot dogs or brats at the sale. There was also concern over who would cook and pass out these additional refreshments. The Executive Board is interested in hearing any proposals anyone has to offer regarding this issue. Discussion was tabled until the November meeting.

New Business

- Steer Tagging will take place on **Saturday, December 14, 2019** from 10am until 12pm at John Cregg's house. Dallas Cregg made a motion to change the date to the second Saturday in December for 2020 only due to it conflicting with the Winter Beef show at MSU. Supported by Spencer Bowman. Motion carried.
- Beth Saxton made a motion to change the names on the bank accounts from Spencer Bowman to Samantha Wilkosz. Supported by Alex Tyndall. Motion carried.
- 2020 and future years, market checks will not be distributed until there are enough funds available to cover all of the checks written. Judging by 2019, they will likely be available at the October meeting.

The next meeting will be held November 6th at 7:00 PM at Mason County Eastern Schools.

Roll call completed

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Cooper

WMLC Secretary