

Umatilla County Fair Livestock Sale Committee Minutes

April 24,2025

Present: Shauna Newman, Marie Linnell, Gay & Alice Newman, Steve Kelsoe, Troy Murray, Clint Sexton, Lora Sharkey, RJ Frances, Jennifer Shaw, Tom Spoo, Sandy McKay, Erin Wallace, Robbie Curry, Ray Baker

Treasurer: Need to give a check for \$3000 to each FFA and 4-H to purchase awards for UCF. This comes from increase of 1% commission last year.

Jennifer in the fair office has set up the ability to do add-ons to sale purchase of market animals . If under \$500 can do it online with a credit card. Want to make it the same for bump program but you can't save it unless paid. Marie will talk to county about small add-ons, if we do them by Venmo, Square , and such how to get them into the right account. We need to communicate this to the public ahead of time.

Ultra-Sound –we did Buckle Award to 1st place, gift certificates to other category winners. Shall we do the same this year?

Rearranged some of the show schedule, basically market class is the same. Moved hog pictures to Friday morning with a 9:30 start. Amanda Spoo will do hog pictures,Brian Blake will do all other species.

Marie will reach out to Colton Booker to be a fourth auctioneer.

Panels for fair have been ordered, we as a committee will pay in full and UCF will reimburse half of the payment for their share after July 1 for their fiscal year.

New Business: Beef scale area.... it is doable to use for fair. After fair need to complete scale area. Clint suggested 2 rolling gates by the head catch and closing gate.

Lamb, goat and hog weigh-in is as follows: May 31st for Pendleton and Milton Freewater, June 1st for Hermiston and Athena. Shauna requested a sale committee member to be at Milton Freewater, Courtney would rather not have to tag animals but will if needed.

Judges: All judges have been selected but need to sign contracts. Clint will let them know they are available online.

Exhibitors Guide is do by May 1st if any changes or corrections do them now.

4-H : Shauna has asked if there can be a Homegrown Class? Do this class before all market classes and then show in respective market classes. We can get a Home Grown banner for display on their winning project. Shauna will add this class to exhibitors' guide. Can we verify home grown at weigh-in?

Also a request has been sent to OSU for selection of a Livestock Agent. Also we need to pay Randy Mills for his work last year.

Fair Board: Robbie reported goat judge is certified to do dairy and market goats. Sheep judge will only do 1 day. In the matter of our old beef scales, Steve Wallace asked if it can be set it up at new fair office location and he has someone to donate panels. Committe

wants to know who is liable if there is a runaway animal or someone is injured?

The Fair Coordinator has been released from her position, interviews for new coordinator soon.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is June 19th

