



NH Young Farmers
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 AT 7 P.M.
NH Farm Bureau Office, 295 Sheep Davis Rd, Concord, NH
-UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES-

PRESENT:

Shawn Bersaw, Jill Dumont, Christina Murdock, & Jay Pritchard Merrimack County
Amy Matarozzo of Rockingham County
Tyler Allen of Strafford County
Staff: YF Co-Coordinators Leandra Pritchard & Josh Marshall

Amy Matarozzo, Chair brought the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

I. MINUTES – AUGUST 10, 2016 - YF MEETING

Jay Pritchard MOTIONED to approve the August 10, 2016 minutes as presented. **Tyler Allen SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Chair, Amy Matarozzo

None at this time.

2. Financials

• **2017 Budget**

Changes to 2017 budget: increase Pumpkin Festival income, decrease AM fundraiser income; decrease AFBF conference expenses, increase DC trip and leadership training expenses. **Jill Dumont MOTIONED** to approve the changes to the 2017 budget. **Shawn Bersaw SECONDED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

3. Project Reports

• **Community Service**

○ *Harvest For All*

The group was able to travel to 11 farms to collect 7,855 lbs of produce to The Friendly Kitchen and the NH Food Bank on August 15, 2016. A second pickup date could be scheduled for the first week in October, dependent on volunteer's schedules.

○ *Rockingham County Nursing Home visit*

Possibility of visiting in November or in the spring. Volunteers have no free time in Sept/Oct.

• **Promotion & Education**

○ None at this time.

• **Member Outreach**

○ *YF Social Hour – Review*

We had about 15 attendees including 4 FFA State Officers. We hope to try another social hour next year, maybe at a restaurant or have a BBQ and plan further in advance.

○ *Facebook Takeover*

Christina Murdock, DVM is posting this week and is doing a great job. We have had a few extra followers with this new strategy. Alicia Pedemonti will be "taking over" in October.

• **Fundraising**

○ *Laconia Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 22*

We went over the food inventory and all donations are in place. Ground beef will be collected from various donors the week of the event. Everyone was asked to bring volunteers for the event, as we need all hands on deck. The prep date is Friday, October 21 where we will be cooking macaroni, shredding cheese, and loading vehicles. Reminded to ask Brian to borrow the enclosed trailer for transporting our supplies.

○ *Grower's Dinner on Sunday, November 6 at The Inn at East Hill Farm*

Everyone was asked to solicit donations for the silent auction and given a donation request letter.

○ *Annual Meeting Fundraiser*

Fundraiser will be “kiss a pig,” where people will buy tickets to put in a participants jar, and whoever receives the most tickets in their jar will have to kiss a pig. We will have to work on the logistics of getting a pig into the conference center for this event.

4. 2016 Discussion Meet

We only have one definite participant so far and a few potential participants. We hope to hold two training sessions before the Meet on November 11. It was suggested that we ask Chuck Souther to help with training for the Meet on the second training date. Josh will get in touch with Chuck to see if he is available to help.

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

6. NE Dairy & Food Council – Communications Training

We received an email from Jenny that they would be able to provide communications training to our group free of charge, but they request 10 – 20 people attend. They would be able to do this training in December or early 2017. We hope to reach out to our group to get a lot of attendees and hold it at the NEEBCo conference room.

7. Old Items to keep in mind for future:

- **Young Farmer By-laws**
- **Calendar for 2018**
- **Mock Public Hearing**

8. Other Old Business

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. County Annual Meetings & NHFB Annual Meeting schedule

County FB Annual Meeting schedule was handed out to the group. We discussed who would be able to represent Young Farmers at these meetings. Amy will be able to make it to a few, and those she can't make, she will write a report and give it to other YFers in those counties to read.

2. Farm Credit AgEnhancement Program application due December 1

We would like to apply for this program to help fund the cost of FUSION or other leadership conferences for 2017. Josh and Leandra will need some help in writing the application.

3. Sign thank you cards

4. Next meeting – October 21 for Pumpkin Festival Prep at NHFB Office

5. Other New Business

None at this time.

IV. ADJOURN

Christina Murdock MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. and Amy Matarozzo SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Respectfully Submitted,
Leandra Pritchard, YF Co-Coordinator