



**EI PASO COUNTY 4-H  
SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Date: March 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm  
Location: Akers Building**



Call to Order at 6:36 by Kylie.

**Attendance:**

- Melinda Johnson
- Danielle Dungan
- Emily Tobler
- Cassandra Rodriguez
- Stacy Cantu
- Dawn Wheeler
- Kylie Farr
- Rachel Boynton

\*\*\*Approval of Minutes: Dawn approve as corrected, Rachel seconded.

**Reports:**

Treasure Report – Dawn Wheeler

- Deposit buckle money and creation station concessions
- Stacy moved that we use the undeclared buckle money to specialty, Danielle second.
- Need rabbit, cavy, and specialty buckles.

CSU Extension Office – Emily Tobler

- March 12<sup>th</sup> - Cattle Walking
- March 17<sup>th</sup> - Swine Clinic
- March 25<sup>th</sup> - 4-H Easter Egg Hunt @ Kit Carson
- April 1<sup>st</sup> - Beef Blow and Glow
- April 5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> - MQA
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - New Volunteer training @ Extension Office at 6:00PM
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - Sheep Workshop @6:30
- April 11-13<sup>th</sup> - Emily will be at a professional Development conference
- April 15<sup>th</sup> - Mock Dog Show
- District Retreat for older seniors for leadership –Emily is comfortable driving up to 5 children if needed
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> - County Contest
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Officer Treasure Book Check-in
- Rocketry Leaders coming back – looking for interest in training new leaders to take over
- Need robotics leaders as well

Public Comments- none

Species Report

- Kylie- Cavy had first meeting at the library. We have our next meeting coming up on the 17<sup>th</sup> and we are trying to get together to plan ice skating. Rabbit- ARBA show on the 25<sup>th</sup> and we need help on the 24<sup>th</sup> to set up if there is anyone that would like to help volunteer.
- Dawn- Sales committee-Final review of sale rule went out. This year, all grand and reserve champions will sell. If you win grand or reserve you can sell one extra animal of any species. Next year, all grand and reserve champions will sell. If you win grand and reserve in any species, that will max the member out. P4HO (Protein for Helping Others) did the buy back last year; they are looking at potentially doing goats and lambs this year. March 11<sup>th</sup> is Boots in the Park, sale committee is providing napkins and cozies. Poultry- Avian influenza, every state except Hawaii has had a positive test, 58.6 million have been impacted. Last detection in CO is Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> in a backyard flock. Eight other detections between wild birds and mammals. March 15<sup>th</sup>- Avian Influenza Webinar. Updated guidelines for shows- Up to local event organizers based on recent detections. Event should have biosecurity protocols and birds should be monitored closely. If any illness is detected it should be reported to proper authorities. Next meeting will be with breed identification. April 15<sup>th</sup> Poultry show and April 16<sup>th</sup> is an auction in Kingsburg.
- Sam (abs)-
- Stacy-Llama and alpaca our meeting will be PR for the parade. Staging number is 58, staging is at 11AM. Straw bales secured through Big R. Stephanie and Melinda are having zoom meetings on Sunday nights for species knowledge.
- Melinda-Nothing
- Danielle- We have a meeting this Saturday. Still looking for a judge.
- Rachel- Cats had first meeting. Set some goals for community service since we are not participating in show this year. Spur does live spay and neuter clinic. Dogs- Started all our classes. Moving agility to under the sun for fair. Mock show April 15<sup>th</sup> and the Dog show Father's day weekend.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Need Judges – Please work on judges so that we can get contracts secured.
- Small Animal Creation Station-
  - Blindfolded course ice breaker was a hit
  - It would be good for this to be annual
  - There was lots of interest and people there
  - Set concession prices as a committee for next year
  - Outlets would need to be looked at for pocket pet heaters/lamps

### **New Business:**

- Present designs of belt buckles and finish sponsorships
- Moving meeting to April 19<sup>th</sup> because Emily will be at conference. Either in person on the 19<sup>th</sup> or zoom on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Dawn motioned to forgo the meeting in April, Kylie second.
- Rabbit and Cavy cages for county fair- need a plan on how we are caging the rabbits for fair. Need to know where they are being stored throughout the year, how much space rabbits will have.

- Ideas for fall programming-
  - Possibly early November
  - Orientation night at the extension office

**Announcements:**

- none

Next Meeting: 5/10/23

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 PM