Meeting began at 7pm. Both pledges were led by President Zane Carey. Officers present (President - Zane Carey, VP – Rebecca Herzog, Secretary – Wendy Stevens and Adult Advisor – Tiffany Spedowski). Officers not present include (Treasurer – Evelyn Okkema {EXCUSED} and Adult Advisors – Doug Richard). Youth representing clubs sitting at the table also present include: Elizabeth Mishler, Rose Goltz, Julia Doughty, Brooke Voelker, Matt Gould, Lauren Marfio, Ruthie Doughty, MacKenzie Gillum, Addison Doughty and Jaydn Herzog. Guests present: Carl Jefts

Treasurer Report: Rebecca Herzog, Vice President, gave the report in Evelyn’s absence. There is currently $6,828.50 in the account as of October 31, 2014. Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Elizabeth Mishler, seconded by Julia Doughty. Motion passed.

Secretary Notes: Sandy Carey offered commentary on how well the September notes were written. There was a motion offered to approve the minutes; motion by Elizabeth Mishler and second by Julia Doughty. Motion passed.

Reports

- Fair Board – Steve Cramer, Fair Board President: 
  - Not present

- Beef - Steve Doughty, Superintendent: 
  - Weigh-in will be December 13th at the fairgrounds from 9am to 11am.

- Dairy/Dairy Beef – Jennifer Marfio, Superintendent: 
  - Also stated when weigh in would be. She also shared with the group about the new addition to the bylaws of “tagging the primary animal and then also tagging a family alternate”. Other small animals (sheep, goats, dairy feeders, etc. will be weighed in at the April 18th weigh in).

- Goats – Trudy Herzog, Superintendent: 
  - Start thinking about what to look for when picking out your animals when they are born. She also said that goats will be included at the Spring Weigh In to aid in Rate of Gain.

- Llamas - Laurie Deater, Superintendent: 
  - Not present

- Poultry - Jennifer Sylvester, Superintendent: 
  - Jennifer shared with the group that youth will need to INDIVIDUALLY order their own breed/birds and that the Extension Office will NOT be ordering birds for pick up like it has been done in the past. This includes turkeys, ducks, and chickens. She also stated to pick out their animal in a timely manner so as not to exceed or not meet the age requirements for fair.

- Rabbits – Marie Goltz, Superintendent: 
  - No report

- Sheep – Ramona Okkema, Superintendent: 
  - Not present (Excused)
• Swine – Ryan Jernstadt, Superintendent:
  - **Ear Tag Discussion:** New mandated NUES (National Uniform Ear tagging System) for each hog will be white, small and have corresponding paperwork. Ryan made the decision to still use our original yellow tags in addition to the new white tag.
  
  - **Purchase of new Allflex Ear Tagger:** Since the current taggers are old and not able to be used with the new mandatory white tag, Ryan needs to go-ahead for Amy to purchase 2 new Allflex Universal Taggers for about $15/each. Motion made by Julia Doughty; seconded by Elizabeth Mishler. **Club discussion in favor of proposal include:** Back Road Country Kids, Barnyard Bunch, Country Critters, Morley Stanwood Critter Club, and Pinegrove. **Those clubs that did not have representatives include:** Barnyard Kickin’ Critters, Black Hills, Grant Center Pioneers, Outback Riders and Tamarack Town and Country. Stanwood Pioneers Club **abstained from vote due to lack of representatives.** Motion passes for Amy to purchase 2 new taggers.
  
  - **Barrow/Gilt Show:** There will be NO CHANGE regarding the swine show (still have 10 kids per class). You may bring one hog but the confirmation classes will be split by gender (you will still have Grand Champion Barrow and Grand Champion Gilt).
  
  - **Swine Photo’s:** ONE picture with TAGS VISIBLE will be due the Monday following spring weigh in, April 20th, 2015.

• **4-H – Amy Miller, Program Coordinator:**
  - **Enrollment deadline:** Amy shared that the deadline has been extended until January 1st due to the delay with the 4-H Online system. Those that are enrolling or re-enrolling should see their leaders to fill out the correct paperwork. The participation fee is still $10/child or $30 for those families with 3 or more children.
  
  - **State Awards and Mark of Excellence:** Amy shared that the new information has been sent to her and that she will be sending out that information SOON, so look for it! She wants 10 youth for State Awards (13-19 years old) as well as Mark of Excellence delegates (11-12 years old). She will be sending out individual letters as well,
  
  - **Fair Schedule 2015:** Amy stated that it had been approved by ALL superintendents and that it will go into effect for the 2015 fair. If you have questions, please see Amy.
  
  - **Cattle Weigh In:** Saturday, December 13th from 9am-11am at the fairgrounds. ALL market beef and dairy market beef MUST have a halter on at ALL times. Those youth who are not able to be present are allowed to have a parent fill in for them.

**New Business**

a. **By-Laws Meeting** – Trudy Herzog, Rebecca Herzog, Julia Doughty, Jennifer Marfio, Andrea and Steve Doughty, and Tiffany Spedowski all volunteered to be a part of the by-laws committee along with Amy and they met on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 to go over new bylaws. After much discussion, the bylaws committee APPROVED the new bylaws. Amy presented the approved bylaws to the group and said that it is EACH leader’s responsibility to ensure that EVERY family has a new bylaw manual. These changes take effect IMMEDIATELY. If you see something that you would like revised or modified, then please take a note and bring it up for discussion at the 2015 fall meeting so a bylaw committee can be formed.
b. Officer Elections – 2014-2015 Elections (each term is ONE YEAR, except for the Treasurer, which is a TWO YEAR term).

