



NH Young Farmers
MEETING AGENDA – FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 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, Christina Murdock, & Jay Pritchard 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 – FEBRUARY 17, 2017 - YF MEETINGS

Ammy Rice MOTIONED to approve the February 17, 2017 minutes as presented.

Amelia Aznive SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Chair, Amy Matarozzo
None at this time.

2. Financials

Amelia Aznive MOTIONED to approve the March financials as printed. **Christina Murdock SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

3. Project Reports

• Community Service

- *Harvest For All*

The group is definitely interested in raising turkeys for the Thanksgiving season and donating a turkey and vegetable basket to food pantries. They hope to contract with a farm that already raises turkeys and pay them to raise approximately 20 more turkeys for the donation. Josh will call turkey farms and get a quote to raise the birds. The farm should have or do business with a USDA inspected processing facility. We received the \$250 from AFBF/Nationwide for the Most Innovative Award and will put that towards the cost.

Ideas for potential turkey farms: get the list from the Weekly Market Bulletin, Hart's Turkey Farm, Hurd Farm in Hampton, White Gate Farm in Epping, Kelly Brook Farm in Greenland, or Misty Knoll Farm in VT.

• Promotion & Education

- *2017 Animal Husbandry Award*

Reminder to submit nominations by May 1st!

- *Krazy Kids in Concord – “Farm Animal Encounter” night*

Called them last week and are waiting to hear back from owners about the possibility of this event. They said it can either be held on a Friday from 6 – 8pm or asked about a Sunday around lunchtime. We can have it outside the building. Once we hear back, we will talk to the group about a date.

• Member Outreach

- *Facebook Takeover*

We need participants for upcoming months. Josh will contact Adam Crete to see if he can do April.

- *FFA Conference – Friday, April 7*

Christina Murdock & Ryan Cox will speak during the day at the event about the FFA and YF connection. At 8:30pm, the group is scheduled to serve ice cream to the FFAers and network. Christina & Ammy will be there already, Amy, Amelia & Josh plan to come up for the ice cream event.

Amelia Aznive MOTIONED to buy ice cream for the event, by taking it out of the money budgeted for a Lobbying trip. **Ammy Rice SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

- *Ideas for Farm Tours*

Josh will get a quote from a charter bus company for a trip to 2-3 farms in Maine. To cover the cost, we would probably have to sell tickets to take the bus tour.

- **Fundraising**

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

None at this time.

- *Spring/Summer Growers Dinner & Silent Auction*

Josh will reach out the Moulton Farm to see if they would be interested in having a silent auction at one of their farm-to-table dinners this summer.

- **Legislative**

- *Legislative Breakfast – **Wednesday, April 19** at Brookdale Fruit Farm, Hollis*

The date of the Breakfast has been moved up to April 19th due to a conflict with the NH House E&A Committees schedule. It will be catered by John Sullivan. For those planning on attending, please arrive by 7:00am for any last-minute set-up. The attendees of the event like to hear about what Young Farmers do and what sort of issues affect them on their farms – we don't necessarily have to speak to them about current legislation. The group will reach out the fellow YFers to see if they can attend.

4. Young Farmer By-laws Sub-committee

Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00pm at Christina Murdock's house in Dunbarton was decided on for a By-laws committee meeting. YF will provide pizza for attendees. An email with the current by-laws and some other examples will be sent to the committee to read prior to the meeting.

Sub-committee: Christina Murdock, Amy Matarozzo, Ammy Rice, Amelia Aznive, Josh Marshall, and possibly Alicia Pedemonti, John Fernald, Shawn Bersaw, and Leandra Pritchard.

5. Schedule of Events for 2017

We created an outlook of YF events for this year to try to get more people to be aware of and attend events. A copy of the schedule will be added to the website.

6. Other Old Business

None at this time.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Spring Cleanup at NHFB

The spring parking lot cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th at 10:00am. Lunch will be provided.

2. Job Opening as Office Assistant at NHFB

3. Next meeting

It was decided that since there will be a by-laws meeting and the Breakfast in April, that there will not be an April meeting.

4. Other New Business

We were able to purchase a drone for the Young Farmers, thanks to a forthcoming donation from Steve Chasse. We will write him a thank you card and he will also be made a lifetime NHFB member for his donation.

IV. ADJOURN

Amelia Aznive MOTIONED to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. and Ammy Rice SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Respectfully Submitted,
Leandra Pritchard, YF Co-Coordinator