



NH Young Farmers
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016 AT 7 P.M.
Home of Christina Murdock DVM, 326 Stark Hwy North, Dunbarton, NH
-UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES-

PRESENT:

Robbie Bevard of Carroll County
Alicia Pedemonti, Amelia Aznive, Christina Murdock, Jay Pritchard, Jocelyn Therrien, & Landon Woodward of Merrimack County
Amy Matarozzo, Theo Mongeau of Rockingham County
Guest: Natalina Sents with Why I Farm blog
Staff: YF Co-Coordinators Leandra Pritchard & Josh Marshall

Amy Matarozzo, Chair brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES – JULY 17, 2016

Alicia Pedemonti MOTIONED to approve the minutes as presented. **Christina Murdock SECONDED.**

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Chair, Amy Matarozzo

She will be attending the state BOD meeting in August and report about it in September.

2. Financials

The group voted to use the funds delegated towards the Summer Games to the YF Social Hour.

Alicia Pedemonti MOTIONED to approve the financials. **Amelia Aznive SECONDED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

3. Welcome guest Natalina Sents, Why I Farm Blog

Natalina is travelling around to all 50 states in one year's time and is interviewing farmers about why they farm. She contributes to the "Why I Farm" blog online, which has over 28,000 followers. She graduated from Iowa State with an Agricultural Business degree. She has been to 15 states so far. She interviewed some of our young farmers at the end of the meeting.

4. Project Reports

• **Community Service**

○ *Harvest For All*

- **Produce pickup scheduled for Monday, August 15:** Theo, Amy, Christina, Josh & Leandra will be able to help. The girls will go around the Concord area and the boys will go to the southern farms. Some FFA officers will go to seacoast area farms. Produce will be donated to The Friendly Kitchen in Concord and the Food Bank in Manchester.
- **Gifts for beef calf donors:** The Communicator article about the beef will be framed for Hatchland and The Local Butcher and delivered to them with our thanks.

Alicia Pedemonti MOTIONED to have the Young Farmers pay for a 1 year NHFB membership for The Local Butcher in Ctr. Barnstead. **Christina Murdock SECONDED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

• **Promotion & Education**

○ *2016 Animal Husbandry Award*

Three farms have been nominated for the award and an embroidered Carhartt jacket will be the prize.

• **Member Outreach**

○ *YF Social Hour on Saturday, August 20 at 2:00pm at Pleasant View Gardens*

Everyone that attends will bring an appetizer to share. A gift basket of NH products will be raffled off to encourage participation.

- *Facebook Takeover*

Amy & Brian's week is currently ongoing. They have posted some videos. The guidelines were distributed again to the group. Christina will be "taking over" in September.

- **Fundraising**

- *Laconia Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 22*

Inventory and donations were discussed prior to the meeting, and was summarized to the group at the formal meeting. Everyone was encouraged to get a volunteer to help us out. The prep date for macaroni and loading vehicles is set for Friday, October 21.

5. 2016 Discussion Meet

Christina and Amelia are interested in participating. The AFBF training calls schedule was given to them. A practice session will be scheduled for a later date.

6. FUSION Conference – February 10-13, 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA

Some tentative material from AFBF was distributed to the group. It is our plan to get a number of people to attend and to rent a van to drive there.

7. Old Items to keep in mind for future:

- Young Farmer By-laws
- NE Dairy & Food Council – Communications Training
- Calendar for 2018
- Mock Public Hearing

8. Other Old Business

None at this time.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Community service projects – Rockingham County Nursing Home visit

Amy will call to schedule a date with the nursing home.

2. Grower's dinner – Sunday, November 6

3. YF Awards Prize \$

The office will send letters requesting donations.

4. Annual Meeting YF fundraiser

Everyone should come to the next meeting with an idea for a fundraiser. Ideas were: kiss a pig, and the pie eating contest.

5. Next meeting – THURSDAY, September 15 – location TBD

6. Other new business

None at this time.

IV. ADJOURN

Amelia Aznive MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. and Theo Mongeau SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Respectfully Submitted,
Leandra Pritchard, YF Co-Coordinator