

## Small Animal Committee Minutes

Sept. 2, 2021

- **Call to order** – Chairperson Jennifer Sager called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
- **Attendees**: Julia Hurdlebrink, Chris Uhing, Jennifer & Mike Sager, Jon Barba, Teresa Kirkham, Deneay Thompson, Christina Seeley, Angela Rosell, Val Skidmore, Tara Marr, Julia Henrich and Rosie Scanlon
- **Introduction of new attendees**
- **Secretary's Report** Mike moved to table the approval of minutes until the next meeting, Jon second, mc.
  - Correspondence - none
- **Treasurer Report**
- Balance: \$2518.16
- Deposits/bills to present? No deposits or bills
- Jon moved to accept the treasurer report, Mike second, mc.
- **Committee Reports:**
- Council Representatives Report – haven't had a meeting yet.
- Rabbit Judging: pretty quite, nothing going on yet.
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- **Old Business**

### 2021 Fair Review

(is there anything we can take away from another odd year to apply towards future "normal" Fairs?)

- Cats: Went well – low numbers
- Cavy: Show went well. Numbers were very low. Decrease in numbers for the second year in a row. The animals were nice. More and more kids getting out of Cavies. It is understood that Cavies can be a gateway to other projects. Goal for the upcoming year is to focus on younger kids. With no ARBA shows there has been a lost connection for new members. Jon & Sarah will remain Cavy superintendents.
- Dogs: Kiddos were energetic and had lots of fun. Judges were amazing. Numbers were low. Perhaps partially due to the late start of training workshops. Classes started late because they were held outside. For the upcoming 4-H year Jennifer is going to do County wide training classes.
- Pocket Pets: Went well – low numbers
- Poultry: Jennifer had a blast judging the Dress-A-Poultry. She learned a lot. Number of exhibitors and entries was good. Lots of new faces. Show went well. Had the most volunteers ever to help with setup. There were many new juniors from Urban Farm. They were excited, amazing and enthusiastic. Superintends need to support Urban Farm Programs.
- Rabbits: Numbers were low. For the members that participated in the Member's Choice poster class they had a good time and enjoyed the class. Would like to use this Poster as part of the premier exhibitor score.
- Rabbit Hopping: Need a new leader.
- Awards: Appreciate that the extension staff is trying to equalize the awards. It's not about the buckles. Need to reach out to the Supers "this is what we are thinking, could we get your input." What are we trying acknowledge? There was some inconstancy in the awards this year and the kids noticed. If anyone can think of any awards please let extension know.
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- **New Business**
- November Elections - positions at end of term coming up for election: All – (1 year terms)
- Douglas County Record Book Judges: Should have the record books by September 9 and need to be returned by September 24. Volunteers: Barba's, Christina Seeley, Jennifer, Tara Marr, Teresa Kirkham, Angela, and Rosie.
- Fall/Winter workshops: Chris shared a spreadsheet that has members input and suggestions for workshops.

- Superintendent updates for future meetings
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- **Upcoming dates/events**
  - Animal Record Books due tomorrow, 9/3 by 4pm
  - Achievement in the Park (including Fair awards) – tentatively Oct. 9, 2021
- Programs Committee (includes Fair Awards) coming in October
- Newsletter articles
- Adjourn –7:09
- Next meeting – 11/4/21 @ 6:30\_\_\_\_\_