

Small Animal Committee Meeting
June 3, 2024

In attendance were:

Hailey
Chris
Delci
Angie
Virgil
Jasper
Cheryl
Nicole
Corey
Joe

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

The Treasurer's report was discussed, and no issues were found.

Old Business

Equipment for the dog agility was discussed. Sandbags were needed to hold the tunnels into place. And a second tunnel and more jumps are needed. The old equipment was sold to Judith Basin County for \$100.

Three netting covers were made and completed for the fair to cover the poultry pens.

Supplying a new fan was discussed. But there is still the work through of finding the best option and size to move the air in the middle of the barn.

The show tables are purchased and here but still need the leg extensions.

New Business

The dog clinic dates have been scheduled.

A previous sponsor has stepped up to generously provide the showmanship jackets and vests.

Prizes for classes were discussed and the kids all gave their ideas and input.

The best of show buckles with personalized name will be given at the awards night in November.

It was discussed to hire Amanda Hartman to take pictures of the small animal show. She is asking \$850 but it was moved by Corey and seconded by Virgil to not exceed \$600. These pictures would then be online and free for members and family to download for personal use.

The petting zoo was discussed, and ideas were brought up to help increase income. Gracie Gill, a past 4-H photography member was mentioned to take pictures with a 10% return to 4-H from the income.

It was also brought up that the animals need more food and water offered daily. And that having a poster made of the rules of safe animal handling would be helpful. It needs to be reinforced that those helping need to be paying attention to the area and giving the best customer service to those who come to visit the animals.

Angie volunteered to oversee the sign-up form for the small animal barn watching. One person is needed for the petting zoo, and one needed for the front of the barn.

For the show, a new speaker is needed. Hailey moved and Jasper seconded to purchase a speaker. It was passed.

It was brought up that Penny Uecker thought it would be a good idea to have a leaf blower for the walkways to help them stay cleaner.

There was discussion about changes being made to books being mandatory for the 4-H year completion.

The next meeting is September 9th (changed to 11th).

Corey moved to adjourn the meeting, and everyone seconded.