### SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

# February 27, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. Members present – Audrey Greer (Country Blend); Carol Hoag (EUTS); Gwen Tweed (Farm Central): Fred Shaver (New Horizons: and Fair Board) Melissa Preston – MSU Extension Office

Pledges recited.

Treasurer's report:

Outstanding Bills to be paid: None

Correspondence: None

## MSU Extension Report:

- 1. Embryology Program is looking good to go. Melissa is looking for three egg chandlers for the project.
- 2. MSU goat expo is coming up in April. There will be a quiz bowl and lots of educational opportunities for the kids.
- 3. The farm show is March 24<sup>th</sup> MSU extension is going to be there promoting the embryology program

Fair Board Report: Fred came and thanked the small animal committee for helping establish poultry and small animal rules and working with the fair board on that matter. He has also stated that horse youth will need to purchase insurance from the fair board to show at the fair. Fair has also eliminated several small animal programs that include cavy/pocket pet animals

#### Old Business:

Rules were changed for the small animal 4-H program regarding donations of the animals and where looked over. Changes need to be made to several areas to better reflect what the small animal committee hopes to achieve before they can be released for youth to start signing up.

### **New Business:**

Gwen has started a program with animals at the local nursing home she is encouraging youth to come and participate in the assisted living facility. Gwen will be keeping us up to date on the program moving forward

Gwen is hosting a rabbit show March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Beaverton community center for youth of all ages. She is in need of a judge at this time. Carol suggested paying for the judge as a contribution Audrey seconded motion carried

Next meeting is March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.