



**NH Young Farmers**  
**MEETING AGENDA – FRIDAY, MAY 19, 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 of Merrimack County  
Tyler Allen of Strafford County  
Robbie Bevard of Carroll County  
Staff: YF Co-Coordinator Josh Marshall

**Amy Matarozzo, YF Chair brought the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.**

**I. MINUTES – FEBRUARY 17, 2017 - YF MEETINGS**

Tyler Allen **MOTIONED** to approve the March 17, 2017 minutes as presented.

Jay Pritchard **SECONDED**.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Report of the Chair, Amy Matarozzo**

**Amy Matarozzo** reported on the most recent board meeting including discussions regarding Farm Family Insurance and the proposed YF bus tour.

**2. Project Reports**

• **Community Service**

- *Harvest For All*

There had been no response from Hart's Turkey Farm and no other young farmers reported contacts with any other turkey farm. The Young Farmers would like to call Misty Knoll Farm to see about exhausting the \$250 prize from Most Innovative Award on turkeys for thanksgiving baskets. **Brian Matarozzo** suggested we contact Brian Farmer who may get shipments from Misty Knoll to his farm already and could possibly store birds.

A goal has been set to do a Harvest for All veggie pick up towards the end of August to be donated to NH Food Bank and any veggie collections in the fall will go towards the thanksgiving baskets.

**Leandra Pritchard** suggested we offer \$5 off NHFB Annual Meeting ticket for bringing a canned good or non-perishable item for the thanksgiving basket.

• **Promotion & Education**

- *2017 Animal Husbandry Award*

The deadline for nominations was extended to May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Only one nomination was submitted

• **Member Outreach**

- *Facebook Takeover*

We need participants for upcoming months. Suggestions were made to contact Chris & Danielle LaValley, The Robertson Brothers, and Jeff McNamara

- *Ideas for Farm Tours*

**Amy Matarozzo** explained that the NHFB BOD raised concerns about the idea of using a bus tour as a fundraising event. After reviewing two quotes for a bus tour to farms in Maine, YF Coordinator explained it would take a lot of effort by YF's to sell enough tickets to pay for the trip. Group decided to think it over and make final decision next meeting.

- **Fundraising**

- *Spring Cleanup – Thanks to those who participated!*

**Amy Matarozzo** reported on the YF Spring Cleanup Day at the NHFB Office on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The grounds look excellent and Diane Clary, NHFB Executive Director, mentioned the possibility of interior work to be done this winter.

- *Laconia Pumpkin Festival – Saturday, October 17, 2017*  
None at this time.
- *Spring/Summer Growers Dinner & Silent Auction*

The YF's do not want to overwhelm or over-ask the usual vendors who supply goods for the fall Growers' Dinner, which is always a great fundraiser. Instead **Shawn Bersaw** suggested the YF's pay for a farm to table dinner and sell tickets. Moulton Farm & Del Lea Country Club were two suggestions. **Shawn Bersaw & Jill Dumont** will investigate other options.

- **Legislative**

- *Legislative Breakfast – Amy Matarozzo* reported on the Young Farmer Legislative Breakfast held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Brookdale Fruit Farm. The event was attended by approx. 30 people. The hosts, Tyler & Madison Hardy, were well prepared to answer questions posed by legislators. **John Fernald** was able to explain the difficulties in passing down farmland with such an onerous "death-tax". Legislators seemed to really enjoy the event and staff from Congressional Delegation were taking lots of notes. The event ended up costing \$550

- **Young Farmer By-laws Sub-committee**

The group reviewed the Young Farmer Bylaws that were amended as working bylaws by the Bylaws Subcommittee on April 12<sup>th</sup>. They agreed to let the YF Coordinator know if they find any changes that need to be made.

- **Schedule of Events for 2017**

The group looked at the schedule of events and decided to try and host an August Meeting as a farm tour. Options include Haunting Whispers Distillery in Danbury or the Sap House Meadery in Ossipee.

- **Other Old Business**

None at this time.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Next meeting

It was decided that the next meeting will be held at Alan's Restaurant in Boscawen on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2. SIGN THANK YOU CARD

The group signed a thank you card for Steve Chasse, who donated the cost of a DJI Phantom 4 Pro Drone.

#### 3. WINNISQUAM FFA PRESENTATION

The group had received a request from the Winnisquam Chapter of FFA's Agricultural Issues Team. In order to prepare for their national competition, the group needs to practice their presentation before five professional ag groups. The Young Farmers will invite the FFA chapter to their next meeting to present.

#### 4. Other New Business

None at this time.

### IV. ADJOURN

**Amelia Aznive MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. and Leandra Pritchard SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
Josh Marshall, YF Coordinator