



NH Young Farmers
MEETING AGENDA – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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, Alicia Pedemonti, Leandra & Jay Pritchard, Christina Murdock, & Nicole Guindon of Merrimack County
Ammy Rice of Strafford County
Robbie Bevard of Carroll County
Theo Mongeau of Rockingham County
Staff: YF Co-Coordinator Josh Marshall

Amy Matarozzo, YF Chair brought the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

I. MINUTES – JUNE 16, 2017 - YF MEETING

Ammy Rice MOTIONED to approve the June 16, 2017 minutes as presented.

Amelia Aznive SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Chair, Amy Matarozzo

No report

2. Financials

Budget Subcommittee

Amy Matarozzo proposed a subcommittee to discuss the 2018 Young Farmer Budget. Amy, Leandra, Alicia, & Amelia agreed to meet via phone conference to work out the budget on Wednesday, Oct 4th at 7:00 PM. The budget subcommittee will approve budget and send to members for email vote.

3. Project Reports

• Community Service

○ Harvest For All

Amy, Leandra, Theo, and Josh discussed logistics of the Harvest for All pickup on Monday, September 22nd. YF Coordinator announced to the group the \$40,000 grant from Hannaford Supermarkets to be made at a ceremony at Brookdale Fruit Farm the morning of the Harvest for All pickup. Hannaford Supermarkets intends for the money to be spent helping the food insecure in whatever ways we see fit. Ideas included renting refrigerated trucks for future Harvest for All pickups, recognizing farms with the three largest donation totals (per year) with a NHFB membership and/or special certificate.

The group discussed whether to increase the number of pickup days or not. Amelia suggested we stick to two pickup dates for the next year and see how it goes. Alicia thought we would have better success with two quality pickup dates versus smaller quantities over more dates. Nicole said the discussion could be reopened later.

○ Holiday Food Baskets

- Amy explained that the Young Farmers are set to donate 10 holiday food baskets to needy families in cooperation with the Boys & Girls Club of Central New Hampshire. The group asked the YF Coordinator to confirm with Joyce details about when the turkeys would be ready and delivery logistics. The group will also hold a non-perishable food drive at the NHFB Annual Meeting to gather more food for the baskets and look for donations of squash, potatoes, etc to round out the baskets. A suggestion to put the baskets together the Monday following annual meeting was made, but this will depend on when the turkeys are ready. Ammy will start collecting copy paper boxes to use to put the food in and turkeys can go on top (the group thought they would most likely go right into refrigerators anyway).

Ammy offered a gift basket she has as part of the door prizes. Leandra suggested we have multiple door prizes and instruct Portia to remind folks about the food drive as they call in to register.

- **Member Outreach**

- *Facebook Takeover*

September – Highway View Farm

October - Ammy Rice

November – Jake & Val (ask)

December – Theo (YF Coordinator will visit to gather content)

- **Fundraising**

- *Laconia Pumpkin Festival – Saturday, October 14, 2017*

Amy reminded the group about Laconia Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 14. The Young Farmer local food booth is our biggest yearly fundraiser. This year we will not be making mac n cheese and will only be serving shepherd's pie. Amy noticed that means we can reduce the amount of milk we need to 2 or 3 gallons. Leandra suggested asking area orchards to sell us wholesale cider and we can either sell it cold or warm depending on the weather. She said she would ask Todd at Carter Hill Orchard and Chuck and Diane at Apple Hill Farm. The following people agreed to reach out for donations of meat: Christina – Miles Smith Farm; Josh – Pinewoods Yankee Farm, Jean Rudolph; Amy & Brian (will donate some) – Sean Trombley, also Phil (for potatoes as well); Nicole will donate 10 pounds of beef; Amelia – Masons; Robbie – will donate 5 pounds of beef. The group also decided to offer lamb as part of the Shepherd's Pie for a 1 dollar upcharge. Ammy will reach out to several places in an attempt to get 30 pounds of lamb. Ammy asked to be electronically sent the Pumpkin Fest Donation Letter.

The group discussed needing at least 6 people per shift at a minimum. Ammy said she could be there after 2pm. Nicole is available for a shift. Theo can do the morning shift. Josh & Robbie will be there all day. Amy and Brian will try to be there for some part of the day. The group suggested reaching out to Jake & Val and any other Young Farmers you know. Sandy Salo will also be helping.

Fall Growers Dinner

The Fall Grower's Dinner at East Hill Farm in Troy will be held on Sunday, November 5th. A solicitation letter for silent auction items was distributed and will be sent out electronically as well. Amy explained the partnership with Grainger which allows us to purchase \$250 worth of items for free to be used in the fundraiser. Josh announced the items purchased this year: Dewalt Cordless Drill, (2) Carhart winter hats, a large industrial Mag Lite flashlight, a 30 pack of AA batteries, and a Leatherman pocket knife. The group discussed past auction items to give members an idea of what items to bring (alcohol, veggies, baked goods, farm items, local crafts, gift cards, etc.).

Annual Meeting Fundraiser

The group agreed to replace any typical fundraiser efforts with the non-perishable food drive at annual meeting. Discussion of concentrating the group's efforts on the food drive and leaving a donation jar was well received.

- **Discussion Meet**

Interested participants were identified: Glen Putnam, Ammy Rice, Amelia Aznive, Nicole Guindon. Discussion on which questions to use for the NH State Competition focused on question #'s 1, 2, & 4. **Ammy MOTIONED to use questions # 1 & 2 Amelia SECONDED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

- **Schedule of Events for 2017**

The group reviewed the Schedule of Events document (a typo was noticed and brought to YF Coordinator's attention). Events discussed included the 2018 YF & R Conference in Reno and the reading of 'Corn' books this fall. **Ammy MOTIONED the Young Farmers purchase up to 5 'Corn' books**

if there is interest from members to read them to children. Alicia **SECONDED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

- **Other Old Business**
None at this time.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. ELECTION OF YF COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

The slate of members nominated for Directors was announced: Alicia Pedemonti, Amelia Aznive, Amy Matarozzo, Leandra Pritchard, & Nicole Guindon. Amy asked for any nominations from the floor. **Amelia NOMINATED Ammy Rice.** Members present voted for a slate of 5 directors. Directors elected are as follows: Alicia Pedemonti, Amelia Aznive, Leandra Pritchard, Nicole Guindon, Ammy Rice. The new YF Board of Directors will officially start after the NH State Annual Meeting in November. The new YF BOD elected Alicia Pedemonti Chair and Nicole Guindon Vice Chair.

2. THANK YOU CARDS

Thank you cards were signed as votes were tallied.

3. Next meeting

Pumpkin Festival & Grower's Dinner/NH State Annual Meeting will replace October & November meetings. The next meeting will be a holiday party hosted either by Nicole Guindon or held in conjunction with Farmer Phil.

4. Other New Business

None at this time.

IV. ADJOURN

Amelia Aznive MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. and Ammy Rice SECONDED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Respectfully Submitted,
Josh Marshall, YF Coordinator