

Whatcom County Youth Fair Meeting

November 30th, 2023



Meeting called to order at 6:39 by Theresa Greenwood

Members present: Kirsten Hicks, Theresa Greenwood, Heather Oostra, Janel Black, Caitlyn Olson, Holly Linville, Tanya Johnson, Olivia Bosscher, Monica Henken

Minutes read aloud by Tanya Johnson, no corrections. Motion made by Caitlyn Olson to approve minutes as written, 2nd by Heather Oostra. Motion Carries

Treasurer Report read by Janel Black, no corrections.

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Motion made by Tanya Johnson to approve the report as read, 2nd by Caitlyn Olson. Motion Carries

Everything is signed and good to go at the bank of the pacific.

Old Business:

Scholarships will increase per the email vote.

We need to reach out to the emergency response van and see if they are still interested in coming to the fair.
-Janel will do this.

The 4H would like to have a Fair 101 clinic Friday night of youth fair. A class for parents and kids.

We need to try and get FFA more involved. Have the more experienced come to help and the less experienced come to learn. January or February would be a good time to have a night for advisors to come and learn about the youth fair. Maybe offer a meal to encourage attendance.

We need to reach out to leadership students with job descriptions to try and get help as well. Janel asked for someone to gather a list of needs to take to the teachers. Caitlyn is going to start working on a form for this. She will finish this in a week and send Monica to forward to superintends to see what needs they have. The goal is to get this list by the first week of January.

Theresa has reached out to all superintendents to see who is still willing to lead this year. We are in need of superintendents for the Sheep, Swine, Photography, Sewing, Poultry, and Entrepreneurship (Re-checking with Justin) divisions. Theresa is going to call him.

There was discussion about dividing the Goat division into Meat and Pygmy/Dairy. Lexi Amundson is interested in the meat goat division. It was suggested by Kirsten to have Lexi do sheep. Theresa will contact her to see which she would prefer. Kirsten suggested Whitnee Denson for Swine.

All other divisions have superintendents. Small engines may be divided into 2 classes. Beginner and advanced.

Holly is trying to fill first aid and CPR. Janel has put some feelers out for a mechanical drawing but has not found anyone yet. She is also asking Nicole Perry about a hydroponics division. Holly is going to check with Kim about a gardening division. There will be no round robin this year.

Livestock judging will happen on Friday evening at 4:00pm. We need a letter sent to the person doing the state stuff to see if the youth fair can be a qualifying event. We need to make sure we will have enough of each species for the event. Kirsten brought up that the age of the species may be an issue being so early in the year. Caitlyn is looking into this.

Discussion was started on hosting a Friday night info fair. Caitlyn offered to help with this but not head it up. Topics hoping to cover would be FFA, Farm stuff, 4H, ext.

Kirsten brought up the age to participate. She talked to Marty about this and there is no minimum per our insurance however he suggested we don't lower the age because it would increase our liability. The main worry would be parents dropping off and then leaving the grounds. We will table this discussion until later years.

Amanda is helping to update the red books and take out all of the unnecessary paperwork and add things needed to be in compliance with the state.

Board positions expiring in 2024 include: Jason Docktor, JoAnn Oden, Tanya Johnson, Devin Longoria.

Tanya will continue to serve; we have 3 board positions to fill.

Holly suggested having Youth Fair information posted at the fair. Janel has done this in the past in the still life barn. We could also make some displays in the farm expo barn or possibly in the grange area. We could also add posters to the livestock barns.

Both of our 4H reps plan on being at the Youth Fair.

Discussion was brought up about having sweatshirts made again this year to sell. We could also add T shirts and water bottle stickers.

There are no updates or concerns as of yet from Kulshan. The Vet talk will happen Friday at 2. Janel will talk to the fair about having the vet talk in the Farm Pavillion.

Both the secretary of state and the state fair grant have been filed.

Janel will be filing the DOR tomorrow as well as checking with Marty to confirm everything with insurance is in order and good to go.

We need to start thinking about reaching out to businesses for sponsorship and get a letter drafted. Tanya is going to make the letter.

The next meeting will be January 11th at 7:00 pm.

7:53pm meeting was adjourn

