

**CSU EXTENSION 4-H in El Paso County
Small Animal Advisory Committee
February 25, 2021 Meeting**

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Stacy C. – Chairman
Dana M – Vice Chairman
Alison Ludwig- Secretary
Dawn W – Treasurer
Tara C – Committee Member
Kylie F – Committee Member
Danielle D – Committee Member
Christie Family (Alicia and Brian) – Committee Member
Emily T – 4-H Livestock Extension Agent
Kaleb G – Youth Council Representative
Laura M- Committee Member
Samantha T- Committee Member
Craig D- Committee Member

Guests: Gurdi Kranz

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:34
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: suspended until more info given to Alison.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT- Dawn - see below.

- Kids will still enter rabbits
- Submit a slide show to be shown to the judge.
- Showmanship- if showing, will have to do showmanship
- Special needs- if they want to submit a video instead of a virtual showmanship
- Market rabbits- do premium sale like last year. Had photos last year but she wants kids to do pictures of the market animals and a collage for the market animals.
- Building reserved for Rabbit Rally - usually do a pre-show to get a feel of show
 - Would like to do a collage show but could also do a fun day. Will get with Laura and Kyle
- Round Robin will have a stuffed rabbit
 - Judge Is Katrina Lexel - will get it to Dana
- Emily suggests rally could be more educational- tips on showmanship, nutrition , handling, how to properly handle. Get them excited. Trivia, door prizes and talking about a judging team.
- Dawn- get a rep from feed store to teach rabbit nutrition
- Looking into premiums - need to ask Todd to put on the agenda and get approval for premium and judges still.
- Dawn- market rabbit banners - doing banners again. Need to get to kids so they have the pictures on time
- Sami is still working on weighing market animals
- Tara suggested setting up the rabbit barn with information on rabbits
 - Emily suggested making it similar to a table top demo board- gets kids out to fair still-
- Sam is working on criteria for the plan
- Sam is meeting with Tim and architect about the barn layout. Emily asked about putting cages on the wall. Sam will be working with architect to see how to be creative with setup
Kyle had suggestions swell - she will send a picture to Sam before her meeting

RABBIT JUDGING TEAM- Kyle

- Talked to head of rabbit judging- Rosie. She said there is absolutely no competitions this year.
- Asked a doing a knowledge type thing.
- Several counties have completely opted out for this year
- Still have 4 kids on the team.- would still like to meet and practice. Will do after Rabbit meetings for now
- Wonder if can still do own judging competition - maybe at fair or sometime during the year- can even do at rabbit rally. Maybe host something for other kids also
- ARBA book- new book came out. Order if you need them
 - New Rabbit breed Dwarf Papion
 - Kyle highlighted all the new stuff
 - New body type
- Kylie made a shirt for the kids
- Emily asked Kylie to make up something for the newsletter to get more kids involved

POUTLRY- Dawn

- 1st meeting in person this next Sunday
 - jeopardy and Q&A session - a few new kids that hopefully come
 - 13 kids signed up right now
 - Trivia Tuesday will start up again March/April
 - Started in January doing a breed showcase - showing breeds a month.

- Silhouette cards- shape and disqualification for example
- Round Robin Judge- Jordan Trcka
- Judges for fair- Del Vauling - still working on showmanship judge
- 1FFA member showing Market Ducks
- A lot of kids are getting market turkeys but post office is having a shipping embargo on shipping live birds - so several kids won't get birds until march. One kid was told she wouldn't get hers until June. Working on finding her an alternative. Working to get turkeys to 19lb minimum - working on feed with those kids
- Emily has 3-4 more names for judges - will forward onto Dawn

LLAMA- Stacy and Tara

- Parade canceled - doing own parade for March meeting in Yoder at the Alpaca Farm
- Mr. Larry the judge from Douglas is really excited to have his program grow wanting to see what El Paso has done. He is looking to add to his program. They only have showmanship, a class and round robin.
- KOA where Gabby and Tara work- wanting a petting zoo in a few weeks. Taking a few animals down.
- Packing Kids have fountain May Day

GUINNEA PIGS- Kylie

- Buckle meeting from 1 person
- Meet and greet March 6th - if can get approved
 - 4Hers are welcome with there cavies
 - Possible fundraiser while there
- Barn - are cavies in the mix of being in the barn? Emily will talk to architect about adding them in
- Emily- Judges for cavy- need to get together to see how to do the judging since Cavy is usually the rabbit judge also. May need to divide funds out or have a judge donate time.
 - Emily will set up meeting for Sam and Kylie about fair plan and judges
 - Emily will need to talk to Todd about the funds given for Judges.
 - Emily will see if she can transfer funds from Dog since a judge donated her time.

