Small Animal Committee Meeting  
Tuesday September 17, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kayce Workman, Nicole Tholt, Tina Cox, Anna Marie Mack, Penny Uecker, Raya Carlson, Mariah Bass, Emily Standley, Michelle Farley, Chris England, Sarah Kolar, Kendall Teppert, Dawn Ruckman

CALL TO ORDER:  
• The meeting was called to order by the President, Raya at 5:20 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
• Tina moved to approve the minutes and Sarah seconded the motion.

FINANCE REPORT:  
• Emily reported that the small animal committee has $1338.24.

OLD BUSINESS:  
• No old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:  
• Small Animal Policy Changes for 2019-2020  
  o Kayce moved to research and rewrite the policy in the fairbook regarding breeds, weight and age of market poultry and rabbits. Tina seconded. Raya called for a vote and the motion carried.  
  o Nicole moved to update the small animal dress code so it has the same wording as the large animal dress code. “Minimum dress requirements for showing small animal projects: long pants with no holes or fringing, a long-sleeved shirt with a collar, and hard shoes to protect members from being stepped on by their animals. Neat and clean. Official FFA dress is considered appropriate for FFA members.” Penny seconded the motion, and it passed after a vote.

• Activities/Workshops for 2019-2020  
  o It has been suggested that there be a training class for clerks, announcers, and superintendents. This would take place in July after all of clerks, announcers, and superintendents have been selected. This was tabled for the June meeting.  
  o The workbook workshop is scheduled for January 18, 2020 at 9:00 am. Jennifer will check the availability of the Eagles basement and Chris will contact Kaylene and/or Kyle Patton to see if they are available for a poultry demonstration. If they are not available Raya will look into the possibility of a vaccinating and worming demonstration.  
  o Chris reported that Jackie Sutton (2019 rabbit judge) is willing to do a rabbit workshop. She would be available in March. It was also mentioned that the rabbit program is in need of higher tables for showing the rabbits.  
  o Dawn reported that Rae Trevor (2019 dog judge) is willing to do a dog clinic. The dog program is also in need of a small dog table for showmanship, cones, and maintenance/possibly updated agility equipment. Nicole stated the judge chose not to use some of the agility equipment at the fair as it was unsafe. Dog members and parents will be in contact with each other to coordinate dog classes.

• Discussion of Central Montana Fair or Fergus-Petroleum County Fair
• The Extension Office is seeking the small animal committee’s input on closing the fair to only Fergus and Petroleum residents. This discussion has arisen due to Fergus and Petroleum residents not being able to participate in the outlying county’s fairs. Parents from the outlying counties have expressed frustration due to differences in fair rules. The small animal committee would be sad that those families would no longer be able to participate in our fair but we do not feel that it would be detrimental to our programs. The small animal committee will support The Extension Office regardless of their decision.

• Livestock Committee Funds
  • Chris reported that Livestock Committee is open to sharing some of their funds with the small animal committee. When requesting funds they will want to know what the money is for and how much will be needed.

NEXT MEETING: January 18, 2020 following the workbook workshop

ADJOURNMENT: Kayce moved and Penny seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.