

September 3, 201 7:15 pm

Small Animal Association Meeting called to order by President Denise Shears.

Pledge of Allegiance recited

4-H Pledge recited

Members attending: Denise Shears, Andie Fisher, Jeremy Fisher, EUTS, Claudia Whitmer, Barn Superintendent, Julie Jines, Zoe Jines, Vincent Jines, Country Blend

No special guests present

Minutes were presented and motion made by Jeremy Fisher second by Claudia Whitmer to accept as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: no report, checks have been mailed out to members from sold projects.

Claudia reported there was \$14.00 made from pop can returns and \$31.00 for laminating.

Correspondence: nothing sent to boards' attention. Discussion evolved to include sending thank you's from the association to 14 individuals for their time, donation, and sponsorship of small animals. The list included: Dan, Denise and Brad Shepherd, Vicki Brubaker, Lori and Linda Bergman, Drew, Corey and Jeremy Cuddie, Munsell's, Chemical Bank, Adam and Carrie Breault, Kable Thurlow, Family Farm and Home, The Feed Store, Pheasants Forever, and Jeremy and Andie Fisher.

MSU Extension Report:

Lisa Swagger did not contact Pheasants Forever, Jessica found the contact and sent them an invoice for pheasant projects, directing the check be sent to the Feed Store. Claudia followed up and the invoice was paid.

Jessica received calls questioning a 10% deduction from checks and the \$3.50 fee for bird processing. It was noted that item number 7 of the Small Animal Auction Rules addresses a 10% will be assessed of the gross sales or a minimum of \$1.00 to cover the cost of programs related to the small animal auction.

Jessica is encouraging everyone to get online and re-enroll for the 2016. Double check info, fill out all authorization forms again, parents only, volunteers need to sign up too. Pay ahead directly to the office. If they pay leaders the leaders will get money to the office.

Fall Awards is scheduled for Oct. 25 at the K of C hall. Jessica is looking for volunteers for the committee. The committee reviews all nominations. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Jessica. The more the better. Jessica is planning the first meeting at the end of September.

Amy's last day was today. Interviews have been completed and they have limited the pool. Updates to come.

Fred notified Jessica he would not be at the meeting. He wanted to make sure we knew they are doing superintendent reviews, applications and interviews in November.

New Business

Issues with the fair:

1. Inspector came through the barn and wooden nesting boxes are not allowed due to contamination issues.
2. Start sponsor contact earlier in the year. Need new sponsors, suggestions?
3. Project birds provided by association that didn't make it to fair, 3 plus 2 cloverbuds. Discussion on how to handle that situation.

By Law changes are due to Jessica by Sept 25. Including any changes to auction rules and project guidelines.

Note: Rabbit age is not determined through MSU. 4-H ARA supports 70 days of age to be the most profitable age for meat rabbits.

Fishers will again provide rabbits for 2016, they will be changing the cross and handing them out to members at 5 weeks rather than 8 weeks.

Extending photos and thank yous to buyers and trophy sponsors to Sept 25. Photos were not available as expected.

Next meeting is the annual meeting and officers will be voted on- this includes President, Vice President, and Secretary. The treasurer is up as well, please note treasurer is a two year term.

By Law Changes Suggested:

1. All officers must attend at least 6 of the 9 small animal meetings in the previous year to be nominated and or elected to a position.

Under Article V. Meetings- 5 of 9 small animal association meetings. This does not include 2 county wide meetings, barn set ups or fish fry.

Small Animal Auction Rules

1. Small animal record books must be completed for pheasants; broilers; and meat rabbits provided by Small Animal Association. If you fail to complete these books, you are ineligible to sell those animals at auction. If needed, record books are available at the MSU Extension office.
10. All 4-H members selling must be present for the entire duration of the auction; take, their animals to the sale ring to be sold; must be there when their pictures are taken and must assist in clean up after the sale.

Project Guidelines

1. Item # 2) Members provided projects by the Small Animal Association Board will be completely responsible for keeping records, raising, showing, selling and delivery of animal until project is complete. Record books can be entered under education entry at the fair after turned into barn Superintendent by Wednesday of fair week.
2. Item #5) should the time be 9 am?

Motion made by Andie Fisher to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy, motion carried. Adjourned at 9:15pm