

**Small Animal Committee Meeting  
Saturday January 18, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nicole Tholt, Jennifer Saunders, Seena Pond, Kayce Workman, Mariah Bass, Chris England, Cassandra Cox, Tina Cox, Quincy Workman, Raya Carlson, Klara Dunphy

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- The meeting was called to order by the President, Raya at 11:56 am.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

- Not available at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Winter Workshop**-15 kids arrived to work on their small animal workbooks.
- **Winter Fair Rabbit Show**-Chris and Tina have planned the show and it is scheduled for 1-25-2020. Participants will be required to register but they will be allowed to register the day of the show.
- **Fair Book Changes**-The committee would like the fair book to be worded so that non-market animals cannot be sold at the sale. The wording should indicate that only market animals that meet the specified guidelines for breed, age, and weight can be sold. Jennifer also pointed out the importance of the superintendent notifying the judge if an animal does not meet the requirements so that the judge can award the animal a white ribbon. Animals given white ribbons are not allowed into the sale. Chris has the wording used in other fairs and will use it as an example of what we want the fair book to say. She will pass this wording onto Jennifer after the Winter Fair.
- **Superintendent and Clerk Training**-To be scheduled at the June meeting.
- **Small Animal Barn Cooling**-Kayce has researched the cooling systems and determined the Small Animal Barn will be best served with a minimum of 2 or 3 cooling units. Each unit costs \$3800. These units are portable and more units could be added as needed. Options for funds include asking the livestock committee and applying for a grant from the Central Montana Foundation. The CM Foundation accepts applications monthly (due the 10th of each month) and has a monthly limit of \$5000. They would require someone to present the application and explain the need.  
<http://www.centralmontanafoundation.com/permanent-endowmentapplications/cmfg-rant-application.html>

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Spring Showmanship Clinic and Dog Fun Match**-Kacey moved to hold the Dog Fun Match and Spring Showmanship Clinic on June 1, 2020 with the Dog Fun Match at 4:00 and the Showmanship Clinic at 5:30. The location is yet to be determined. Motion carried. Jennifer will check to see if the Eagles full basement is available.
- **Dog Clinics-Quincy** has scheduled the first dog clinic for Jan 28th. She is teaching two clinics a month with one taking place on a Tuesday evening and the other on a Saturday.
- **Fair Superintendents:**
  - Cat/Pocket Pet-Chris and Kayce, Jr Superintendent Joe
  - Dog-Nichole and Dawn, Jr Superintendent Quincy
  - Rabbit-Tina and Chris, Jr Superintendent Cassandra
  - Poultry-Seena and Penny, Jr Superintendent Bailey

- **Suggestions for Fair Judges:**
  - Cat/Pocket Pet 1. Kaylene Patten 2. Becky Deffinbaugh 3. Dick Raths
  - Dog 1. Rae Trevor
  - Rabbit and Poultry Ashley (from Great Falls, judged a couple years ago) and Chris has a list of names
- **Rabbit Clinic and/or Field Trip**-Chris has been in contact with Jackie Sutton. Jackie is willing to do a class and would only want to be reimbursed for fuel. Chris will find out if she wants the state rate for fuel (approx. \$0.51/mile) or if she wants a reimbursement for the actual amount spent on fuel. It is also possible that they could take a trip to see Jacki and visit a farm or show on the way. Chris moved to set up the rabbit clinic. The motion passed.
- **Dog Field Trip**-There was some discussion of taking the dog members to see an AKC Dog Show. There is show in Billings May 9th and 10th and in Great Falls in September.
- Chris moved to allow members a field trip associated with their project. Motion carried. Jennifer pointed out that fuel reimbursement could be requested from the Leaders Education Fund.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 1, 2020 after the showmanship clinic.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Kayce moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.