



**EI PASO COUNTY 4-H
SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Date: February 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm
Location: Akers Building**



Call to Order at 6:34PM by Kylie

Attendance:

- Jason Boynton
- Melinda Johnson
- Samantha Taylor
- Stacy Cantu
- Gerty Kranz
- Danielle Dungan
- Dawn Wheeler
- Emily Tobler
- Cassandra Rodriguez
- Renee Sasse
- Laura Mayo

Approval of Minutes: Dawn Motioned to accept, Sam 2nd.

Reports:

Treasure Report – Dawn Wheeler
CSU Extension Office – Emily Tobler

- Please read the February Newsletter
- Premium books were updated and approved. Make sure 4-H members know and understand the changes for the projects.
- February 21st-25th Charity and Emily will be out of the office
- March 21st-25th Charity and Emily will be out of the office again
- Beef tag in coming up this weekend.
- Boots in the Park fundraiser the first weekend in March.
- County Contest is the 23rd of April.
- Judges and Ribbons. Meeting tomorrow to go over budget for judges and ribbons to work on budget. Email shortly for judges we would like to start getting that situated.

Public Comments- none

Species Report

- Dawn- Only one El Paso county child went to Small Stock and placed 4th in show, Connor McCoy. Last meeting was all on diseases, matched pictures of diseased chickens with disease description. Chicken People video to show clips in the next meeting.
- Sam- Rabbits does not have anything coming up in the current month.
- Stacy- We have twenty children in the project; 8 juniors, 4 intermediates, 8 seniors. We only need eight stalls currently at fair.
- Alicia (represented by Jason) - Starting next week. Make sure they are on the Facebook page because the introduction videos are on there.
- Danielle- Nothing
- Kylie- Hoping to get once a month meeting for Guinea pigs meeting the fourth Thursday every month

Unfinished Business:

Small Animal Pet Supplies Swap/Bootcamp

- May 1st is the closest date we can use the fairgrounds
 - Start at 9am, maybe 3hrs
- MQA bring the trailer out the same day (5/1), \$3 dollars
 - MQA on one side and small animal on the other side
 - Free option- April 7th extension office in the classroom @6pm
 - Not offering online option this year
- Need adult volunteers and older youth
- Make and take & Educational Component for stations (30-45 minutes per each, offer multiple sessions)

Fairgrounds on June 12th for Master Showman Clinic

- Supers are going to need to run the shows
- Supers think about animals to bring there
- We can do a registration early on
- All day to do small animal, livestock, & buyers clinic (2 to 2 & ½ hours for each)

Pet Expo May 7th

- Emily has emailed twice with no response
- In the past we have had to vote on paying for the booth

Specialty round Robbin

- Livestock needs to get one sponsored belt buckle
- Small animal needs to get two sponsored belt buckles
- Horse needs to get three sponsored belt buckles

New Business:

Master Showman Judging

- Meeting in March for Master Showman to deal with differences between judges. Take a test prior to Master Showman and judges would not ask questions during Round Robbin.
- Put study guides in fair packets.
- New rubric for judges to strengthen conformity
- Test prior to Master Show, having 2-3 questions per species prior to show. It will be tie breaker to showing.
- Doing it prior to Master Shows, on Thursday after Beef Show
- Graduated tests per junior, intermediate, senior

Guinea Pig tag pliers to be able to tag cavy for fair. Renee motioned to approve purchase, Gerty 2nd.

Announcements:

- Poultry needs laminated index cards

Next Meeting: 3/14/2022 @ 6:30PM Akers Building
Meeting Adjourned 7:36PM