

The small animal committee meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Nicole Tholt.

The members present were:

Allison Smith	Maggie Barth
Chris England	Nicole Tholt
Hailey Gallagher	Josiah Plouffe
Hadassah Plouffe	Delci Plouffe
Angie Berger	

The minutes were reviewed and moved to be accepted by Maggie and seconded by Hailey. The motion was voted on and passed.

There was no new correspondence.

The treasures report was read by Nicole. It was moved to be accepted and filed for audit by Josiah, seconded by Maggie and passed.

### **Announcements**

The Winter Fair is taking place on January 26 through 28, 2024. There will be a rabbit, dog, cat, and poultry show and is open to all ages. There will be a practice for agility at some point before the Winter Fair.

The jackets for showmanship and grand champion came in and look fantastic. The kids who have picked them up already are thoroughly enjoying them.

The dog rally signs were purchased, and some staplers and pliers were purchased as well.

There was no old business.

Moving on to new business the committee reviewed three policy changes.

**The first policy change was about having four month to 1 year old lots of two laying hens that can be entered into the market auction.** This was moved by Hailey and Josiah seconded it and it was passed.

**The second policy was about fair attire.** It was moved by Maggie and seconded by Hailey and passed that **if a 4-H contestant is not in fair show attire, as prescribed in the fair book, they will not be allowed to enter the show ring.**

**The third policy change** was moved by Hailey, seconded by Josiah and passed **to have the small animal barn tear down be at 1:00 PM on the last Saturday of the fair.**

There was discussion about wood frames being built to secure the netting for the poultry to easily cover the pens. The old Horizon Vet clinic can be a place to work and build those coverings and it was suggested that the woodworking kids could help and participate in building them.

There also was a donor for dog agility equipment. \$1500 was donated and a company will triple match that total. There is now a total of \$6000 to upgrade equipment. An A-frame and doggy walk is being looked at from a man in Idaho who makes them for \$1900 each and it is made of light material. Nicole will take on this project and will communicate about her decisions in what is purchased and for how much.

A workbook day is scheduled on January 13th for both the small animal and large animal projects. It will be at 9:00 AM at First Christian Church. It was suggested by Angie to do more hands on projects for the activities and pages. For instance, bring eggs to look at the different parts by cracking them open and discussing how an egg is put together so the kids can complete that project with more visual aids and help. And feathers can be collected and brought in as well for more visual stimulation as the kids work through their workbooks.

It was also suggested to add into that day at the very beginning an introduction and welcome to all the families that make it to that workbook day. And be clearer on what's happening during the workbook time and which table is for what project and to direct the kids to where they need to be and what they should be doing.

Hailey will be at the cat table, Angie and the Plouffes will be at the poultry table, Hailey will help at the rabbit table, Chris will help at the pocket pet table and Maggie will help with the dog table.

The next meeting will be January 13th after the workbook day at 11 AM. It was suggested to make it clear to all the families that there is a small animal committee meeting after the workbook time and to let families know that they are welcome to come and to learn about how the committees work and that their input is important.

Josiah motioned to adjourn the meeting and Hadassah seconded it at 6:50 PM.