

Huron County Small Livestock Association September 2026 – Secretary Minutes

Date: Monday, September 14, 2026

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Huron County Merchant Building

Officer Conducting: Al Kuhn

Attendance: 72

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of Monday, May 4, 2026, were presented by Samantha Bismack. The minutes were approved by Vickie Yackle and seconded by Katie Volmering. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Samantha Bismack and shows a total balance of \$41,573.77 in the account. General Account \$33,778.46, Scholarship Fund \$7,347.00, and Barn Account \$448.31. Treasurer's report was approved by Sheila Grifka and seconded by Shannon Bowman. Motion carried.

Fair Board Reports:

Gary Protzman gave a Fair Board update.

Gary reported it was a good year, even though final numbers are not available yet. Carnival company will remain the same for 2027. Time of Fair will go back to normal for 2027; it will be the first week of August with dates being 7/31/27 (Saturday check-in) through 8/7/27. JLA liked Saturday check-in. Pictures will once again be on Sunday. Shows will be the same. JLA Sweepstakes will be on Thursday with the JLA sale back to Friday.

Gary reported that after 21 years of being on the Fair Board, he is retiring in November 2026. A round of applause was given for him.

4-H Report:

No one from 4-H was present to report. However, a couple of reminders: 4-H sign-up renewal is happening right now with the deadline being 12/01/2026. New members have until June 2027 to register.

JLA Report:

None. See Fair Board report above.

Species and Committee Reports:**Fundraisers-Goat Plop Raffle-Halloween Weekend:**

Goat Plop 5-day raffle will remain the same.

Halloween weekend is coming up on October 3rd and 4th. Thursday/Friday will be set-up. Cornhole Tournament/Soup Cook-Off/Bingo on Saturday. Bingo and soup will be in the Merchant Building. Kids bingo (candy bar bingo) will be at 2 PM and adult bingo (.50 card bingo) will be from 6-10 PM. There will be a small concession at bingo. Will need help with crafts and selling 50/50 tickets. Trick or treating, Scavenger Hunt, and Hayride on Saturday. Haunted house is still questionable as to if there will be one – TBD.

Scholarships:

Last year we gave out 3 scholarships, \$1,500.00 total. With our goat-plop raffle, we were able to replenish the fund with \$2,000.00. Trying to increase it slowly. Would like to eventually turn it into a self-funding foundation. We need to investigate this. Reminder to current high school seniors: June 1st deadline to apply for this scholarship

Awards Committee:

Very nice awards given this year. Likely going to do something similar next year.

Sale & Luncheon:

The sale was a record setting year for us. We sold more lots than we ever have and we took in more money than we ever have. Things moved along very well. Boxed lunches went over well again – 250 made this year. Sale checks will be available for pickup after the meeting.

Rabbits:

Katie reported it was nice to have the extra space this year. The two judges worked out well. Overall, things went really well. Need to do something about the sound system in the rabbit/poultry barn; this has already been discussed and speakers will be put up. TV system will be considered. Check-out exit also discussed.

Poultry:

Sheila reported they could use additional cages. 16 more cages should suffice and 1 more goose cage. An estimate of cost for additional cages is needed to get a motion to approve and move forward. Space and show went great. Sheila agreed that a better sound system is needed.

Goats:

2026 was a record # year; we are seeing a little bit more each year. A couple of things to note for next year: wheelbarrows need to be moved from the manure pit each day, too much sawdust was used this year. 2027 show will be on Sunday again. Time TBD.

SLA Fair Entry:

Dates for fair entry will be given out soon. Will keep dates broke up to keep things in fair entry running smoothly.

Barn Improvement:

Black top between the between the two barns was poured after fair ended. Yaroch Asphalt donated.

Business:**Fair Book:**

2027 JLA & SLA will begin following the 4-H age rules. Your age on 1/1 is your fair age. New section of rules will be included in 2027 fair book. Be on the watch for this.

Nominations/Elections November:

Annual elections and nominations for adult/youth representatives will take place at the November meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Next SLA meeting date is set for Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm, at the Huron Expo Center.

Adjournment:

Vickie Yackle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Sheila Grifka. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by: Beckie Horetski, SLA Secretary