

11/05/15 Small Animal Association

Meeting was called to order by President Denise Shears at 7pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by young member Vincent Jines.

4-H Pledge was led by young member Zoe Jines.

Several new faces were at the meeting and were to introduce themselves and their groups. Tracy Curtis was representing New Horizons and Lisa Schwager was present representing Gettin Down on the Farm along with Kristi Simrau, Jeremy and Andie Fisher were representing EUTS, Melissa Maxwell was representing Beaverton Buckaroos. New club Camo Kids were welcomed with Jeremy and Corey Cuddie as leaders. Jessica Hufford was present on behalf of MSU.

The executive board, President Denise Shears, Vice President Kim Abbas, Treasurer, Corey Cuddie and Secretary Julie Jines were all present.

The minutes from the previous meeting, Sept 3 were presented and discussed. Corrections included Jeremy Fisher made the motion to accept minutes not Jeremy Cuddie, Lisa Schwager was spelled incorrectly and she wanted it noted that she did contact Pheasants Forever, but not invoice was sent or follow up done to make sure the bill was paid. And there was one correction in the suggested bylaw changes to be officers must attend 5 of 9 meetings, not 6 of 9 as noted. Andie Fisher motioned to accept minutes with corrections. The second was made by Kim Abbas, motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

There is \$2,122.35 in October with one outstanding check for \$500 for the concession stand.

All items from fair are paid in full, at this time, nothing is left outstanding that is known.

Motion made by Andie Fisher to accept report, Melissa Maxwell was second. Motion carried.

There was one correspondence from Carol Hoag, she was disappointed that the photos were landscape not portrait. She had their plaques pre ordered and the photo did not work in for her. She did not like the mix of portrait and landscape photos and she was wondering why we do not do a 5X7 and felt it was troublesome to get additional copies. Everyone was displeased with the length of time it took to get photos back.

It was brought to the board's attention the photographer has some health issues and that is why there was a delay. After much discussion it was determined the board chose the 4X6 as a cost savings measure, the mix of portrait and landscape was due to in the buyer or trophy sponsor was present. If they were not, the photographer did a closer photo of the member. We will ask for landscape only in the future but will remain with the 4X6 size.

Update from Katherine Okert, MSU, be prepared for 2016 and not co-mingling birds again. It is concerned that the flu traveled south with migrant birds and will return to our area, again infecting our flocks. They continue to stress the importance of bio securities, but are encouraging hatches.

Corey presented a thank you note from Noah Haskell from the Midland Fair. We were outbid on his goat, but with the prices the animals were going for, we could not afford to purchase an animal and therefore put out funds towards Noah's goat, raising his price. His card was very thoughtful and personal.

Jessica on behalf of MSU reported- The Fair theme for 2016 is Christmas in July. Three new clubs have been formed, Camo Kids, Krafty Kids and Got Milk? Re-enrollment is due by Dec 1st. She would prefer everyone do it sooner rather than later. Fish Fry date has been moved to Jan 8 from 4-7 and Feb 20th is the tubing party at Snow Snake.

There is a new office manager, Rachel Brewer, Rachel grew up as a 4-H member. Amy is helping as a volunteer to 4-H and Rachel as much as she can.

Fall Awards Banquet was a good event. There were lots of award given including parents of the year to Jeremy and Andie Fisher who were not present at the banquet. They were presented their award at the meeting.

Committees are forming for leaders council and Jessica is hoping more volunteers will come forward to help be more hands on in 4-H.

Old Business=

Changes to Auction Rules

Item #5 should include wording- reading- Small animal record books must be completed for pheasants, broiler, and meat rabbits provided by Small Animal Association.... motion was made by Andie Fisher for the additional wording to be added, second by Jeremy Fisher, motion carried.

Item #10 should read- 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 photos are taken and assist with clean up after the auction. Before leaving they must speak with the barn superintendent. Motion made by Jeremy Cuddie, second by Andie Fisher, motion carried.

Changes in By-Laws

Article V. Meetings #2 All 4-H primary clubs must be represented either by a 4-H leader; parent or a teen representative at 5 of the 9 meetings listed. The county wide meetings, barn set up and fish fry do not count towards these meeting requirements.

Discussion took place on the meeting requirements and Kristi suggested a copy of all bylaws be forwarded to all leaders. It was suggested they be sent certified mail.

Motion to accept wording was made by Corey Cuddie second by Jeremy Fisher. Motion carried.

Project Guidelines

#2 Members will be completely responsible for keeping records, raising, showing, selling and delivery of animals until project is complete. Record books can be entered under and Education entry for the fair after turned into barn superintendent by Wednesday of fair week. Project books are required for animals provided by the Small Animal Association. Motion by Ande Fisher and second by Kim Abbas, motion carried.

Concerns regarding 2015 fair were discussed again. It was decided banning the birds was not an option because they are too small and bans will not allow enough stretch for growth. If birds need to be slaughtered before fair an addendum for procedures was created: Create a committee of members to oversee drop off and transportation of poultry in the event of another poultry ban. Motion made by Jeremy Fisher second by Kim Abbas, motion carried.

Election of officers;

President- nomination made by Andie Fisher second by Kim Abbas for Denise Shears. Nomination made by Denise Shears and seconded by Julie Jines for Corey Cuddie as president. Per silent ballot vote, Denise Shears will remain as president another year.

Vice President-Nomination for Corey Cuddie made by Julie Jines, seconded by Jeremy Fisher. Denise Shears nominated Kim Abbas and Tracy Curtis seconded. Per silent ballot vote, Corey Cuddie was elected Vice President.

Secretary- Nomination was made by Corey Cuddie for Julie Jines to remain secretary, second by Kim Abbas. Andie Fisher nominated Kim Abbas and it was seconded by Denise Shears. Per silent ballot vote Julie Jines will remain secretary.

Treasurer- Nomination was made by Corey Cuddie and seconded by Andie Fisher for Kim Abbas to fill position. Kim Abbas nominated Andie Fisher and it was seconded by Melissa Maxwell. Per silent ballot vote, Andie Fisher became treasurer.

Motion was made to keep Corey on the accounts as a second signer replacing Kay Gawel was made by Melissa Maxwell and seconded by Kim Abbas. Motion carried.

January 7 is the next meeting at 7pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Jeremy Cuddie and seconded by Melissa Maxwell.