Montcalm County 4-H Small Animal Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Linda Peterson @ 6:05 p.m.

Members present: Linda Peterson, Mindy Brennan, Kadren Grawburg, Brad Heft, Hailey Heft, Paula Plank, Nancy Story, Kimberly McIntyre, Kelly Dines, Tom Gittus

Pledges were recited.

Secretary report: Mindy Brennan. On file. Kim motioned to accept minutes. Linda 2nd this motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report: No change. Linda closed 2nd acct. We now have one acct with $1,441.54. $166.00 on hand.

Extension report: Kadren Grawburg

- Copies of showmanship and livestock committee by laws were handed out. Bring to January meeting after looking over with any concerns or changes.
- Live stock is a fair committee not a fairboard committee
- Guidelines for fundraising is to protect people and our treasurers of groups. This is a way for IRS to see where money is going. Everything is traceable and transparent this way.
- Registrations and participation fees are Due Dec. 1st.
- January-February- March winterfest and Challenge U workshops coming soon. Encourage your club members to take advantage of these workshops!
- MSU has an event page on the extension website.
- End of January or February leader meeting-youth/adult workshop.
- State vet-March workshop?
- In need of another poultry superintendent.
- Waiting on official answer on if we can just use previous superintendents.

New Business:

- Kimberly put together a letter to send to local vets to gain support and raise money for small animal committee. Vets that donate will get a vinyl sign displayed. Any vets in mind? Email
Kimberly with your ideas.

- Talk of goat pen stands for pen cards so goats do not eat them. Possibly plexi-glass that's bigger than the pen card. This is tabled to January’s meeting.

- Possibility? Exec. board meeting be held between small animal committee meeting and live stock committee meeting to be sure to be on the same page. Exec members of Small animal and live stock committee will be the individuals attending this meeting. Live stock would then meet at 7:15p.m.

- Nancy motioned to move the poultry show to 9a.m on Monday of fair week. Kimberly 2nd this motion. Motion carried.

- Rabbit fundraiser show is TBD. Kimberly motioned to get approval ASAP to hold the show on April 21 2018. Mindy 2nd this motion. Motion carried.

Old business:

- No word on poultry cages as of now. Bob Pixley did say we can use his for this year's fair.

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

Meeting adjourned @ 6:57p.m.

Next meeting is January 15 @ 6p.m.