

Small Animal Minutes

March 16, 2010

Present: Kerri , Malissa , and Christy, of Honey Bunnies.

QUIZ BOWL: Christy and Malissa will submit more questions to Candi. They will get those out ASAP.

SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING CONTEST/SHOW: Poultry project will supply two classes. One will be eggs, the other to be determined. Christy can take oral reasons, but requested to not have her girls specifically. Kerri will judge the poultry.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REP: This group meets in the odd months of the year, one time per month. An adult and youth member are requested to represent small animals. Kerri asked if this group could be moved to meet during the even months possibly. These positions are decision making positions and will determine the path of the Deschutes County 4-H program in the coming year(s). It needs to be someone who is dependable and will make a commitment for it, attending approximately 6 meetings a year. Kathy O'Neal's name was mentioned as a potential adult member, with her then considered a Resource Leader in Deschutes County. 4-H Alumni would also be considered as good candidates. There needs to be a youth currently involved in a small animal project as well. Anyone willing to volunteer is encouraged to contact Candi as soon as possible.

AUCTION: The rabbits/poultry will sell in the sheep auction ring at the 2010 fair.

FAIR: Fair will run through Sunday, August 1 until 5 pm. No exhibits are to be taken down, or animals released prior to 5 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS. Attendance at the next meeting on May 4 is highly recommended as this will be the pre-fair meeting, in lieu of the one in June.

OTHER: All information for 4-H is posted on the website, as well as some is duplicated in the OTC and sent via email messages. It was discussed that there seem to be issues with leaders receiving the information from one location consistently and in a timely manner. The website is difficult to navigate through to find what you are looking for, and links don't always bring up the requested information. It was also felt that the upcoming banquet fundraising event on March 20 was set on a difficult weekend for attendance due to spring break and it was cost prohibitive (\$35 per plate) for most families. 2 of the 3 in attendance at this meeting only received one email regarding the event, and it came as an invitation from Ralph/Dee McNulty. No other emails were received. There was also some discussion regarding getting the small animal folks together at these meetings as it is very difficult to make plans for events such as the quiz bowl, and judging contests when there are not all parties represented.