Thursday, May 7, 2015, @7:08 pm, Small Animal Association Meeting was called to order by President Denise Shears.

Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledges were recited.

Members attending: President-Denise Shears, Vice-President- Kim Abbas, Treasurer- Corey Cuddie, Secretary-Julie Jines, MSU 4-H coordinator- Jessica Hufford, Barn Superintendent- Claudia Whitmer, Bonnie Allen, Jeremy Cuddie, Carrie Schaffer and Fred Schaffer.

Minutes for April 2nd were reviewed, motion made by Kim Abbas and seconded by Bonnie Allen to accept as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report presented, balance is $1317.37, no bills and no correspondence. Motion made by Claudia Whitmer and seconded by Kim Abbas to accept report as presented. Motion carried.

MSU Extension Report-Jessica

4-H summer camps are at Coldwater Lake Camp. The theme is Science Adventure, $45 for 4-H members, $55 for non members, for the 9 and up overnight camp scheduled for July 7 & 8. Deadline for sign up is June 5.

4-H Cloverbud summer at Coldwater Lake is July 14 & 15, 9:30 sign in, camp starting at 10am, finishing up at 4:30. $30 for members, $40 for non.

Still looking for camp counselors, applications are available for 15-19 year olds for overnight, 12-19 for the day camps.

New signs are available for Fairgrounds from MSU regarding Bio Security and general health info.

4-H online- concerns that not all kids are signed up correctly. Appears kids are attending meetings, have paid dues, but are not registered online. Each member must be added in the family profile. Double check info, make sure everyone participating is listed and update your profiles to include the projects you are currently showing for fair this year.

Farmers Market Kids Day is May 16, 9-1. Would love to see volunteers out there to promote 4-h.

Master copies of the project books were incorrect. They have been edited to simplify and excite kids to complete them.

Old Business:

Attendance in October, considered the first meeting of the year, verify if attendance is required at the association meeting.

Small animal description forms were formerly known as registration forms.
Rabbits are sold as 1 item if provided by 4-H sponsor. When you supply your own rabbits you can sell them individually.

Auction sheets need to be to Claudia by June 17.

Barn set up is July 7th., 6:30 pm. If kids are participating in camp they are excused, but parent help would be greatly appreciated. This year is different, Rabbit families need to be present at 6:30, poultry families at 7:15. This change is in hopes of having all hands working rather than so many watching.

Countywide meeting is June 15th at the Fairgrounds, time undetermined.

No serum is needed this year.

There are no repairs of concern this year with cages or the barn.

27 kids have returned project forms. 5 cloverbuds and 3 pheasant projects.

Need to change registration paper to read NO CLOVERBUDS.

Discussion took place over cloverbud bringing a duck. Decided it could be brought, but in open class only.

Add pullorum testing dates in books.

New Business

Fair 101 will be covered in the countywide meeting.

Overall showmanship discussion for gift cards. It was decided the kids enjoyed the gift cards and we should purchase 3- $50 cards from Create-It. Motion made by Kim Abbas, Seconded by Carrie Schaffer, motion carried. Corey will take check into shop and pick up card.

Postcards were prepaid last year to contact buyers to remind them of sale.

Will check with Adam about getting two people from Chemical Bank to assist in the auction. The association has a card reader and will use Denise Shears tablet to allow credit card use.

Posterboards will be handed out with pheasant projects. Must be turned into Claudia at barn set up July 7th. Pheasants are considered part of poultry.

Discussion about signs to recognize past years buyers and thank them. Signs will hang in the barn above cages and will be to be up at barn set up. Agreed the association would purchase 5 sheets of malimar board to be cut by Keith Jines to 18x20 size. Motion made by Kim Abbas and seconded by Carrie Schaffer. Motion carried.
Encouraging all clubs to create a poster to celebrate and decorate the barn with this year's fair theme of American Heroes.

Late entry-discussed experienced member missed deadlines and would like to participate as 4-H member. Member will be allowed to exhibit, but they cannot get free animals. Motion made by Bonnie Allen, seconded by Carrie Schaffer. Motion carried.

Cloverbud requested rabbit but missed the deadline. Keeping with the tradition of encouraging new members, motion was made by Claudia Whitmer, seconded by Bonnie Allen, motion carried.

Another cloverbud wanting to join 4H, is 6 yrs old. Cloverbud would like to show, but will need to provide own animal. Motion made by Kim Abbas, seconded by Claudia Whitmer, motion carried.

Wendy Mills is making a 2 hour drive one way to assist in checking birds. Motion made by Claudia Whitmer to purchase a $75 gas card as a thank you to Wendy for helping us. Seconded by Kim Abbas. Motion carried.

Updates from Fairboard-Fred

Bird Flu is in PA, nothing at this point from animal health board.

Cattle will have new tags for farms that have been tested for IB.

First phase of WiFi is done, working on the second part over the weekend. Horse arena has 14 gig and will be upping that to 24.

Everything is online and ready for Blue Ribbon. If you make a mistake it will email you. You have to enter a showmanship class to proceed with any other registering. Gladwinfair.net, click on blueribbon link. This program will help keep people from selling the same species at other fairs like Clare and Midland. You can show, but not sell the same species at multiple fairs.

Rodeo, 22, 23, & 24.

22 is championship for 2014, 23 & 24 is Dick Bergle Show

Vendor sale is coming this weekend. Please come out and check it out.

Twilight shows May 29 moved to June 5, June 19, June 20 bootcamp, July 17 last twilight show.

Need help painting bleachers. Would like to have them done for the concert on Monday night of fair. Contact Fred if you or someone you know is available to help.

Blue building by horse arena is gone. Working on cleaning up the concrete. Plans include expanding the warm up arena.
The eaves have not been closed up on the end of the concession stand addition and that is suppose to be done before the rodeo.

Next phase of plans include a bathhouse with showers in the campground area.

Pop vending machines will be available at various places on the grounds. They will offer Pepsi.

Barns will be sprayed 10 days before fair. 1st round is detergent 2nd round is fly spray.

A full box of toilet paper will be in the horse announcers stand so if someone is not available to refill it is close at hand.

Paperwork must be turned in by June 17, online June 22. Both for open and 4-H classes.

Turkey raffle offered by Cuddies, but due to 4-H rules we can not have raffle. IRS regulations prevent games of chance.

Discussion about adding any donated animals to end of auction list so kids get the first dollar at the sale.

Birds should be available for pick up the first week of June.

Next meetings are June 4 and July 2.

Motion to adjourn by Corey Cuddie, seconded by Kim Abbas, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Jines