Thursday, April 2, 2015, @ 7:02 pm, Small Animal Association Meeting was called to order by President Denise Shears.

Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledges recited.

Members attending: President-Denise Shears, Vice-President-Kim Abbas, Treasurer-Corey Cuddie, Secretary- Julie Jines, MSU 4-H coordinator --Jessica Hufford, Andie Fisher, Jeremy Fisher, Bonnie Allen, Jeremy Cuddie, Michelle Allen, and Jon Stillwagon.

Excused: Barn Superintendent- Claudia Whitmer

Minutes for March 5th meeting reviewed. Motion made by Andie Fisher to accept, seconded by Kim Abbas. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: no changes from last meeting, balance is $1317.37, no bills in or out. Motion made by Jeremy Fisher to accept as presented, seconded by Jeremy Cuddie. Motion passed.

MSU Extension Report:
Jessica Hufford was introduced.
The deadline for scholarship packages was extended to April 13, the deadline to the Midland foundation was April 17. Due to some miscommunication, not all senior received the package. Scholarships are available for college freshmen.
Expo Days still have room. Registration closed April 28. There are scholarships to help cover some cost, approximately $40. Books are available at the office and online.

Money Management class on April 28 at Mid with Bev.
Earth day Celebration will be at Gladwin High School on April 16. Free to public, doors open at 5:15.

Old Business:
1. Project Registration forms need to be to the MSU office by end of business on April 24. Trying to get forms up on the web, if you need one emailed contact Denise or Jessica.
   When form are in, we can calculate numbers for orders to the Feed Store and Farm and Family.
2. Project enrollment (old description and auction list) due June 17th the Claudia, her address is on bottom of form.
   Do meat rabbits and broilers count as one item for the auction?
3. Ebels was agreed upon as choice for pulled pork sandwiches, Corey will contact as time gets closer.
4. Photographer- Sherry Landon, YES!! She wants to do it, but has some requests to help the process go smoother and to keep names straight. Denise also spoke with Carrie Breault regarding taking photos of small animals, but Carrie would not commit at this time since she is unsure which event Ethan is participating in.
5. Denise contacted Kable and Adam regarding the auction. Adam and Carrie will be available, Kable has not confirmed.

6. Barn set up is set for July 7th. Large discussion about the meeting in the grove, decided not to do meeting there, but to pick another date. Also discussed breaking up barn set up, giving clubs certain times to work so not everyone is standing around and Claudia will be given a little more control. Set up starts at 6pm. Jessica will email all clubs to share info.

7. Project Books - they were edited recently, but unsure which is most current to use. Discussion about red books being the Master Copy. Discussion about what changes were made to help identify correct Master Copy.

8. When kids pick up birds they should be handed a record book.

9. Andie is concerned about timeline for rabbits. With dates given and the weaning process, kids will only have 2 weeks with rabbits. Discussion regarding dates.

10. Discussion regarding signs thanking buyers to be hung in barn. Check with Claudia about size, thinking they can be put up during barn set up at top, above all the cages, before cages are placed. Will not be by animal, but recognition of buyers is more important.

11. Lisa reported to Denise that Pheasants Forever will sponsor pheasant projects again this year.

New Business:
Midland County fair purchase, discussion to continue support since they do come to Gladwin. Motion made by Kim Abbas to spend $100.00, seconded by Corey Cuddle, motion passed.

Pullorum Testing: Do we need more serum? Discussed purchasing with other counties and thinking it was too much of a problem in the past.

Cage repairs? - Check with Claudia.

Rodeo concession funds will be paying for ribbons this year.

Do we need to order bands for broilers? Discussed and decided not, since single bird is now recognized as Best Bird rather than Biggest Bird.

Fair 101, do we need it? Discussion and decision not to do fair 101, if anyone needs help with filling out paperwork they can attend a regular meeting and get help there, if they can't make a meeting they can contact anyone on the board for assistance.

Countywide meeting will be June 15, at that time Fred will walk through how to use the Blue Ribbon program.

Fair updates:
Jeremy Cuddle mentioned raffle tickets and concert tickets are available. Pig raffle is $5, Messy Bessie is $10 and concert is $15. The goal of the fair board is to pay off the tractor so they can start the next project, bath/shower house in the fairground area.

Motion made by Kim Abbas to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy Fisher. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.