



NH Young Farmers
MEETING AGENDA – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
Location: NHFB Office, 295 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, NH
-UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES-

PRESENT:

Amy & Brian Matarozzo, Laura-May Swain of Belknap County
Robbie Bevard of Carroll County
Amelia Aznive, Shawn Bersaw, Elaina Enzien, Christina Murdock, Alicia Pedemonti, Jay Pritchard,
& Mackenzie Wallace of Merrimack County
Tyler Allen & Ammy Rice of Strafford County
Staff: YF Co-Coordinators Leandra Pritchard & Josh Marshall

Amy Matarozzo, YF Chair brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2016 & JANUARY 20, 2017 - YF MEETINGS

Amelia Aznive MOTIONED to approve both the November 17, 2016 and January 20, 2017 minutes as presented. **Alicia Pedemonti SECONDED.** **VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Chair, Amy Matarozzo

She will be attending the NHFB BOD meeting next week. The rest of her report will follow during the discussion. Christina Murdock, YF Vice-Chair reported on the December BOD meeting.

2. Financials

Financials were discussed, but not approved.

During the meeting there was a discussion about NHFB purchasing a drone for video production. **Alicia Pedemonti MOTIONED** to put the \$250 previously year-marked for Summer Games towards the purchase of a drone, contingent upon NH counties contributing to the drone fund. **Ammy Rice SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

3. Project Reports

• **Community Service**

○ *Harvest For All*

At the FUSION conference last week, NH took home the Most Innovative Award 2017 for the beef donation from 2016. The group was very excited and proud to have won this award. We will also be getting a \$250 grant from Nationwide to go towards another Harvest For All project.

New project ideas: To raise 10 – 20 turkeys to be donated in the fall and/or to donate a full Thanksgiving dinner to pantries (turkey, squash, potatoes, etc.). We might be able to have someone who already raises turkeys to raise these as well and pay them by the day. Alicia will check on turkey producers in the state, as well as if they have to be USDA inspected to be able to donate.

• **Promotion & Education**

○ *2017 Animal Husbandry Award*

Nominations for this award are due May 1st, so please nominate a fellow YFer for this award! It was discussed to nominate FFA members as well, but they should be NHFB members. Requested to remind judges to ask about disease surveillance programs. If there are multiple nominees from one county, the group will vote on who should continue in the judging process.

○ *NH Ag Literacy Day*

The group will purchase books in the fall to read to schools, as it is a more appropriate time of year for the *Corn* book.

- **Member Outreach**

- *Facebook Takeover*

Josh will contact Adam Crete and Jeff Moore to see if they can do March/April takeovers. Jay & Leandra Pritchard volunteered to takeover in May.

- **Fundraising**

- *Laconia Pumpkin Festival – Saturday, October 17, 2017*

It was discussed to not cook macaroni & cheese this year and only shepherd's pie in an effort to make the day easier for the group and to have less volunteers at a time. The group will discuss details at a later meeting.

- *Other fundraising ideas*

Holding a spring/summer silent auction at a farm-to-table dinner, such as Moulton Farm in Meredith, or another at East Hill Farm in Troy, or at a vineyard.

- **Legislative**

- None at this time.

4. NE Dairy Promotion Board Training Review

The group took away valuable communications skills from the training, but also wanted to hear more of a farmer's perspective.

5. 2017 FUSION Review

Last week we sent Amy Matarozzo, Chair and Leandra, Co-Coordinator to the FUSION Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. We were able to network and connect with other young farmers around the country, learn about strengths, some financial tips, and how to deal with stress. We were very excited to take home the Most Innovative Award.

6. Young Farmer By-laws – start a sub-committee

Alicia Pedemonti, Amelia Aznive, Ammy Rice and Amy Matarozzo volunteered to review and reword the by-laws. Ryan Amberg, our national YF rep will work on getting us the by-laws from NY to look at, as well as MA might share theirs.

7. Mock Public Hearing

The group is still interested in this training and hope to do it in June. Josh will talk with Rob about setting up a time and maybe a tour of the state house.

8. Other Old Business

Christina Murdock, DVM offered to answer any questions that people may have about the new Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) law. There is also a blog post and will be information on it in the next issue of *The Communicator*.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative Breakfast

Tyler & Madison Hardy have offered to hold the breakfast at Brookdale Farm in Hollis this year. They have a shop we can use for the event that includes tables and restrooms already. We will reach out to Strafford County Farm Bureau again to see if they will cater the breakfast. Date choices: April 20, 27, or 13.

2. Schedule/Calendar of Events for 2017

Amy would like to have a general schedule of events for the year, so that everyone is aware of what we are up to. PLEASE bring suggestions for farm tours to the next meeting.

3. “There’s an App for That”

A list of farm-related apps that Amy got at FUSION was passed around to the group.

4. NY Celebration of Ag Conference – March 31 – April 1, 2017, Syracuse, NY

Information on this conference was passed around. If anyone is interested in attending, they will need to let Josh know ASAP.

5. NH FFA Conference – April 6 – 8, 2017 at Mt. Washington Resort, Bretton Woods

The group plans to serve ice cream again this year at the FFA conference. Amy, Amelia, and Josh should be able to help out, and Christina and Ammy will be there as well. We will work on getting the ice cream donated.

6. New Ideas:

- **SWOT Analysis Finance Workshop**
- **Strength Training, Gallup Survey**
- **Krazy Kids in Concord – “Farm Animal Encounter” night**

We will reach out to see what it entails to host an “encounter” night at their venue and to see if they could do it in April/May.

- **Visit another state YFers to take farm tours & network**

Idea is to schedule a few farm tours in one day and take the group around. To add to that, we might be able to charter a bus and sell tickets to take other people with us for the tours.

7. Sign thank you cards

Thank you cards were sent around for the dairy training and for a YF donation.

8. Next meeting – March 17 at NHFB Office

9. Other New Business

None at this time.

IV. ADJOURN

Alicia Pedemonti MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. and Christina Murdock SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Respectfully Submitted,
Leandra Pritchard, YF Co-Coordinator