

On Saturday, February 3, 2024, the Small Animal Committee meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Hailey Gallagher.

The members present were:

Hailey Gallagher	Angie Berger
Chris England	Jake Berger
Allison Smith	Ean Berger
Delci Plouffe	Amanda Heartman
Josiah Plouffe	Hadassah Plouffe

The minutes were reviewed and moved to be accepted by Jake and seconded by Ian. The motion was voted on and passed.

There was no new correspondence.

The treasurer's report was discussed, and Jake moved to accept, and Josiah seconded and it was passed.

Announcements

The committee was updated that a staple gun, staples, and scissors were all purchased for the box in the small animal barn for fair use. The tables for showmanship still need to be adjusted for height and a fan is still being investigated. Nicole worked on the signs for the dog show, and they were completed for the Winter Fair. Shelley VanHaur made the sandbags to hold up the signs.

Old Business

The Winter Fair was a success, and the kids had a great time! The workbook day also had quite a few in attendance and it worked well to have some hands-on activities at the poultry table.

The Wood Working Day, which will probably be given another name, will take place on February 17th from 9-12 pm in the small animal barn. Angie had taken the time to price what the project would cost. The wood frames, for placing over the chicken pens during fair, will roughly be \$40-\$50 each. We will start by making 4 of them and see how they work before making more.

A display for a poultry exhibits in the static area at the Trade Center was also another project to put together on February 17th. The supplies for buying the materials and building that would be about \$146.

New Business

The dog show agility equipment is being built now and will be delivered and picked up in June.

The fair prizes were discussed. Some ideas for prizes included: coats, vests, and buckles like last year. Water bottle/tumblers, gift cards, project specific items like cages, leashes, agility course, or back backs. Chris will look into these ideas more and will also look into pricing.

The June spring clinic will take place on June 3rd at 5:30 in the small animal barn. It was discussed that it would be helpful and fun to create a quizzing/game time for the rabbit and poultry kids to better prepare them with knowledge about the animal they are showing at the fair.

It was also discussed that Angie and Delci would help take over the rabbit superintendent position to help setup the clinics, rabbit agility course, where kids place their rabbits during the fair and help with and support the judge if they need anything during the fair.

Angie brought up that it would be a great idea to include a peewee portion after the rabbit and chicken show so that Cloverbuds can feel included and get excited for 4-H projects.

Lastly, Angie also brought up some ideas for the petting zoo and how to include and increase income from that area to support the small animal barn. A photo booth and an egg hunt were some of the ideas brought to our attention.

Amanda Heartman attended this meeting to let us know that she would love to work with the small animal barn and take photos during the show and the market animals after. She would charge \$850 and we will let her know by the end of March if we will utilize her talent during the small animal shows!

The next meeting was scheduled for June 3rd following the small animal clinic.

Ian motioned to adjourn the meeting and Josiah seconded it at 1:10 pm.