

Columbia County Friends of Fair Youth Livestock Auction
Meeting Record
September 18, 2024 6:30pm
Virtual Meeting Only

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

Meeting Called to Order at 6:32 PM by Chair Daniel Hannah

June 2024 [Meeting Record](#) Approved - Schmidlin/Scism

Treasurer's Report – Wendy Cook

- Current balance \$503,595.37 in checking account.
- All checks have been sent.
- Waiting to receive checks from two buyers.

Election of Officers for 2024/25 -

- Chair - nominated Daniel Hannah (Scism/Schmidlin) - approved
- Vice Chair - nominated Julie Scism (Placido/Cook) - approved
- Treasurer - nominated Wendy Cook (Schmidlin/Scism) - approved
- Secretary - nominated Elaine Placido (Scism/Cook) - approved
- At-Large - nominated Greg Schmidlin (Scism/Placido) - approved

Sale Recap - Julie Scism

- \$335,227.97 total sales
- \$321,818.85 total in checks to sellers
- Add ons total \$59,690.07

Assigned attendance at upcoming Fair Board meetings- 6:30 at Fairgrounds in 4H Building:

- a. October 14, 2024 - Daniel Hannah
- b. November 11, 2024 - Daniel Hannah
- c. December 9, 2024 - Greg Schmidlin
- d. January 13, 2025 - Greg Schmidlin
- e. February 10, 2025 - Julie Scism
- f. March 10, 2025 - Julie Scism
- g. April 14, 2025 - Wendy Cook
- h. May 12, 2025 - Daniel Hannah
- i. June 9, 2025 - Daniel Hannah

General Discussion - Auction and Systems Improvements Needed - All

- Sale/Auction software or System- Some auction software options including Auctria, give butter. Greg is looking into the different options. Greg will bring back reports on costs, etc. Julie is familiar with Show Works, but the cost is high.

- Tillamook uses Show works
- Clatsop uses paper records and excel. The local bank runs all financials.
- Payments at the sale and Invoicing- send ideas into Greg.
- Buyer registration
- Seller registration
- Weigh In noise and tempo - Daniel has ideas and options to make it a bit smoother. Lots of parents asking for ending weights, etc. We could post weights on Wednesday morning.
 - Bring this topic back at the next meeting.
- Other areas for improvement?
 - Remind the parents and sellers to read and be familiar with the rules.
 - We could do a FAQ page, send through 4H.
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January Agenda Items -

- Review Rule Changes in January -
 - We may talk about beef weights for the 2026 Fair. Too tight of a turn around for this year.
 - Clarify that there is no family extra for small animals - it is in rule #6.
- Ask the Fair Board to level the floor in the poultry barn.
- Barn improvements - swine and sheep barn. Woody suggested reaching out to Jamie Carr. Goat barn improvements.
- Need more turkey pens

Meeting Dates for coming year - 3rd Wednesday of each month

- March 19th and June 18th in person.
- Others virtual

Weigh Dates - Fair 16-20 July:

- Beef -2/15
- Other large animals - May 17-18th
- June 14th - Poultry/Rabbits

Meeting Adjourns- 7:38

Clubs Present:

Michelle Sundin - Dirty Boots
Columbia County Livestock - Elaine Placido,
Wendy Cook

Vernonia Wranglers - Greg Schmidlin
Tamara Wait - Rainier FFA
Kory Littleton- Clatskanie 4H