CATS- Emily

- Might have a leader for Cats. Brand new, not sure what to do.
- Will start some project meetings.
- Aiming to have a show in 2022
- Meeting with her and finding ways to get kids involved- Emily has a meeting with her next week.
- She should start coming to meetings for SACC

DOGS- Alicia and Brian

- Monthly Meeting.
 - 3-5 kids at those meetings
 - Had to move time because of super bowl.
 - Will have 1st Sunday of the month
 - In person dog training 1st weekend in March
 - Working on mock show- can have more people.
 - Alicia will submit for this show.
 - Sabrina is working on a flyer

- Hoping to do more like a show since more kids can be present
- Agility fundraiser had to be changed but still planning to do it
- Working on June show.
 - Working on clinics but don't want to do virtual
 - Emily has had other extension offices asking about June show. Alicia has had it on hold a little- she will look into being able to invite more counties to the show.
 - Emily can work with Alicia to get this all together with a spreadsheet to organize for pre-registration
- Fundraiser- Maybe pictures with animals - still a work in process

POCKET PETS- Danielle

- Working on a Rubric
 - How to score grand champion
 - Meeting coming up

6. REPORTS:

FAIR BOARD LIASON - Alison and Stacy

- Fair theme - Time to Celebrate
- Working on cleaning up the fairgrounds
- Putting in new sidewalks
- Changing station in the mens bathroom
- Fair queen had passed away.
- Dana Buffington introduced herself and has big plans for this year - more to come later

SALES COMMITTEE- Dawn

- Patty has met with Dana
 - Video for sales auction that was used last year.
 - Looking at location change for buyers lunch
 - Doesn't want conflict with whatever show happens during buyers lunch
 - Photographer is set. Candid, backdrops and unlimited downloads.
 - Funds from photographer have been sponsored
 - Working on education programs from kids
 - Thank you notes
 - How to talk to buyers
 - Committee is working on putting some dates together
 - The meat program for the rescue mission - still waiting on contract but the money to pay for that has been secured and sponsored.
 - Calhan Posse is fundraising to help reduce or eliminate the commission from the sale. This year wanting to offset add on commission for this year
 - Stock show auctions - looking to book them again. They don't have to pay the \$2500 flat fee. Only have to pay 1%.
 - E- Check service will be added this year.
 - Will be requiring a credit card before online bidding
 - Usually get a \$500 donation from the 4H foundation it is usually used for the spaghetti dinner. Even post covid not sure that will ever happen again.
 - this year would like to see if youth council would like to pursue this to pay for something maybe ice cream social or help pay for snacks and the dance

EXTENSION AGENT- Emily

- March 6th Maddie Unruh and Emily will be doing a clinic for Animal Science - Structure and Livestock Geared for older kids.
- April 3rd Blow N Go
- April 3rd Horse advisory committee is having an Easter egg hunt Open to all 4hers.
 - Prizes, animals, concessions.
 - \$5 for participants with a max of \$20 a family (if a large family).
 - Will be at Kit Carson 10-12.
 - Horse kids will have horseback egg hunt- have to be in horse project and pass safety test
- MQA- classroom setting
 - April 10th 11-1 at the extension office. Emily will be doing it
 - April 22nd refer to newsletter for the time. At Swink
 - Testing will be an improvement test. Take the test at the begging and the end. Just want to see improvement on the test.
- March clinic on 14th hasn't been decided yet.
- HAC meeting on the 16th will be about how to dress, what to wear for different body styles and on a budget.
- April 22nd Hog tag pickup - see newsletter Kids are required to tag own hogs. Need to have cash also
- May 1st drop off tags and DNA. from 9-11 - see newsletter.
- May 8th - Goat and sheep tag in
- May 15th is beef re-weigh. This is for kids in the rate of gain contest
- May 24th fair entry opens
- June 11th last day for fair entry
- June 16th late fees last day
- June 18th last day for payment
- June 26th - fair cleanup
- June 27th health certificates
- Looking for announcers for the fair- Will have clinics.

YOUTH COUNCIL - Kaleb

- SQA is holding a shooting sports Saturday and Sunday
- Clothing drive from Feb 19-March 6. Drop off box and Extension Office and Swink Hall
- LDC will be virtual Richard Brinkman and Tyme Neihmeier
- New communications platform so easier to get information

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Fundraising committee and educational events- Emily is asking for the following
 - Offering things for kids to participate in - educational
 - Let Emily know what you are doing so you can get more involvement.
 - Would like to get them in the newsletter. - plan a month ahead
 - Want to excite the kids
 - Not sure is SACC needs any fundraising - but would love check them out more
- Buckles
 - Needs someone to be in charge of picking out the buckles and awards.

- Dawn will be the point head.
- If not doing buckles please let know that also
- Llama will send her buckle choices
- Buckles;
 - 7 llama buckles 3 for showmanship, 4 other special awards on the buckles- still deciding on the design
 - Rabbit - 3 buckles. 1 sponsored so far. And then travel trophy for best in show and award reserve best in show
 - Cavy- 3 for showmanship and then has ideas for show
 - Dog- doesn't do buckles does awards for grand and reserve.
 - Poultry 3 for showmanship and does an award for best bird in show
 - Round Robin 6 buckles- all hers are paid for
 - Need all funds for buckles April 1st
 - Next meeting falls during spring break. - change meeting
- Dawn brought of Plan for Rabbit and Poultry in place of rain of gain they do for large animal
 - LAC is in the premium book for sheep, goat and beef
 - Swine has a trifecta score - they will get approval from LAC
 - Need to get something written up for approval for April 1st meeting for approval and then submit to sales committee.
 - Will need to go into the premium book.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS;

10. ADJOURN: 8:15 Next meeting will be April 1st, 6:30 at the extension office