Thursday, March 5th, 2015, 7:04 pm Small Animal Association Meeting was called to order by President Denise Shears

Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge recited.


Excused: Vice President-Kim Abbas and Barn Superintendent- Claudia Whitmer

Minutes of January 2015 meeting reviewed. Motion made by Melissa Maxwell to accept as presented, seconded by Ande Fisher. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s report: Current balance is $1317.37, no deposits, no debits recorded. All outstanding checks have cleared. Discussed $500 donation to concession stand fund. Motion made by Ande Fisher to accept as presented, seconded by Melissa Maxwell. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

Thank you card from Thurlow Family in regards to the passing of Ken Thurlow and a donation made from the association.

Christmas Post Card received from Seth and Noah Haskell, these boys had the items the association purchased from the Midland County Fair.

No report presented from the MSU Extension, expecting a full report next month.

Old Business:

Cloverbud bantam project sheet and small animal project registration form were updated and presented. It was determined Friday, April 24, by close of day at the extension office, will be when the sheets must be turned in. Sheets will be front and back to prevent loss of sheets. There was bold lettering added to bottom of the sheet to draw attention to both sides of the form.

Animal description/auction list and dates were updated. Description pages are due June 17th.

Discussion regarding meat rabbits, Fishers will be providing rabbits. Adding to the sheet, allowing 4 per member. Meat rabbits will need to be 70 days old or less.

Paper copies due to office by June 17th, online registration June 24.

Fairbook Changes for egg category- Clarify member must have showmanship bird to present eggs. NO Cloverbud can present eggs.
Judges: Fred Shaver reported
  Goats- Lynn Baudon
  Poultry- Sherry Garrett
  Rabbit- Laura O’Brien
  Overall- Wendy Karius

New Business:

Project enrollment forms- per Claudia due April 24.

Caterer Bids- contacting Ebels for pulled pork

Photographer bids- discussed contacting photographer from last year. Denise had email and will contact them.

Auctioneers- Denise will contact Adam Breault and Kable Thurlow to make sure they will be available.

Additions-

Barns set up will be July 7th at 6pm. Meeting will follow in The Grove. Barn to be sprayed 10 days before fair.

Pollurum testing- In Grove July 16th, 4-8, July 18th, 8-11. If you are unable to be at those times, you need to contact Claudia direct BEFORE those dates to make arrangements.

Description/auction list to Claudia by June 17.

Poultry delivery dates- first week of June. Once we know how many kids are enrolled, Denise will get exact dates from Feed Store and Family Farm and Home.

Lisa Schwager offered to contact representative from Pheasants Forever to ask for sponsorship of pheasant projects. Discussion was had and thoughts presented for pheasants to be 10 weeks old before given to members in hopes of higher survival rate. Boards will again be made available by Association for presenting pheasant projects.

Fairground updates/ Fred Shaver and Jeremy Cuddie
- board installed new sound system in grandstands
- purchased sled for truck for tractor pulls
- live concert on Monday night of fair, Confederate Railroad at 6pm, were here in 1996
  Tickets will be $15., can purchase online
- 4-H ride pass is $30. rides will start Monday evening
- 4-H Grand Stand is $30 but excludes Monday night
- adding 3rd day to Memorial Day rodeo, adding Friday night, will be Championship show, will be coming up with 3 day pass price.
- Monday concert
- Tuesday truck derby
- Wednesday ATV/UTV lawn mower pulls
- Thursday- truck and tractor pulls
- Friday- Mud Bog
- Saturday- demo derby
- Pig Raffle and Messy Bessie Tickets coming soon
- Wi-Fi all over including campground

Question for Claudia- on description sheet are meat rabbits one item?

Motion made by Corey Cuddie to adjourn, seconded by Ande Fisher. Motion carried.

Next Meeting April 2nd.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Jines
Gladwin County Small Association Secretary