



NH Young Farmers
MEETING AGENDA – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
Location: New Hampshire Farm Bureau Office, Concord, NH

PRESENT:

Alicia Pedemonti, Nicole Guindon, Amelia Aznive, Jeff Moore, & Ben Davis of Merrimack County
Ammy Rice of Strafford County
Amy & Brian Matarozzo of Belknap County
Theo Mongeau of Rockingham County

Alicia Pedemonti, YF Chair, brought meeting to order at 6:05 PM

I. MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 - YF MEETING

Amy Matarozzo MOTIONED to approve the September 22, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

Nicole Guindon SECONDED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Introduction and Report of the Chair, Alicia Pedemonti, and Vice-Chair, Nicole Guindon

Alicia Pedemonti introduced herself as the new YF Chair and gave a brief background of her ag involvement. New Vice-Chair Nicole Guindon did the same. Alicia reported that an Executive Session had been held prior to the meeting to accept the resignation of Leandra Pritchard from the YF Board of Directors and that Amy Matarozzo had been approved to take her place. Amy accepted the position.

2. Guest: NHFB Executive Director Diane Clary

Diane Clary introduced herself to the group. She expressed great support for the YF Committee and thanked the group for their hard work with the Harvest for All program. Diane would like the YF's to help encourage all members to embrace a sharper focus on Advocacy, Education, Membership, and Service in 2018. She encouraged all YF's to attend their County Farm Bureau meetings and help add excitement to Farm Bureau. She explained how the YF Committee fits within the greater sphere of Farm Bureau and how everything we do reflects back to Farm Bureau as a whole. Discussion of Farm Family donation request and investment strategies for the Harvest for All Funds ensued.

3. Financials

Nothing new at this time. Requested for next meeting: Pumpkin Fest and Growers Dinner financial results.

4. Project Reports

• **Community Service**

• **Holiday Baskets**

Recap Project

Delivery of remaining food items donated from Annual Meeting Food Drive

Alicia recapped the project and asked what the group wants to do with the remaining non-perishable food. Alicia volunteered to donate two hams through the National Pork Board to go along with the food and will reach out to the Friendly Kitchen in Concord to make arrangements. The group would also like to bring in the Executive Director of the NH Food Bank at some point in the future.

• **Granite State Dairy Promotion interest in Harvest for All**

Nicole discussed how Granite State Dairy Promotion is interested in doing something similar to Harvest for All except with dairy products. Amy Hall, GSDP Director, has offered to come in to talk to the group about collaborating. **Nicole Guindon MOTIONED** to invite Amy Hall to next meeting. Discussion ensued suggesting the group work out a plan for the year for Harvest for All before inviting someone new in to collaborate. **Nicole RESCINDED THE MOTION.** The group will use a January meeting to plan for Harvest for All.

- **Member Outreach**

- **Speakers Wanted for 4-H Science Event**

Amy M spoke about a request she received from Cheshire County 4-H for speakers on Animal Welfare and Farm Bureau in general for a Saturday, January 20th event at Walpole Elementary School. Amy said she would reach out to Christina Murdock about speaking on animal welfare and Alicia said she could talk about Farm Bureau if no one else wanted to.

- **FFA State Convention**

Alicia and Ammy Rice both serve on the FFA Alumni board and had brainstormed a way to improve the impact of the usual YF Ice Cream Social held at the FFA State Convention. This year's convention is March 5th, 6th, & 7th. By holding a 'career fair' alongside the Ice cream social in a separate area from the dance, FFA members would be more encouraged to interact with Farm Bureau members and gain more from the experience. The group wants to continue the ice cream social if possible.

- **Facebook Takeover – interested participants for upcoming months?**

- January – Young Farmers at AFBF Conference

- February – Young Farmers at Farm & Forest

- March - Macnamara

- **Fundraising**

- Ideas for next year

Ideas were discussed for possible fundraisers. One idea that came up was a gun raffle. Other groups have been successful raising funds this way. The January meeting will also be used to lock down some fundraising events.

5. Other Old Business

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2018 AFBF YF&R CONFERENCE VS WASHINGTON LOBBYING TRIP

The group asked Josh to send out one last reminder for anyone interested in the 2018 AFBF YF&R Conference in Reno. Discussion was held on the value of lobbying trips, specifically if they are not held in concert with other groups (aka fly-ins). The group expressed interest in doing more lobbying here in NH and getting some training on testifying before state legislators. Josh agreed to coordinate this with Rob.

2. FARMER PHIL'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Farmer Phil/Rockingham County Farm Bureau's Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 PM. All YF's are welcome. Amy M said the group usually does a Yankee Swap and brings food.

3. SIGN THANK YOU CARDS

4. Next meeting - JANUARY?

The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 12th at 6:00 PM

5. Other New Business

Ben Davis and Jeff Moore introduced themselves to the group as they have not regularly attended meetings. Then the group went around and all introduced themselves and gave a bit of background on their agriculture experience

IV. ADJOURN

1ST: AMELIA

2ND: AMMY

TIME: 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Josh Marshall, YF Coordinator