

Columbia County Friends of Fair Youth Livestock Auction
February 19, 2025, 6:30pm
Meeting Record

Committee Members Present: Daniel Hannah, Julie Scism, Wendy Cook, Greg Schmidlin, Elaine Placido

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30

Approved January 2025 [Meeting Record](#) – Scism/Schmidlin
Treasurer's Report – Wendy Cook
Balance \$38,631.17

Report from Attendance at Fair Board Meetings – Julie Scism
Fair Board briefed on potential schedule changes

Committee Action Items:

1. Discussion of and approval of new Fair week schedule to include:
 - a. Reschedule final weigh-in to Monday July 14th
 - a. Set final weigh-in time – 2pm start time. Julie will draft preliminary schedule for species weigh-in order – Propose Beef, Sheep, Goat, poultry, then swine, then all who haven't weighed in yet.
 - a. Set Auction time to 1pm rather than 2pm
 - a. Buyers Table set up at 1130.
 - a. Move buyers' lunch to 1130 or noon
 - a. **Action Taken:** Approved moving final weigh day and updating the 2025 rules to show final weigh in on Monday July 14th at the selected time beginning at 2pm. Scism/Hubbard
2. Thank You's – Proposed new approach.
 - a. Provide blank thank you cards to all sellers at the final weigh in and at other times throughout the week.
 - a. Sellers will give thank you cards directly to their buyers when they deliver the sale sheet at the Auction on Saturday.
 - a. Discussion – Asking leaders to assist, can be added to photo bag that seller gives to buyer at the Auction. Discussion about other options. Saturday morning meeting or Sunday morning meeting. Not every seller hands out pictures. Not every buyer hangs out for the full auction.
 - a. **Tabled for discussion and decision in March:** Approval of the Committee – Provide Thank You cards the day of final weigh-in and then Set a meeting for Saturday morning – if sellers don't hand in thank you cards, they may not be allowed to sell.
2. Lottery draw for sale placement – Proposed new approach for this year.
 - a. The committee will draw lottery numbers
 - a. Sale order will be posted on Thursday night at each barn – after 6pm
 - a. Champions and Reserves will still lead the sale
 - a. Purpose – to cut down on the noise and shouted numbers in the barn

- a. **Action Taken:** Approved sale placement by the lottery draw completed by the Auction Committee and update the 2025 rules. Schmidlin/Scism
2. Discuss and Approve Handling of 3% Fee for Online Sales and Add Ons
 - a. For Sales - Currently there is no button for having the BUYER accept the fee. We would need to work with GoDaddy to make sure we've got all the mechanics figured out. If can't be added directly, it will be calculated and added at time of sale.
 - a. Propose that for Add-Ons the Seller accept the 3% fee which will reduce the Add-On they receive. The donator making the Add-On will have the option to accept the 3% +.30 fee.
 - a. Discussion- Having a QR code or a link makes it easier to donate. Those QR codes for add-ons will be live on the website so sellers can use them in their buyer letters. We will add to buyer letter and Facebook page.
 - b. Marion County, Benton, Yamhill, and Linn County– They use square for credit cards. The buyers pay the 3% square fee. 1/3^{to} 1/2 or more of sales on Auction day are via credit cards.
 - a. **Tabled until March:** buyer assumes 3% fee for all animal sales made via credit card. Option for the 3% fee for Add-ons.

Other Business:

1. Update on Belt Buckles – Sunday Kamppi.
 1. Sunday provided an update on the buckles available. Green for 4H and Blue for FFA.
 2. Committee chose Alex - \$99.50
2. Rate of Gain Awards – Wendy has taken care of the ROG awards.
 1. Reminder to get 2023 Lamb Chair and 2024 Goat Chair
2. Sponsorship signups will go out soon.
3. Reminder for May and June Weigh Ins – Please make sure that your showmen has the following information with them to complete the forms at weigh-in:
 - a. Cellphone number (this should be a person who will answer the phone)
 - a. Mailing Address (most showmen come to weigh-ins and don't know their mailing address; we mail checks and must have an accurate address).
 - a. T-shirt size
 - a. Provide the information on a note card, a post it note, their phones, whatever. There is no real way to chase them down for this information later.
2. Questions about Add-Ons – that information cannot be prepared on by Sunday.

7:30 Meeting adjourned

Clubs in attendance: Farm Scramblers - Chelsea Kuhn, Amanda Hoyt

Rainier FFA – Tamar Wait
 Columbia River Stockmen – Jillian Gould-Hubbard
 Vernonia Wranglers – Greg Schmidlin
 Columbia County Livestock – Elaine Placido, Wendy Cook
 Lower Columbia 4H – Sunday Kamppi
 Shooting Stars 4H – Suzie Single