NH Young Farmers
MEETING AGENDA – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016 AT 7 P.M.
Location: NHFB Office, 295 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, NH
-UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES-

PRESENT:
Jill Dumont, Shawn Bersaw, Christina Murdock, Jason Pritchard, Landon Woodward & Jocelyn Therrien of Merrimack County
Amy & Brian Matarozzo, Alden Dill & John Fernald of Rockingham County
Alicia Pedemonti of Sullivan County
Staff: YF Co-Coordinators Leandra Pritchard & Josh Marshall

Amy Matarozzo, Chair brought the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

I. MINUTES – JANUARY 15, 2016 - YF MEETING
Shawn Bersaw MOTIONED to approve the January 15, 2016 minutes as presented. Jill Dumont SECONDED.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

II. OLD BUSINESS
1. Report of the Chair, Amy Matarozzo and Vice Chair, Christina Murdock
Amy will be attending the NHFB Board meeting on February 18 and will prepare a report for next month’s meeting based on that information.

2. Financials
The group was presented the updated financial report with net profits from the fundraising activities.
Alicia Pedemonti MOTIONED to approve the financial report as presented. Jill Dumont SECONDED.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

3. Project Reports
   • Community Service
     o Harvest For All
     The beef calf, Duffy, is getting big. Her processing date is the end of April. At the March meeting, we will go over the distribution of the meat – 1 and 5 pound packages of hamburger – to the local pantries.
     o Scholarship packets
     NHFB scholarship information was sent to 15 FFA Chapters, 28 High School contacts, and 17 College contacts the week of February 1st. The group asked if we could forward them the scholarship info to their emails so they can distribute it through their channels as well.
   • Promotion & Education
     o 2016 Animal Husbandry Award
     The award flyer and nomination forms were given to the group. The group is encouraged to nominate their fellow Young Farmers for this award.
     o NH Ag Literacy Day
     The group wants to buy 10 NH Ag in the Classroom books this year. They will either bring them to a school and read them or drop them off at their area schools for the teachers.
Jill Dumont MOTIONED to buy 10 NHAITC books for the YF group to distribute. Brian Matarozzo SECONDED.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

   • Member Outreach
     o NH FFA Conference
     The YF group will set up an info table and ice cream social station at the NH FFA Conference on Friday, April 15. Christina will talk to her friend Liz and Denis Ward about donating ice cream. We could borrow a prize wheel from Tony at Farm Family and get a few giveaways. We will talk to them about the YF group. Alicia invited anyone that wants to attend the FFA Alumni Reception earlier that day as well. We will work out more specifics and figure out who can attend at the March meeting.
**Fundraising**
- None at this time.

**Legislative**
- **Legislative Breakfast**
The breakfast this year will be held at Alden Dill’s sugarhouse in Deerfield on April 21. We need to figure out where to get the breakfast catered from or Alden suggested we could ask Erick Sawtelle and his crew from Strafford County if they could prepare the meal for us. We would need to try to get donations and purchase other food if we can get them to cook. Plan on 30 – 40 people for food. We need to order a portable toilet for that day. We will hold a meeting or conference call to prepare what we want to say a few weeks prior to the event.

- **Mock Public Hearing at NH Legislative Offices**

We would like to try to set up a mock public hearing to practice testifying at the NH legislature. Josh will talk to Rob Johnson about setting up a day to hold the mock hearing. This will give the group good practice for future testifying experiences and talking to the public about agriculture.

4. **NY Leadership Conference**
The YF group will be sending some members to the NY Celebration of Ag Conference on Friday, March 11 to Saturday, March 12, in Syracuse, NY. The group plans to leave Thursday the 10th in the early afternoon and to drive there. We will rent a mini-van to drive there. At the meeting we got 6 people to commit to going on the trip and were waiting for a few more to respond.

5. **Young Farmer By-laws**
Recently, the group has brought up the YF By-laws to figure out board positions/titles. Leandra went through old archives and found that the most recent Young Farmer Constitution is from 1979. It will require a lot of modification to fit what we do nowadays. We figured that we need to establish a subcommittee to rework this document and bring it up-to-date. Those who volunteered to help were: John, Alicia, Amy and Shawn. They suggested we talk to these other people to see if they have a more current document that may have been misplace: Don Ross, Andrew Keefe, Jamie Robertson, Phil Ferdinando, and Barbara Colby. During the subcommittee deliberations, we will work on establishing a YF Annual Meeting.

6. **Other Old Business**
None at this time.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Spring NHFB Office Cleanup**
Decide on a date in April or May at the March meeting.

2. **Summer Games**
The group will hold a Summer Games again this year, but in conjunction with the NHFB Summer Picnic in August. The picnic is tentatively held at Pleasant View Gardens in Loudon. Vermont Farm Bureau is interested in attending.

3. **Calendar for 2017**
It was proposed that in conjunction with the NHFB Photo Contest that we put together a 2017 calendar to sell as another fundraiser. We could sell advertisements in the calendar to pay for printing and gather donations.

4. **Next meeting – March 18 at the NHFB Office**
We would like to try to have more farm tours this year to get more interest in the group and to get out of the office. We will still have the March meeting at the office.

5. **Other New Business**
Shawn suggested that people attend the Merrimack County FB Farm Vehicle Safety Day on February 20th.

**IV. ADJOURN**
Alicia Pedemonti MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. and Christina Murdock SECONDED.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Respectfully Submitted,

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Leandra Pritchard, YF Co-Coordinator