**Columbia County Friends of Fair Youth Livestock Auction**

**Meeting Record**

**March 19, 2025, 6:30pm**

**Virtual Meeting Only**

Committee Members Present: Daniel Hannah, Chair; Julie Scism, Vice Chair; Elane Placido, Secretary; Greg Schmidlin, Member at Large

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 by Daniel Hannah

Approved February Meeting Record

Treasurer's Report – Julie Scism

$38,631.17 – current balance (not reconciled)

Report from Attendance at Fair Board Meetings – Julie Scism

* Fair Board is requesting information about swine pens. On agenda for work session 3/26/25, Daniel will be attending. Still waiting on pricing for concrete and excavation. Greg is willing to reach out to Scappoose Sand and Gravel.
* Keep in contact with potential conflicts with May weigh in dates, Daniel will check in at the work session to verify if there are any conflicts.
* Still working on goat barn wash stations, there will be three wash stations – looking for tie-off hardware donations. No movement on goat pens in the barn this year.

6:45 Committee Action Items:

1. **Tabled from February 2025 Meeting**. Thank You’s – Proposed new approach.
	1. Provide blank thank you cards to all sellers at the final weigh in and at other times throughout the week.
	2. Sellers will give thank you cards directly to their buyers when they deliver the sale sheet at the Auction on Saturday.
		1. Discussion:
			1. Best route is having the thank you’s with the sale sheets.
			2. Add another person at the Auction to add buyer names to the thank you cards.
			3. Have some digital “real time” display of buyers so kids can fill this out.
			4. Sunday time isn’t available for meeting anymore.
			5. Tell all auction participants and 4H leaders to attend a mandatory meeting on Monday.
			6. Step back approach – not make it a requirement. For sellers who do baskets or personal cards, they can get it signed off.
			7. In the past we’ve held checks, what about having leaders be in charge of holding checks and passing out when the member sells. OR check in with the leader prior to releasing check. This needs to be clearly an Auction Committee not a 4H leader responsibility, if we do it.
			8. We will remind sellers every day at flag pole.
		2. Decision:
			1. We will have blank cards at weigh in and through out fair. Sellers should complete those generically. Three people volunteered to write buyer names and get those cards to the seller for delivery to the buyers, at the auction.
			2. Emily Jansen, Michelle Sundeen, Jillian Gould-Hubbard will help with thank you notes after Auction.
2. **Tabled from the February 2025 Meeting.** Discuss and Approve Handling of 3% Fee for Online Sales and Add Ons
	1. Discussion of options and decision of how to handle the 3% fee for sales paid for with credit card at the auction. Other fairs pass the 3% fee to buyers.
	2. Propose that for Add-Ons the Seller accept the 3% fee which will reduce the Add-On they receive, unless there is a button and option for the donating party to accept the 3% fee.
		1. Decision and discussion:
			1. There is no way to fully waive the 3% fee. So people using the credit card option would have to accept the 3% fee. This applies to add-ons and credit card sales.
			2. As we get closer to fair we’ll provide more information. We will have information to share at the May weigh ins and they can include that info with their buyer letters.
			3. Talked to Traci who runs the sale station at the auction about updating the sale sheet and adding it to the invoice/sale sheet.

7:15 Other Business:

* Swine Barn wash racks – Received bid during meeting, higher than anticipated. Greg and Daniel will work on additional options. $17,000-$18,000 current cost estimate.
* Interest in doing t-shirts? Yes.
* Buyers lunch – sandwiches are great.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Next Meeting April 16th, 2025 @6:30pm

Clubs in Attendance:

Columbia County Livestock – Elaine Placido, Wendy Cook

Columbia River Stockmen - Jillian Hubbard

Dirty Boot - Michelle Sundin

Farm Scramblers - Amanda Hoyt

Emily Jansen- Vernonia Wranglers

Columbia Co Outlaws Poultry and Vernonia Wranglers - Julie Pond

Vernonia Wranglers - Marla and Jeremiah Ellis

Shooting Stars - Suzie Single