Board Members present: Diane Clayson, Joseph Pillittere, Don Telaak, Stephanie Carter, Nathan Blesy, Kelly Reed, Holly Lemke, Norm Marsh, Don Wild,
Absent: Susan LaBuhn, Carl “Butch” George,
Others present: Bo Freeman

1. Call to Order: Diane Clayson, President, opened the meeting at 6:34 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes: Kelly Reed made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2018 regular meeting. Nathan Blesy seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. Amended Organizational Guidelines: Nathan Blesy made a motion to accept the Amended Organizational Guidelines (see separate sheet). Kelly Reed seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Organizational Motions: Nathan Blesy made a motion to accept the entire list (see separate sheet) and approve the Finance, Personnel and Agricultural committees. Joseph Pillittere seconded. Approved unanimously.

   Finance Committee: Joseph Pillittere, Norm Marsh, Kelly Reed, Diane Clayson, Stephanie Carter, Carl “Butch” George.

   Personnel Committee: Diane Clayson, Joseph Pillittere, Norm Marsh, Stephanie Carter, Don Wild

   Agriculture Committee: Don Wild, Carl “Butch” George, Nathan Blesy, Don Telaak

5. Officer Election:

   President - Nathan Blesy motioned to accept Diane Clayson as President. Don Telaak seconded. Passed unanimously.

   Vice President - Don Wild motioned to accept Nathan Blesy as Vice President. Joseph Pillittere seconded. Approved unanimously.
Secretary - Nathan Blesy motioned to accept Stephanie Carter as secretary. Kelly Reed seconded. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer - Nathan Blesy motioned to accept Kelly Reed as Treasurer. Don Telaak seconded. Approved unanimously.

6. **Financial Reports**: Kelly Reed reported that there was a net gain of $54,970. Joseph Pillittere made a motion to accept the fund balance transfers and recommendations discussed in the finance committee meeting: $10,000 to equipment, $15,000 to employee benefit for workman’s compensation overage, remaining balance transferred to capital improvement. Seconded by Nathan Blesy. Approved unanimously.


7. **Reports**:
   a. **Board President**: Diane Clayson thanked board members for all of their hard work on various committees. She thanked Mr. Bo Freeman for serving as interim Executive Director.
   
   b. **CCE SES**: nothing new to report
   
   c. **Interim Executive Director**:

   Bo Freeman reported on fiscal management, human resource management, organizational leadership, and program leadership. (see separate sheet).
   
   d. **Legislative**: nothing new to report
   
   e. **ED search committee**: Diane Clayson reported that the search is going well and as planned.
   
   f. **Personnel Committee**: nothing new to report
   
   g. **Ag Committee**: Discussion held regarding our association’s next steps to forming a regional team. Bo Freeman discussed pros/cons to a regional ag team.

   The Annual Meeting of the NY Beef Producers’ Association will be held Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Falconer, NY.

   h. **Livestock Committee**: The 3rd Annual Spaghetti dinner will be held April 7, 2018 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm at the Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds Corporate Building. Please contact Abby L. if you know of any business the might want to donate a basket for the raffle.

   i. **4-H Program Committee**: 

   **Fair Books**: We are working on having the NYS Fair book and the Cattaraugus County youth book to have the same class codes.
Public Presentations: 72 youth signed up to participate in public presentations. 60 are complete, 12 more still to finish.

Youth building entries: There will be limits placed on the amount of entries youth can exhibit at the youth building.

Activities: Many activities are planned. Please look for dates in the Cloverminder or call the 4-H office.

Fundraisers: Candy bar sales have been a huge success.

Pennysaver article: Nathan Blesy shared the Pennysaver article regarding the Cattaraugus County 4-H youth.

Sabres Game: The youth that attended the Sabres Game had a great time. They were treated to a meet and greet with Sabres #90 Ryan O’Reilly.

Soap clinic: The soap making clinic was a success with 25-30 participants.

8. Old Business:
   a. Building re-key: The tumblers were rekeyed in offices.
   b. Policies – vacation policy: Tabled until next meeting.
   c. AADIP: Tabled until next meeting.

9. New Business:
   a. New York Beef Producer’s Meeting is March 7, 2018
   b. Spaghetti Dinner April 7, 2018
   c. New Subcommittee for Pierce Whitney: Members to include Joseph Pillittere, Sue LaBuhn, Kelly Reed, Diane Clayson

Carrie Busekist was hired as our new educator. She was present and introduced herself.

10. Public Comment: none

11. Adjournment: Joseph Pillittere motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Seconded by Norm Marsh. Approved unanimously.

Next Board Meeting: March 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY