

Small Animal Meeting Minutes

Project Advisory Meeting
September 14, 2010

Note taker: Malissa Banton

Present: Malissa Banton Shylo Walker Gatlin Cyrus Rebecca Cyrus
 Kerri Green Sonya Lee Peggy Crisp Carey Silbaugh
 Debbie Nster?(couldn't read the last name)

Fair Debrief:

- Make sure fair information is available in MANY places, regarding Barn Set up, pre-fair meetings, etc. (on website, in OTC, email to leaders, etc.)
- Barn looked excellent, many positive comments made to leaders/supts.
- Rabbit agility/jumping on Friday night is a big hit.
- Small Animal Barn set up will always be the Saturday prior to fair @ 1:00 pm.
- Put a link to the Redmond FFA Alumni Add On list in the Clover and on Website to make sure recipients know WHO added on to their auction checks for thank you notes.
- **Give out Herdsmanship ribbons in respective barns, not at the Award Ceremony.** Takes too long to give to each of the kids in each club, and could cut down the time at the ceremony. People aren't really aware of each club in other project areas and it's more "prestigious" for those clubs involved in their own barns.
- Auction BBQ: need to seat folks out of the sun, in larger area, for better customer service. Location of auction good for small animals at sheep barn.

Awards:

- Poultry only has 8 awards. Would like to keep all of them.
- Rabbit Supts will take a look at their awards and bring a list of those they have participation in and want to keep to the next advisory meeting.
- Rabbit project didn't like \$\$ being handed out.... Too much being given to winners: trophies AND \$\$.
- Gatlin liked his trophy award. Said it meant a lot to him and will be a visible reminder of his accomplishment for years to come.
- Group talked about cycling award types every 3 years or so: trophies, chairs, luggage, etc.
- Group wanted awards to continue. Do not take these away. Poultry especially is a small project area and not many awards as larger project areas.

General :

- Communication is an issue. New leaders are not sure where to locate the bulk of accurate information. Feel some information coming from the office (via telephone) is not correct.

- New leaders need mentors assigned or briefing prior to fair on procedures, etc. Feeling unsure of expectations and general information for fair.
- Website is not user friendly. Over the Clover is the trusted info source.
- **Need another scale purchased** for pre-fair and fair weigh in for market animals. One designated for poultry and one for rabbit. The same scale will be used on each weigh in date for each project area. Each scale needs to be checked for accuracy with a pre-weighed item prior to animals being weighed. Superintendants will make recommendations to Candi in time for delivery prior to pre-fair weigh in in July.
- Weigh in date: July 5. **Time needs changed to 4-6 pm.** Exhibitor Handbook addition?
- **Executive Committee designees: Adult: Shylo Walker Youth: Kraelyn Walker**
- Would like to do **Quiz Bowl on April 9**, separate from Livestock quiz bowl.
- Small Animal Judging Contest/Show on April 9.
- Bring Quiz Bowl down to Small Animal Judging Contest/Show, and do it all on the same day. Youth are not required to do all events.
- **Made addition to Herdmanship Judging form:** Youth demonstrating or presenting to general public in project area.

Exhibitor Handbook changes: (More to come re: awards at next meeting).

- Barn meeting for small animal barn will be held on Tuesday, following animal bring in at 12:00 noon. All leaders/club members are urged to attend. **NEW TIME** (Exhibitor Handbook change)
- Market Rabbit Judging: 9:00 am, Wednesday of Fair **NEW TIME** (Exhibitor Handbook change)
- Cavy Showmanship: 9:00 am, Wednesday of Fair **NEW TIME** (Exhibitor Handbook change)
- Rabbit Showmanship: 9:00 am, Wednesday of Fair **NEW TIME** (Exhibitor Handbook change)
- Small Animal Barn Meetings: will be held every morning @ 8:00 am (Exhibitor Handbook addition)
- Members are responsible for caring/feeding their own animals. Parents and Leaders are not to care/feed animals at any time during fair. This includes when barn is not accessible to public. (Exhibitor Handbook addition in Rabbit project area)
- **#8 and #10 in Poultry project area needs updated with new coop out time of 5:00 pm** where it reads 4:30 pm. (Exhibitor Handbook change)
- Made separate line item regarding cages removed/remaining in barn. Split out from #10 in Poultry project exhibitor handbook area. **ADD: no cages are to be stored under exhibition racks.** (Exhibitor Handbook addition)