Montcalm County 4-H Small Animal Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Linda Peterson @ 6:07p.m.

Members present: Linda Peterson, Mindy Brennan, Kadren Grawburg, Kimberly McIntyre, Tom Gittus, Carrie Venema, and Jeanne Steinberg

Pledges were recited.

Secretary report: Mindy Brennan. On file

Treasurer's report: Jeanne Steinberg. No change. Bill for serum received of $209.85. Mindy Brennan motioned to put Jeanne Steinberg's name on the bank acct at Isabella Bank. Kimberly McIntyre second this motion. Motion carried.

Any club using Chemical Bank will get a monthly $7.00 fee unless minimum balance is upwards of $39,000.

Main acct: $902.00

Other acct: $572.03

Extension report: Kadren Grawburg

- Kadren is not getting many club bank statements. These statements need to be mailed to the Extension office or can be emailed to Kadren at hubbertk@anr.msu.edu.

- Working on getting all Committee and Fairboard meeting minutes on the Montcalm Extension website.

- Possible volunteer meeting in Sept. to go over Fair book changes to present to the Fairboard. Fair book changes are due by Nov. 1.

- Council bought a float to use at area parades. At Stanton Old Fashion Days and Danish Festival we had around 15-20 4-Hers walk! Possibility of bringing horses for the Howard City Parade on Sept. 16.

- Fall kick off Potluck for all clubs possibly held at MCC for open gym and swimming. This will be held close to the National 4-H week (1st week of Oct).

- Suggestion of a quick 20 minute meeting between the Small Animal and Livestock meetings to recap and be sure all are on the same page. Meeting would include executive members of these committees.
- Form a committee to accept pen/cage/stall request?
- A suggestion that the Extension office be the drop off point for forms to be turned in again. These could then be snail mailed, emailed to Kadren, or dropped off at the office.
- 2 hrs volunteer time is still required from each 4-Her and can now happen throughout the year. More information to follow from the Fairboard.
- Defunding of the Extension Office completely-talk of still offering office space, but not clerical. Possible mileage election in May, Aug, or Nov.

Old business: none

New business:

- Officer elections in Sept and voting will be in November. Please try to make these meetings to elect and get your vote in!!
- Cages that Bob Pixely so generously lent out are still in the Small Animal barn.
- We will need approx. 100 poultry cages for this 4-H year.
- Talk of maybe having two vets present for this years 4-H week check in. Each barn with a vet would be ideal. Talk of the possibility of having vet student from MSU for the experience to benefit them and the tremendous help it would be for Montcalm 4-H fair week check in day.
- Suggestion made to have class list for all species printed and handed out just before fair to possibly make check in easier.
- Zeeland Lumber is able to donate (up to 2) sheds for the Small Animal barn storage and could be beneficial during fair week when emptied out.
- Repairs need to be done in Small Animal barn for next 4-H year. Screen on south side needs to be replaced.
- Missing 2nd freezer in rabbit side of Small Animal barn. Two freezers are beneficial for rotating water bottles to keep animals cool on hot days.

Kimberly McIntyre motioned to adjourn meeting. Jeanne 2nd this motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:38 p.m.

Next meeting is Sept. 18, 2017 @ 6 p.m.