

Small Animal Association Meeting, March 3, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Denise Shears at 7:04 pm.

Pledges were recited.

Guest introductions were made - Lori Bergman and Mo Jewel were present. They will be superintendent and assistant superintendent for the goat barn. Toni Allen was introduced as the small animal barn superintendent.

Also present: Jessica Hufford- MSU Staff, Fred Shaver- New Horizons and Fair Board, Jeremy Fisher- Beaverton Buckaroos, Andie Fisher- association treasurer- Beaverton Buckaroos, Carrie Shaver- New Horizons, Dawson Shaver- New Horizons, Lisa Schwager- Gettin' Down on the Farm, Melissa Corlew- Gettin' Down on the Farm, Irene and Daisey Maxwell- Gettin' Down on the Farm, Jessie Englehardt- Gettin' Down on the Farm, Denise Shears, association president- EUTS, Julie Jines - association secretary- Country Blend, Camo Kids, and Krafty Kids and Ryan and Owen Brown- Gettin' Down on the Farm.

Treasurer's Report- no change to the balance, remains at \$1661.35. Carrie Shaver motion to accept, second by Jeremy Fisher, motion carried.

MSU UPDATES:

4-H Exploration Days, registration date is March 14, this is a pre-college opportunity to see life on campus, 10 scholarships available, ages 11-19, must be active 4-H member. Registrations ends in April.

Farm Show is March 19, need teen members to help with the scavenger hunt, looking for 2-3 hours of help.

4-H Online- several members still pending or incomplete. Most need to have authorizations re-checked, make sure names are matching and all the forms are completed. 15-20 kids still not complete.

Spring Camp- 7-12 yr olds, Wednesday and Thursday of spring break at Gladwin City Park Community Center, \$15 for 4-H members, \$25 for non-members. Bring a pack lunch, could use 2 more volunteers to help kids with projects.

Leader Orientation meeting is rescheduled for April 18 @6:00 p.m. Adults only please. This training will address correct meeting procedures, officer roles, action plans and Roberts Rules. Pizza will be provided, please let Jessica know if you plan to attend by March 31st.

Check mailboxes, many communications are in the boxes that need to make it to club members.

Old Business:

Project registration forms- corrected dates filled in, both sides say no projects will be accepted late.

New Business:

Fred introduced Toni Allen, as the new Small Animal Barn Superintendent. She has kids in 4-H. Sherri Westphal will be her assistant superintendent.

Conversation evolved to discuss what the association plans to do since Claudia will no longer be serving as superintendent. Claudia and Dan always purchased bird projects for young members, with the situation that has developed between Claudia and the fair board, the association feels it would not be appropriate to ask them to continue their sponsorship of those projects. Andie Fisher made a motion that the Association would pay for birds not sponsored by other sources. Second by Jeremy Fisher. Motion carried.

Cloverbud fancy bantam projects are for ages 5-8, their age as of Jan 1, 2016. Forms must be turned in by April 22 to the MSU office.

Description and auction list is due to the MSU office by June 1, 2016.

Jessica has the master record books available for review.

Small Animal Project Registration forms, the forms to get projects provided to members, must be in by April 22 to the MSU office. Once bird order forms are tallied and orders are placed, expect to pick up projects around May 25th, Wednesday at Family Farm and Home. It was explained that Family Farm and Home will provide a separate trough for 4-H birds only. These birds are hatched the same day therefore are the same size. The broiler project is based on these simple rules. The broilers entered into the project are provided from this one batch. It levels the playing field and shows how well each member cares for their birds-the point of the competition. All birds are the same size and match each other. This prevents any advantage. When you pick up your birds, you will be given a record book. This book has to be filled out and turned in, in order to be allowed to sell. Families will be notified of the time of pick up. If birds are not allowed at fair again this year due to the flu, members will be required to take photos and prepare a board to display for the auction.

Denise will email the photographer to find out if she is available and if her fees will be the same. Tabled until more information is available.

Julie will speak to Adam Breault and Kable Thurlow about calling the auction this year.

Discussion about pullorum testing included who would do it since Claudia was the person certified to perform the necessary test. Motion made by Andie Fisher and second by Carrie Shaver for the association to pay \$20 each for Lori Bergman and Toni Allen to attend training at MSU campus. Training is scheduled for March 8, Tuesday. Motion carried.

Discussion continued about serum, but was tabled until after training so more information was available.

Budget was presented and discussed. Motion made by Julie Jines to accept budget, seconded by Andie Fisher. Motion carried.

Superintendents were asked what their expectations and guidelines would be for the barns and members. Mo said he would like members to check on livestock throughout the day, but didn't see a need for actual barn duty sign ups. Jessica asked Mo to provide a list of expectations so that these might be given to members prior to fair. Toni said she would get back to us.

Fred shared updates from fair, including the price of camping increasing from \$90 to \$125 for the week. No plans to install a bathhouse and restrooms for this year. Looking at 2017, maybe.

Fair board will be purchasing ribbons needed. They will be using all leftover ribbons and only purchasing where needed to fill in.

Janelle Thurlow stepped down from the still barn superintendent position, if no one is found by April 15 there will be no still exhibit barn. Being an election year there are several merchants and political candidates looking to rent space.

Ryan and Owen Brown asked the association for an exception to be allowed to show at the 2016 fair. His son, Owen, is a new member to 4-H. Andie Fisher made a motion to welcome Owen and allow him to show at the fair. Jeremy Fisher seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andie Fisher, seconded by Jessie Englehardt. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Jines