

## **Small animal committee meeting**

Sept 11 meeting

Hailey  
Dawn  
Chris  
Delci  
Nicole

Hailey moved to accept minutes and Delci seconded.

Finances were discussed, Hailey moved to accept and file for audit. Dawn seconded.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The workshops are open to large and small animal 4-Hers. There was a discussion whether the workbook day in January should be scheduled because books are no longer mandatory. But after discussion, it was decided to keep doing it. The information in the books is helpful for kids and gives them an opportunity to step out in leadership as they teach others about their animals.

Clinics were also brought up. Everyone agreed to keep having clinics that include the different species at the same time.

### **FAIR OVERVIEW:**

Barn set up during fair went well and the nets built to fit over the poultry pens fit well. There was a tentative plan to make more net toppers for next year.

People loved the setup in the animal petting zoo during the fair. It wasn't set up until after the poultry show and there weren't enough panels, but the short panels that ended up being used worked well. Discussed: More green panels could be used for next year.

There was a discussion about fans and the high heat during fair week and if getting another swamp cooler is needed. Maybe a grant could be used to get another one. That will be looked into.

The Cat show during fair went really well. A new Judge is needed for next year.

There was good feedback on the judge used for the Dog show. Setup was amazing and fast. Show was one hour earlier, and it was really good to beat the heat. The same judge will be asked back for next year.

The Rabbit show went smooth and fast. Desiree judged. The clerks and new speaker worked well.

The number of entries in the Poultry were up and it went really well. Desiree judged and was fantastic.

It was discussed to create a Best of Show poultry and rabbit banner for next year's winners. Chris will reach out to Mid-State signs to ask how soon they need to know what to make. And then at the January workbook day or June meeting, kids can give their input.

It was also brought up to Showcase the winners for dog and cat, cavy and pocket pet shows in the small animal barn during fair week.

The Professional pictures were awesome, and everyone was very happy with them. They ended up costing \$450. The pictures are used for 4-H all through the year to promote 4-H.

Lastly, buying and using a barn leaf blower for the alleys in the small animal barn was brought up before fair. But during fair when one was used, it really blew up the dust. We will discuss and discern if using a board or tarp in the front of the pens to block the chip's from being scratched out would be helpful.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Policy changes

- **Four more classes for meat birds: species specific.** Hailey moved to make a policy change. Delci seconded. Passed.
  - Meat
  - Turkeys
  - Hens
  - Ducks
- **Make chicken broilers a pen of two for market.** Hailey moved to make a policy change. Angie Seconded. Passed.
- **A 4-Her is only allowed to show an animal that has a card filled out (unless prior approval from the small animal committee has taken place). Cards are due, with ID picture, to office by June 1st.** Hailey moved to make a policy change. Dawn seconded. Passed.

### Officers

Dawn moved to keep the officers same. Hailey seconded. Passed.

Winter fair

Nicole will not be running the dog show. There will be no dog show next year. But maybe a June fun show could happen.

Cat and rabbit and poultry show will happen just like previous years.

Putting on a small animal jack pot was discussed.

There was a reminder about a poultry show coming up in October and a jack pot in Billings.

HRC donated brackets for the poultry pens. The nuts and bolts were all donated so they are the same size and new. A thank you card was passed around.

January 11 is the next meeting at noon at First Christian church after the workbook clinic from 9-12 am.

Hailey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58. Dawn seconded. Passed by all.