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

**Meeting Record**

**January 15, 2025 6:30pm**

**Virtual Meeting Only**

Meeting called to order at 6:34

Review and Approve September 2024 [Meeting Record](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oCsS1HYdZuf02ovk2LHHnmlLdr9iia5UMD66rNwSNqw/edit?usp=drive_link)- Pond/Schmidlin. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Wendy Cook

Balance: $49,888.02

Nine Checks remain outstanding from sellers, total of outstanding checks -

$16,671.76 Please cash checks.

Reminder that Beef Weigh Ins are on February 15th, 2025 8-10am. Post online

Need more pictures for the website - send to the Auction Committee email address

Report from Attendance at Fair Board Meetings - Daniel Hannah and Greg Schmidlin

* Reports provided to Fair Board
* Leveling in Poultry Barn - need input from poultry clubs and participants
* Improvements to Goat Barn - need input from goat clubs and participants
* Requested more turkey pens
* Requested dairy barn to be cleaned out to accommodate the growing interest in dairy projects.
* Daniel working on pig and sheep wash stations, will present at next meeting

Discussion of possible Rules change for 2026 Fair Season- Beef Weights

* Beef Weight Change from 900 minimum to 1000 minimum - Discussion of proposed Rules change to #6:
* Motion to approve all changes to Rules for 2025 - Schmidlin/Scism. Approved

Report on Auction and Sale Software from Greg Schmidlin

* The Fair Board purchased Show Works software and offered us a seat. We would purchase a seat from them for $400.
* Greg and Haley will also run through website.
* Can take payments through the website which would make things more simple, particularly for add-ons.
* Clatsop County is using it and Julie can try to learn more.
* Will it replace spreadsheets or just replace the auction piece?
* What is our goal? Taking payments, managing exhibitors, printing checks, reports? Julie will investigate.

Discussion of noise issues in the barn during weigh-ins - will post weights on Wednesday morning, cordoning off the scale area and work table, etc.

Lower Columbia 4H - Sunday Kamppi will take the lead on belt buckles again this year.

Barm Improvements - Additional Discussion: Reaching out to Pacific Stainless to see if they could get swine panels sandblasted and powder coated. Daniel will reach out to them about the show ring panels, but will take a look at the swine barn panels during fair season. For the Goat Barn we need more electrical connections for fitting. Daniel will take a look at the Goat Barn in February and will compile a list of updates needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 Pond/Scism

Next Meeting February 19th, 2025 at 6:30

Clubs in Attendance:

Dirty Boots - Sheryl and Michelle

Shooting Stars - Suzie Single

Vernonia Wranglers - Greg Schmidlin, Julie Pond

Columbia County Livestock - Elaine Placido, Wendy Cook, Tracie Widme

Farm Scramblers - Amanda Hoyt, Heather Feakin

Lower Columbia 4H - Sunday Kamppi

Columbia County Outlaws Poultry - Julie Pond