SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 29, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. Members present – Andie & Jeremy Fisher; Kim Abbas (Beaverton Buckaroos); Audrey Greer (Country Blend); Denise Shears (EUTS); Melissa Preston – MSU Extension Office

Pledges recited.

Treasurer's report: Approximately $4,000 in the account – under the Leader's Council bank account. This money will not be spent this year, until we are certain of what is going to happen with the auction.

Outstanding Bills to be paid: None

Correspondence: None

MSU Extension Report:

1. There will be a spin club developing from the embryology training. Katie Orick from MSU gave us a new incubator and we will buy eggs to hatch in it. This will run from March – April and will give the kids a basic understanding of how the chicks grow, what feed is needed, basic care, etc.

2. Fish fry – Friday, February 9, 2018. Volunteers are needed to help any time from 3:45 to 8:00 p.m. Baked goods are also needed for the sale.

3. Emily Colvin scored 90/100 at the State Rabbit show that she went to. Good job, Emily!!

4. MSU goat expo is coming up in April. There will be a quiz bowl and lots of educational opportunities for the kids.

Fair Board Report: Nobody here from the fair board, but there were corrections made to the fair book. See section below.

Old Business:

1. No old business

New Business:

1. There have been a lot of changes to the fair board. The ones that pertain to our committee have to do with how poultry is checked in as well as the ages of poultry projects at fair time. Discussion of whether we want to go by weight or weeks for the birds.
   i. Even if the fair goes by weight, we can still go by weeks. Any birds falling under the minimum weight will be sent home.
   ii. Donated animals must do a science project/poster for those animals showing how they were cared for and what the member learned during the time they were raising them.
   iii. Leaders need to check the record books throughout the project time to be sure the kids are filling them out as this is going to be mandatory.
   iv. The only poultry that can be sold will be the following:
1. Breeding pairs (must be a minimum of 12 weeks old)  
2. Pen of 3 layers (must be a minimum of 12 weeks old)  
3. Single pen (must be a minimum of 12 weeks old)  
4. All above classes also include bantam birds  
5. Meat birds (maximum 8 weeks old, with a minimum weight of 3 pounds each – with proof of hatch date). There will still be a pen of 3 and a single bird class in the fair book for this project.  
6. Ducks (maximum of 8 weeks old – with proof of hatch date)  
7. Geese (maximum of 14 weeks old, with a minimum weight of 6 pounds each – with proof of hatch date)  
8. Turkeys (maximum 16 weeks old, with a minimum weight of 8 pounds – with proof of hatch date)  

May 21st is 8 weeks from fair, so all birds must have a hatch date either on or before this date to be eligible to come to fair. Layers and bantams must have a hatch date of April 29th or earlier.  

Gwen made a motion to continue to have the birds donated. Andie supported. Denise will talk to Steve at The Feed Store to see if they will donate at least the broilers, layers, and bantams again this year. We will also see if they will order the pheasants and get paid from Pheasant's Forever again.  

Rabbit criterion will not be changing. Meat rabbits will have to be 70 days old or less and weigh between 3 and 5 pounds each. Andie and Jeremy Fisher will not be donating; they have gotten out of the rabbit business.  

Next meeting is February 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.