

SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 7th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Denise Shears (EUTS) Carol Hoag (EUTS): Gwen Tweed (Farm Central): Audrey Greer (County Blend): Alison Greer (Country Blend): Jeremy & Amy Fisher (GDOTF)

Pledges recited.

Treasurer's report:

Outstanding Bills to be paid: None

Correspondence: None

MSU Extension Report:

- Fair wrapped up, picture and checks will be in soon. Email will be sent when they become available.
- Issues with the livestock sale will delay checks
- Began planning for new program year. Please come with new ideas for program wants.

Fair Board Report: No One Present

Old Business:

- Fair issue with rabbits caused some concerns. 2 youth missed showing their rabbits that were given to them by the animal committee. Those members were sent letters on not participating in that project for the 2017-2018 program year. They did choose to forfeit their remaining rabbits to the small animal committee as they did not want to privately sell them as that was another option.
- Rabbits need to have frozen water bottles in their pens at all times this needs to be monitored next year. The state vet cleared this practice as a league (see Email). We had rabbits have heat issues this year and one died directly as a result of overheating. We need to educate members on heat safety for animals.

New Business:

- Discussion of losing the auction. The fair has decided to vote on taking over running the auction. This would mean we would no longer be responsible and that also means our rules for projects will need to change as I know more I will let you know please keep this in mind

Next meeting is January 29th 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.