Small Animal Association Meeting, May 5, 2016, called to order by President, Denise Shears at 7pm

Present were: Jessica Hufford, MSU Staff, Julie Jines, Krafty Kids, Country Blend, Camo Kids and Secretary, Moe Jewell, goat superintendent, Lori Bergman, goat superintendent, Carrie Shaver, New Horizons, Denise Shears, EUTS and President, Lisa Schwager, Getting Down On The Farm, Ande Fisher, Beaverton Buckaroos, EUTS, and Treasurer, Anastasia Sischo, April Sischo, Heather Edgar and Ethan Edgar.

Pledges were recited

Introductions/ Guests recognized

Robert's Rules Review- motion has to be made and seconded for any discussion to take place on topic, if no second motion is dropped and forgotten. No motions are needed for treasurer's and secretary reports, those can just be filed. If motion is made and seconded, but no discussion is made go directly to vote always start with "I move that..." Do not respond with "support" or "so moved", only "I second that". Is not required to note who seconds the motion, only that there was a second.

MSU Updates: Upcoming shows are highlighted on the table, includes State Goat Show, June 25, Heartland Show, June 18- birds must be tested before they can be presented at the show.

Looking for ways to promote 4-H in the county and upcoming events to include new members.

Guidelines to use 4-H emblem covered. Tail of clover must go left and must include copyright I.d. This emblem is protected by the USDA- Secretary of Ag. If not used correctly could face $5000 fine for an individual and $10,000. For group and possible jail time. Lisa questioned if local businesses had access to this information so logo was correct on new items produced, Jessica is making sure they have all the info.

MDARD- still no word on bird issues, just encouraging safe bio security measures.

Treasurer's report- no change, $1661.35. Report filed

Secretary's report- filed

Fair 101 Class-

Julie Jines moved to having a small animal association fair 101, motion seconded. Discussed options, what was involved and possible locations. Checking with other associations to see if they would be interested in adding to the event to help new members with sign ups. Thinking first full week of June.

Gift Cards-

Julie Jines moved to provide (3) $50 gift cards for overall showmanship winners. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Julie Jines amended the motion to include the gift cards were from Create It. Seconded. Motion carried.
Motion made by Ande Fisher to send out postcards to previous buyers and trophy sponsors which would include gate entry for two people for the auction. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Tickets will still be provided for kids to provide to prospective buyers.

Ande will contact Chemical Bank to see if they have a credit card machine that could be used the night of the auction that would put the funds directly into our account. Due to new accounting procedures the square is not longer allowed for use. MSU feels it is not safeguarded enough.

Posters for the pheasant projects will be to be available at barn set up.

Pullorum Serum is expired. Ogemaw County Fair would like to share costs of new serum if we order. Lori Bergman says if the serum is 3 yrs past expiration or less she is comfortable using it. Lori will contact Claudia to get the serum and check the date. Update to follow at next meeting.

Per S.A.A. bylaws the President will appoint any replacement member to the board vacated before term. Corey Cuddie has stepped down as vice-president and Denise has spoken with Jeremy Fisher and he has agreed to serve as vice-president for remainder of this year.

Ande spoke with Corey and Ebels was not prepaid for this year. Ande moved to contact Ebels for buyers picnic the night of the auction for 2016 fair. Motion was seconded.

Adam Breault confirmed he would sell at the auction and his wife Carrie would clerk.

Invoice- Fair Board was asked to provide a copy of the invoice for the buyers ribbons purchased in 2015, but Fred was not present. Carrie said she would get the invoice to Jessica tomorrow.

June 23rd rabbit pick up in the Grove from 6-8 pm.

Family Farm and Home, looking at May 24 or 25 for pick up on birds, will send email to confirm.

Ethan and Anastasia are in Country Blend and asked the board to be allowed to participate in the Gladwin County Fair 2016. Lisa Schwager made a motion to allow Ethan and Anastasia to be allowed to participate and show at the 2016 fair. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Jessica asked for ideas on things we would like to learn about. The leaders training on Robert's Rules was successful and would like to know what other things we may like to learn about.

Next Meeting June 2, 7pm. Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.