Meeting called to order by President Bob Buxton

Pledges were led by Brad Richards and Karin Moran

Minutes for the 8-24-2023 meeting were available to all - Missy Kinzel moved to approve with Karin Moran second - motion passed

Treasurer report available to all - filed for audit

Committee Reports

<u>Beef</u> discussion about 2023 stalling - positive comments

<u>Swine</u> fair review - 1 judge was well received - 2 rings went well to keep show moving - communication in barn needs to improve - New Rep has stepped up for 2024

<u>Dairy</u> Show went well - possibly only will need 1 Junior Fair Board Member in the future as with the open show going on at the same time lots of help is available

<u>Poultry</u> Penning worked out - large show went better than anticipated, however need to move start time up - weigh in started early and that helped - need to limit how many people go with youth to weigh in birds - very crowded - huge donation of shavings this year helped greatly with clean pens and odor

10 in underweight - 20 in overweight

Small Animal

Goat Phase 1 was finished by fair - thank you to all for the help / Phase 2 will be starting in 2024 - communication in barn needs improvement - fairboard announced that upgrading of wiring and PA is a goal for next year at the estimated cost of 30-35,000

Special Interest

<u>Public Speaking</u> Darcy Miller has joined the committee, Karin Moran and Annalee Smith discussed with committee possible ideas to increase participation in the program

Sheep

<u>Horse</u> - show went well, a few things being discussed to improve the flow of the show - possibly moving the sheep show which would help with the large down time this year of the show

<u>Food Stand</u> over \$26,000 deposited - GREAT year! Donations were a huge part of the success 80-90% club participation - leftovers were sold or donated - final numbers are not available yet

Rabbits

<u>Cloverbuds</u> the drop off prior went well - recommend Club Name and Members be in an 8x10 frame for next year

Llama show went very well

<u>Junior Leaders</u> September trip to the zoo was canceled due to lack of interest, October meeting was working the food stand, November 6 meeting will be making tie blankets for youth in foster care and will be at the Extension Office

OLD BUSINESS

Fair review

Stock the Trailer brought in 3540 pounds - no announcement on placing as of yet Saturday attendance was HUGE

Discussion about the one way drop off and parking

Poultry processing went well 96 birds were done on Friday

Advisor / Member pins - discussion - Karin Moran moved to offer options to the advisors for pins - Carolee second the motion - motion passed

Celebration of Youth - Bob Buxton attended it was very nice - strongly encourage others to attend in the future

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Magic in Lights will be held again this year - all clubs are invited to display - if you are in the parade the Fairboard is offering to let you store it on grounds- registration forms available

Skillathon recognition - discussion about recognizing the top youth in each age group per species was discussed - will do some research and present again

The Extension is being restructured - not sure this will impact anything or anyone locally

Stacey Seitz moved and Carolee Bookless second to adjourn the meeting Reminder of the sub committee meetings coming up 2024 Meeting schedule was given on the agenda