

Small Animal Committee Minutes
September 14, 2017

Call to order: Chairperson Jennifer Sager called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Minutes: Sarah moved to table, Rosie second, mc.

Treasurer Report: Current balance \$1948.53, outstanding checks \$810.00, outstanding bills Sandy Lampo 16 Fair Royalty \$178.12, \$32.50. Sarah moved to approve the treasurer report, Jon second, mc. Tami Pister is resigning as Treasurer

Committee Reports

Cats: Fair was awesome

Cavy: No animals lost. Setup worked well. Having the Cavy show right after the rabbit show worked well. For 2018 Sarah and Jon will give Kenzie several recommendations and then she can make the decision.

Dog: Went great, good turnout.

Pocket Pets: Good number of entries and variety.

Poultry: From Brenda best Fair ever.

Rabbits: Like the set up. Everything went well. Did everyone get to see the water wagon?

Rabbit Judging: First workshop on Sunday. State Fair Adams County junior team took First Plate and Adams County placed High Overall County. Five Adams County Rabbit Judging team members will be representing the Colorado State Rabbit Judging Team at the National competition in Indianapolis, Ind. The judging Team has done several fund raisers this year earning money to attend the National completion. Another fund raiser, Bunny Yoga is scheduled for September 18, north end of the exhibit. In November the Judging Team and Purple Circle Dog members will be hosting a craft event.

Rabbit Hopping: First meeting will be the third Monday in October and run through mid-July. For 2018 each meeting will have a set practice to work on. This should help members and animals so they are trained in the event they enter.

Round Robin: Thank you to everyone that help. It went very smooth. Cavy judge critique, judge is not a good fit for round robin. Perhaps a better for as the breed show judge. Dog judge did her own thing. She had two dogs in the ring at a time, went well. After 5 minutes participants should be required to switch dogs. Area and method went very well. Would like to use the same set up next year. Lighting in the contest area for rabbit, poultry and Cavy was not very good. Julia asked about the different colored score sheets. Reason for the different colors is to easily identify the different species. Pastel colors would be better. Rabbit judge had difficulty distinguishing across the lines. Perhaps double spacing would help.

Council Representatives Report: 5K had a good showing, with the sponsorship they should have a profit. There were 44 participants.

Old Business

Fair recap: Early release was super, helped with the traffic flow. After the Micro burst went through Parents and youth were apprehensive about the stability of the tent. There needs to be a plan in place to reassure everyone that someone will come and check the over stability. Security on Sunday, Sunday, when most people were at the awards ceremony, people were coming in and acting very suspicious. This is an opportune time for someone

to come in and remove animals or equipment from the tent. Steve Dehn was there and fortunately realized what was going and he was able to handle security ensuring that nothing was taken.

New Business

Meeting Schedule” Bylaws state first Tuesday of each odd month at 7:30pm: Bylaw revision to first Thursday of each odd month at 6:30. Executive committee will review the by-laws and bring additional changes to the next meeting.

Elections: - to be held in November

All positions are up for reelection – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. Will wait until November.

Premium book changes/corrections:

It was clarified that showmanship is a separate event and animals do not have to be shown in the breed class to participate in showmanship.

Rabbit ID day: Fortunately this year an issue was averted, however for next year anyone tattooing rabbits needs to have the ID paperwork and exhibitors must complete the paperwork at the station where the rabbits are tattooed.

Production Class: Change language regarding ownership deadline of for meat pen, single fry and litter pen doe so that it more clearly states that animals in these classes must be home raised and not purchased.

Shaving: For probably 4 out of the last 5 years shavings for small animals has ran out before Fair is over. Rosie would like it clearly stated that once the shaving are gone the small animal participant must provide their own. Would like this clearly stated in the premium book.

Terry-All Dog Club – Clinic Opportunity: Kenzie will find out more information/details.

Upcoming dates/events

2017-2018 4H Enrollment Opens Oct 16

4H Achievement Banquet: Friday Sept 29, 2017: Morgan will be there.

AG Day” Oct 19th 9:30 – 2 p

Newsletter articles: If submitting articles please submit in a word document.

Livestock/Sale Committee report/updates: no updates at this time.

Adjourn: 7:28 pm

Next meeting: November 2, 2017 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Rosie Scanlon