



NH Young Farmers
MEETING AGENDA – FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
Location: NHFB Office, 295 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, NH
-UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES-

PRESENT:

Amy & Brian Matarozzo of Belknap County

Amelia Aznive, Shawn Bersaw, Jill Dumont, Leandra & Jay Pritchard, Christina Murdock, Nicole Guindon & Peter Glines of Merrimack County

Ammy Rice of Strafford County

Robbie Bevard of Carroll County

Staff: YF Co-Coordinator Josh Marshall

Amy Matarozzo, YF Chair brought the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. MINUTES – MAY 19, 2017 - YF MEETING

Amelia Aznive MOTIONED to approve the May 19, 2017 minutes as presented.

Leandra Pritchard SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Chair, Amy Matarozzo

Amy Matarozzo reported on the most recent NHFB Board Meeting. The NHFB Board of directors are sticking with Farm Family after exploring possibilities with Nationwide. NHFB Membership overall is down. NHFB President Denis Ward expressed a desire for the Young Farmer group to bring in more new members to the program. Ideas for reaching out to other groups (UNH, etc.), a survey to see what YFs are interested in, and a possible point system for attending YF events were discussed.

2. Project Reports

• Community Service

○ *Harvest For All*

The group aims to purchase 10 turkeys from Joyce Brady with funds from the 2017 'Most Innovative Award' to go into Thanksgiving Baskets for Harvest For All. Joyce said she would throw in one free turkey so we would only have to purchase 9 @ \$3.00/lb. The group received \$250 from the award and will reach out to Dave Bishop at Farm Credit East for the remainder of the money needed to purchase the turkeys. **YF Coordinator** will reach out to the Friendly Kitchen to see if they would take the baskets for distribution. The suggestion to offer discounted Annual Meeting tickets for bringing a canned good or non-perishable food item was well received by NHFB Executive Director Diane Clary, but because of logistics she suggested a door prize to be raffled off at the meeting instead, with tickets being given to those who bring such food item.

The date of August 21st was set for Harvest for All veggie pick-up day (NOTE: Date was changed to August 14th in order to accommodate **Theo Mongeau's** availability). Letters will be finalized and sent out to farms by **YF Coordinator**. Suggestions for edits to the letter were made. A generic version of the letter was requested to be made available for YF Members to use as needed.

• Promotion & Education

• Member Outreach

○ *Facebook Takeover*

Suggestions were made for September –Adam Crete and October –Ammy Rice. The LaValleys have already been scheduled for August. Will try the Robertson's for July.

○ *Ideas for Farm Tours*

The Young Farmers will meet for a tour and pot luck dinner on Saturday, August 19th at the home of **Shawn Bersaw** and **Jill Dumont**. The group will travel to Haunting Whispers Distillery in Danbury then return to Shawn & Jills for dinner. YFs discussed what food items they will each bring. Shawn & Jill will make a trashcan turkey.

- **Fundraising**

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

The group agreed to move forward with plans for their local food booth at the 2017 Laconia Pumpkin Fest. This year we will cut back to just shepherd's pie removing mac & cheese from the menu. By doing so, the number of required volunteers per shift is lowered. There is also the possibility of reaching out to UNH CREAM class or FFA students to see if they would take a shift for either volunteer hours or money.

- *Other Ideas*

Leandra Pritchard suggested the YFs also take a shift scooping ice cream for the NHFB Booth at Deerfield Fair. **YF Coordinator** will ask Diane.

- **Schedule of Events for 2017**

The group would like to hold their YF Annual Meeting on either September 9th or 23rd.

- **Other Old Business**

None at this time.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Next meeting

No meeting will be held in July, the next meeting will be on August 19th as farm tour & dinner

2. Other New Business

None at this time.

IV. ADJOURN

Amelia Aznive MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. and Ammy Rice SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Respectfully Submitted,
Josh Marshall, YF Coordinator