



**WSU Spokane County
Small Animal Meeting Minutes:
January 14, 2019 6-8pm**

- Welcome
- Flag Salute
- 4-H Pledge
- Introductions
- Introduction of our State Ambassador and Small Animal 4-H member: Ainsley Carpenter
- Financial Report- Treasurer \$1,263.38 in Banner Bank (we have money to plan some events such as a Super Saturday, clinics, awards, etc.)
- General Committee Report
 - Record Books-Stacey Carpenter, Taya Hardenbrook and Tanya Reedy

Stacey Carpenter talked about record books. She informed everyone how to locate record books. The state record book is basic. There are 3 apps that you can download for record books (for the older kids). Kids not allowed screen time they can print and handwrite. Be tuned into your population and do what works for your club and 4-H members. Taya is working on updating a rabbit record book she is using from Cornell. In a record book, you keep track of food, cost, etc. Taya says record books will be required for Spokane Interstate Fair by 2020 in the rabbit barn. We can set up policy that all youth showing rabbits will be required to have a record book in Spokane County and to make it state. Gina and Janet Edwards are a good resource. Would you like to start a committee to work on record books for small animal? Jennifer will set up a special meeting for those interested in record books. Stacey mentioned that swine's youth had to fill out an animal health record and then judges didn't want it. Rabbits can show at 5 years old.
 - Dogs
 - Guest Presentation: Dorothy Benson and Northwest Battle Buddies

Dorothy gave a 10-minute presentation about this great organization for the veterans. English Lab and English Retriever; Northwest Battle Buddies on Facebook Also Leaders can talk to Benton Franklin County 4-H work doing dogs for the blind.
 - FAFB-Jennifer is checking into starting a Dog Club for youth who live on the Base.
 - Fido Fete (June)
 - Partnership with SCRAPS – Diana Robert
 - Clinic
 - Ideas: conformation, obedience,
 - Lewiston Dog Show: clinic first night; \$5 first night; CdA has a great program, Theresa
 - To revive the dog program: we can try and get involved in shows local. We will need to put on our own state qualifying shows. But we need to set up a committee. Ad Hock committee: Tricia B, Julie C, Tanya R, Valerie Caldwell, Brenda Hoyer,
 - Club to Host
 - Trainer/location
 - Cost



- Other

- Rabbits
 - Northwest Pet Expo, March 30, 2019, Interest? Concern about safety of animals and youth. Taya is willing to perform to get a free booth. Older kids doing a clinic. Jennifer Fees called the contact for NWPE and didn't get a response.
 - Fair requirements for Premiums- Taya Hardenbrook (discussed above)
 - Clinics
 - Ideas: Summer fitting and showing. Picture of ARBA information: ARBA.net
 - Locations: here
 - Cost: free
 - Other
- Spokane Interstate Fair September Market Small Animals (Rabbit and Poultry): Kelsey Voss spoke to this. She feels all 4-H youth should be able to sell their healthy market animals. Taya feels that all small animal market animals should be involved in the Fair booster club. It is recommended that parents attend the meeting: Kelsey Voss would like someone to go with her to the booster meeting. maybe add some SAs. Buyer fatigue after all large animals have sold can be a problem. It rotates on which animal is sold first, 2nd, last. Fair/Market Sale is organized through boosters. Taya doesn't have control of the decisions. Gentle, consistent, persistent towards the booster committee and stick with it.
 - Quality Assurance: It will be required by all market animals and their products. This will be required by 4-H. Vaccination, humane treatment and proper feed are a part of QA. Paul Kuber is willing to do the training.
- Theresa Balderrama, U of I, (Pend Oreille County?) is a good contact for our Dog program and questions.
- Market Animal Clinic in the summer.
- Other? Cloverbuds: Super Saturday for younger kids.
- We are doing a Cloverbud Campaign to encourage Cloverbud involvement.
- Sub Committees:
 - Dog: Who would like to join this subcommittee? Let Jennifer Fees know and she will help you organize it.
 - Rabbit/Poultry: Who would like to be on this subcommittee? Let Jennifer Fees know and she and Taya will help organize it.
- Jennifer will do a doodle poll for next Small Animal Meeting.
- Adjourn

Respectfully lead and submitted by Jennifer Fees