

**Whatcom County Youth Fair Meeting  
February 8, 2024, at 7PM  
6081 Church Rd Ferndale & MS Teams**



**Attendance:** Janel Black, Monica Henken, Theresa Greenwood, Amanda Stidham, Jeff Kentch, Brenda Dunford, Max DePass, Kara Stuit, Kaylee Stuit, Chelsea Amundson, Lexie Amundson, Claire Humm, Shannon Smout, Bert (chess), Tara (Beef), Leslie Higgins, Lyle Bronkema, Megan Harting, Joann Odins, Heather Oostra, Alice Wiggins, Caitlyn Olson, Hailey Moreno

**Called to order:** 7:07 PM

**Approval of minutes:** Past minutes not available to review, per Janell Black

**Treasures Report:** Financial information not being available, per Janell Black

**Review of the mission statement:** Mission statement reviewed. No further discussion.

**Old Business:**

- **Divisions added for 2024:** Motion made to divide the goat divisions. The divisions will be divided as boar & dairy/pygmy. Rabbits will be added as well. Motion made by Todd Black, motion seconded by Jeff Kentch. Motion passed as presented. Todd Black spoke about adding an advanced engines division. Motion made to add the advanced engines division by Cara Stuit, Seconded by Shay (writing division). Motion passed as presented.
- **Suspended divisions for 2024:** First Aid/CPR, Photography, Forestry, Poultry
- **Participant cap on new superintendents:** A motion was made to capping divisions to 25 kids for 1<sup>st</sup> year superintendents. Motion made by Jeff Kentch, Seconded by Shay (writing). Motion passed as presented.
- **4H & FFA raffle prizes:** 4H has only participated in the past. FFA doesn't participate. Raffle tickets sold and the basket that has the most tickets wins a pizza party for their club.

**New Business:**

- **Website:** The website is Whatcomcountyouthfair.com. Signups will go live on February 14, 2024. The website is 95% updated. Amanda will be adding another the division not listed. Thank you to Amanda for all of her work. Grant and sponsorship information available on the website. If there is an error, please let Monika or Janel know.
- **ShowWorks:** Per Amanda ShowWorks goes live on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February and will close on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Thank you to Amanda for all her work. Livestock judging and reasons will be added to registrations and set for 4:30 on Friday. Livestock judging information will be added to the website. 6 to 18 years old will be able to participate. Participants will be split up into age groups and there will be no entry fee for livestock judging.

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- **Sponsorship:** Please start asking businesses for division sponsorships. Sponsorships can help with prizes, stretching your budget and support projects.
- **Ribbons:** If you would like to order some please do so sooner rather than later.
- **Sweatshirts/t-shirts:** If you would like to order some for your division, please do so ASAP by contacting Tanya Johnson.
- **Donations:** Please let the group know who/where you are going to visit so they are not doubled up. If you need more donation slips, please ask.
- The Whatcom County Communications van will be apart of the event and available for tours during the event.
- **CPR/First aid training:** We need to have a couple of people in each building certified. The training is 6 hours and possibly on a Saturday. The hope is that 8-10 people attend.
- Please let the group know who/where you are going to visit so they are not doubled up on. If you need more donation slips, please ask.
- Monika requested that the red books and tubs be turned in by 5PM on Saturday? If You need more time, please submit your request in writing and submit to Monika Henken.
- The vet talks will be on Saturday from 10-2. Location TBD.
- Get your superintendent's letters done early and mailed out ASAP. Its best to provide the schedule for the days and order of activities. Include a list of items to bring. Such as a water bottle, snacks, and lunch. No food vendors on the grounds currently. If you have issues getting volunteers to assist you with your division, please let Theresa Greenwood or Megan Harting know. Megan is the teen leader superintendent.
- We will be selling hanging basket certificates from Van Wingerdens again. The certificates can be purchased online during the registration process.
- Theresa brought up that Janell and Amanda have very old laptops that continue to have issues and she recommends the youth fair buy them new ones. Janell will bring a proposal to the next meeting.
- If you would like to put a cap on your division, please let Janell know.
- If you have any questions or need anything you are welcome to call Janell at 360-303-4171.

A motion was made to close the meeting at 8:42 PM was made by Theresa Greenwood and seconded by Cara Stuit. Motion passed as presented.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7PM at the Church Road fire station.