

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 by Nicole.

In attendance:

Chris England

Delci Plouffe

Gisele Yaeger

Cassie Yaeger

Josiah Plouffe

Hadassah Plouffe

Nicole Tholt

Abbey Wichman

Dawn and Kendall Ruckman

Angie Berger

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Dawn moved to accept the minutes and Angie made a second.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Hailey moved to pass report and Cassie Yaeger seconded.

Old Business

Winter fair is next weekend, January 17-18.

Mid states signs show banners: They were contacted but she was out of the office. It would be \$15-18 for each sign. An alternative option is that Amanda Eike has banners that she made through Amazon, and she could do that for each different show. It's a vinyl banner with grommets. They would be 1x 2 ft and \$17. We discussed if we should reuse the banners each year or if the kids would be able to take the banners home. Hailey moved to do best of show banners that will go home with the kids and Cassie made a second. It was passed.

Leaf blower: Chris purchased a one that can be used during the fair to see if it will work. This idea to purchase one through the small animal committee will be tabled.

Discussion was made about the boarder for the front of the poultry pens to keep the wood chips from spilling into the walkway. Plexiglass is too expensive, and boards might be too wet with ducks. For this next fair, families will be encouraged to bring their own supplies to figure out what works best.

ID Cards: Cards were modified for the small animals. An email will be sent out with the card to see if there are any changes needed. These will be due June 1 and will be policed by Chris and the superintendents will have to be aware of what's happening at the fair and will

bring in Chris if there are any problems that come up. Each 4-Her will take a bird group picture for the ID Card.

New Business

Dog supplies needed: jumps and multiple professional tunnels, and sandbags. The final decision will be made this month (January) and sent to Chris. The old dog equipment will be gone through to see what needs to leave and be passed on. It will be budgeted to be \$2000 to spend on the dog equipment.

Leader's counsel is requiring each committee to submit a budget by February 13.

Buying supplies: It was asked if anything is needed or needs to be fixed? One or two more cage tops are needed to go on the top of the poultry fair cages. \$221 made 4 coverings. We plan to budget \$300 for the other ones that need to be built.

The swamp cooler worked well at the front of the animal barn but is one needed for the middle of the barn? Chris could go to the foundation and ask for more grant funds to get another swamp cooler. Cassie was volunteered to go with Hailey to the meeting to share why it's important to our animal barn.

Staplers, scissors, and zip ties were added to office in the animal barn. Potty pads and wipes still need to be purchased. An extension cord will be added as well.

Spring clinics: Angie and Delci will be helping with the rabbit and chicken clinics. Chris will be working in the animal barn to clean it up more. It can be used at any time if everything is cleaned up after each meeting. The June clinic will be June 16 at 5:30. Kendall will help with the dog clinic. A Knowledge Bowl idea was brought up for the older kids to take on for each of the small animals as something to offer to all small animal kids. This would help them learn about their animals more and help them prepare for fair and round robin. Hailey moved to make a Knowledge Bowl committee which will include Dawn, Kendall, Hailey, Josiah, Virgil. A second was made by Chis. Passed.

Sponsorship and fair prizes: Belt buckles for best of show will be personalized. Angie's kids like the gift certificates from the winter fair. If this was used as a prize for Grand and Reserve Champion, it would be \$20 for reserve and \$30 for Grand Champion. Last year 13 grand and 9 reserve prizes were given out. Prizes will be budgeted at \$1600.

We will all think about ideas and what would be good prize ideas.

It was brought up that better round robin prizes should be chosen than they have been in the past because it's the best of the best and kids work hard to learn how to show all of the animals.

A small animal sponsor board will be made to display in the barn and the sponsor names will be added to the program. It will be budgeted to bring in \$1000 from sponsors to help pay for prizes.

Pictures from fair were great and very appreciated! The price will stay at \$450 for the small animal pictures. Angie moved to hire Amanda again to do the photos at the fair and Cassie made a second. It was passed.

The petting zoo was budgeted to bring in \$150 and the income from the sale of animals in the Animal Auction is set to \$150.

It was moved to approve the budget by Hailey and second by Cassie. Passed. This will be submitted to leader's counsel.

Angie and Delci and Chris will meet together in the coming months to discuss how to help the fair get set up more seamlessly and how to delegate jobs.

Jasper moved to adjourn the meeting and Hailey made a second. Passed. Adjourned.

Next meeting is June 16.