



NH Young Farmers
MEETING AGENDA – SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016 AT 12 P.M.
Location: Winsome Farm Organics, 529 Route 10, Piermont, NH
-UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES-

PRESENT:

Robbie Bevard of Carroll County
Glen Putnam of Grafton County
Christina Murdock, Alicia Pedemonti of Merrimack County
Amy Matarozzo of Rockingham County
Staff: YF Co-Coordinators Leandra Pritchard & Josh Marshall

Amy Matarozzo, Chair brought the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. MINUTES – JUNE 17, 2016

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

2. Report of the Chair, Amy Matarozzo

She gave an overview of the topics discussed at the state BOD meeting in June: NH Fish and Game reports on bears, 100 year county celebrations, among other topics.

3. Project Reports

• **Community Service**

- *Harvest For All*
 - Produce pickup date – Monday, August 15

Meet at the office at 8:00am to start collections. FFA is willing to help collect produce in the seacoast area. Letters were sent out the 2nd week in July requesting donations from vegetable farms in the area. The second pickup day will be the week of September 19th. We will mail out letters again to farms that may have produce available later in the season.

- Gifts for beef calf donors

The group agreed to purchase a NHFB membership for The Local Butcher. However, we need a quorum in order to vote on spending the money. We will discuss again at August meeting. For the Butcher and for Hatchland, we will frame *The Communicator* article for them.

If we want to try to raise livestock as a project for next year, we could try raising an animal that takes a little less time, such as a pig or chickens.

• **Promotion & Education**

- *2016 Animal Husbandry Award*

Judging date is August 24. We will notify nominees. Christina contact two of her pharmaceutical reps to see if they want to sponsor the award.

• **Member Outreach**

- *Summer Games – Saturday, August 20, Chichester at Jones Farm*

Since everyone has such a busy schedule, the group decided to cancel the Summer Games for 2016. Instead, we decided to hold a *YF Social Hour* before the Picnic at 2:00pm. We will provide some drinks and appetizers. At the August meeting, we will discuss who can contribute some food.

- Facebook Takeover: profile a Young Farmer one week per month

The group was excited about the takeover. For one week in a month, a YFer will “takeover” the YF Facebook and create at least 3 posts to engage our Facebook audience. Josh created a plan/guideline to give to the YFer of the month.

The following YFers are scheduled: Amy Matarozzo – August; Christina Murdock – September; Alicia Pedemonti – October; we will contact Adam Crete for November and John Fernald for December.

- **Fundraising**

- *Laconia Pumpkin Festival – Saturday, October 22*

The inventory will be emailed to the group the end of July so that we can start soliciting donations. We will order the grills soon and look into a fryer for the pumpkin fries.

- *Calendar for 2017*

There will be a lot to do to try to get a calendar created for 2017. After a discussion of cost and benefits to the group, we are going to try to start planning and soliciting advertisements in January for a 2018 calendar.

- 4. Young Farmer By-laws**

A committee meeting date will be scheduled for fall/winter.

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

- 6. NE Dairy & Food Council – Communications Training**

Josh is waiting to hear back from the new trainer to see about cost and timeline.

- 7. Choose Discussion Meet Questions**

Question 2 & 5 were chosen for the 2016 NH YF Discussion Meet.

Christina Murdock is interested in participating again this year.

- 8. Other Old Business**

None at this time.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Next meeting – August 10 at 7:00pm at Christina Murdock's home in Dunbarton.

We will get Chinese food and bring a salad.

2. Other New Business

None at this time.

III. ADJOURN

Alicia Pedemonti MOTIONED to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. and Christina Murdock SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Respectfully Submitted,
Leandra Pritchard, YF Co-Coordinator