- President: Julia Doughty nominated Rebecca Herzog; she accepts nomination. Elizabeth Mishler nominated Zane Carey; he accepts nomination. Club discussion for election include: Back Road Country Kids {Zane}, Barnyard Bunch {Rebecca}, Country Critters {Zane}, Morley Stanwood Critter Club {Rebecca}, and Pinegrove {Rebecca}. Those clubs that did not have representatives include: Barnyard Kickin’ Critters, Black Hills, Grant Center Pioneers, Outback Riders and Tamarack Town and Country. Stanwood Pioneers Club abstained from vote due to lack of representatives. Congratulations, Rebecca!

- Vice President: Elizabeth Mishler nominated Zane Carey; he accepts nomination. Lauren Voelker nominated Julia Doughty; she accepts nomination. Club discussion for election include: Back Road Country Kids {Zane}, Barnyard Bunch {Julia}, Country Critters {Zane}, Morley Stanwood Critter Club {Zane}, and Pinegrove {Julia}. Those clubs that did not have representatives include: Barnyard Kickin’ Critters, Black Hills, Grant Center Pioneers, Outback Riders and Tamarack Town and Country. Stanwood Pioneers Club abstained from vote due to lack of representatives. Congratulations, Zane!

- Secretary: Rebecca Herzog nominated Wendy Stevens; she accepts nomination. Addy Doughty nominated MacKenzie Gillum; she accepts nomination. Club discussion for election include: Back Road Country Kids {Wendy}, Barnyard Bunch {Wendy}, Country Critters {Wendy}, Morley Stanwood Critter Club {Wendy}, and Pinegrove {MacKenzie}. Those clubs that did not have representatives include: Barnyard Kickin’ Critters, Black Hills, Grant Center Pioneers, Outback Riders and Tamarack Town and Country. Stanwood Pioneers Club abstained from vote due to lack of representatives. Congratulations, Wendy!

- Treasurer – TWO YEAR TERM; Evelyn will hold this office from 2013-2015. New treasurer will be voted in at the November 2015 meeting.


c. Committee Elections:


- Buyers Luncheon Committee – Sandy Carey, Shanee Ramsey and Danette Doyle will make up this committee (2014-2015 terms).

- Educational Committee – Trudy Herzog, Mary Katke, Jennifer Sylvester and Myra VanSyckle will be in charge of this committee. They have a pending meeting date and will report at the next meeting.
d. **Photography for the 2015 Fair/2014 Buyers Pictures** – TABLED UNTIL JANUARY MEETING

e. **Scale House** - After much discussion on whether or not to transition to a digital scale, there was a motion made by Elizabeth Mishler, seconded by Lauren Voelker to have Ryan Jerndt look into the pro’s and cons of such a scale. *Club discussion for election include:* Back Road Country Kids, Barnyard Bunch, Country Critters, Morley Stanwood Critter Club and Pinegrove – Unanimous YES. *Those clubs that did not have representatives include:* Barnyard Kickin’ Critters, Black Hills, Grant Center Pioneers, Outback Riders and Tamarack Town and Country. Stanwood Pioneers Club abstained from vote due to lack of representatives. Motion passes on waiting on making a decision until Ryan is able to present his findings at the next meeting.

f. **Record Book Review** - Amy offered new record books to the superintendents and is waiting on their decision whether or not to use the new ones or to just use the original copies. Stay tuned for next meeting for an update.

g. **Poultry Show Bleachers/Chairs for Spectators** – Without a fair board representative to offer opinions, tabled until next meeting.

**Committee Reports**

a. **Trophy** – Marie suggested ordering the 2015 fair ribbons in April so that we can make sure we have enough ready.

b. **Auction Luncheon** – Amy shared her thoughts with the group and try to mimic what Eaton County does with their meat tasting event by possibly having some sort of jerky/meatballs available to buyers. Luncheon committee will think about options and whether or not they want to pursue it.

c. **Education** –
   - **Poultry Education/All Species Facebook Page:** Mary Katke presented their progress on the page and the idea behind it (utilizing it as a one credit for the required educational credits). Working with Amy on getting the info sent out to everyone.
   - **Spring Clinic:** Tiffany helped Amy chat with the kids about what sort of topics they will want to cover at the February clinic. Items included species showmanship, feed and nutrition and meat judging. Rebecca Herzog also shared Jabecty Show Stock’s giveaway (a goat) which will be taking place at the first Spring Clinic in February. Please see Rebecca or Jabecty Show Stock’s website for more information.
   - **Livestock Skill-a-thon:** Currently scheduled and looking forward to having Jennifer Sylvester be in charge of it.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Auction Help!** - Carl Jefts (guest) was present and shared with the group his thoughts on the purchases his company will be making for the auction. His company will be buying a projector and screen and will be donating it (a $1,000) value for use at the auction. He also has contacts with an IT person who will be able to set up everything. We are SO excited to be partnering with Carl!

b. **Buyers Letters/Graphics** – Carl also suggested that when Amy sends out the buyers letters, to ask them to email back their graphics so that they can be used at the auction as a visual aid to recognize the...
Upcoming Events

- **Michigan Winter Beef Classic**: December 5-7\(^{th}\), 2014 at the MSU Pavilion
- **Teen Club** – Breakfast with Santa: Will be taking place on Saturday, December 13\(^{th}\) at the Kettunen Center
- **Sheep Breeders Workshop**: January 2-4, 2015 at MSU
- **Osceola Youth PQA**: Will be offered on January 12\(^{th}\), 2015 at an Evart school (TDB).
- **4-H Winterfest**: Will take place on January 31\(^{st}\) – February 1\(^{st}\), 2015 at the Kettunen Center and is open to 8-12 year olds.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lauren Marfio and seconded by Brooke Voelker. Motion passes and meeting adjourned at 8:45pm by President Zane Carey. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2015 at the Mecosta County Services Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Wendy Stevens