

HCYLSA
May 13th, 6:00pm
Silvies River Charter School



Present: See attached Sign-In Sheet.

1) Approve Minutes from April 8th Meeting

- Stephanie made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - Ann had an update, amended motion to approve with correction: at the end of the financial report section, change “help with accounting” to “help setting up QuickBooks”.
- Stephanie seconded the amended motion, which passed unanimously.

2) Treasurer Report – Ann Becker

- See attached report.
- Received almost \$20,000 in donations in the last month.
- \$15,000 donation from the Ford Foundation went into the checking account instead of the savings account, but it is for the Pass the Pants Fundraiser.
- Not sure about the \$38.38 Square fee; Ann is working with them to potentially remove that fee.
- We have a \$10,000 grant coming in from Roundhouse.
- Les Schwab said they would take a show sponsor for \$3,500, will mail into Lindsey and we will get the money from Bobby Jo.
 - This entitles them to Flag carried in parade and Grand Entry at rodeos, banner placement at rodeo and livestock show rings, name listed in advertising and on website, social media shout outs, acknowledgement at show, 5 parking passes, 4 derby tickets, 4 rodeo tickets, and VIP tent access
 - We will also look at getting them sponsor chairs, provide reserved seating at the shows, logo on show schedule.
→ Action Item: Ann – once we get the Les Schwab sponsorship, make sure to add their logo to our website.
- OTEC is awarding a \$500 grant.
- Ann shared notes that came with some of the donations.
- We need to make sure we are sending out thank you notes.
→ Action Item: Ann/Stephanie - Create a thank you letter template that we can then customize for each donor.
 - At fair taking a photo to send to donors to show their money in action would be great!

3) Show Chair Report – Diana Davis

- Tents for Fair (Contingency Plan) – The Fair Board is supposed to supply shelter for us. Lindsey has looked into it and has prices, but we don't know if they were reserved or not.
→ Action Item: Diana – Check with Lindsey on Tent Rental Status.
- Some people think we are still on schedule with the building, but they are way behind in the process. There is a lot of concern that the building will not be completed by fair.
- Eric Drushella hauled rock from the south end of the county up to the fairgrounds to fill in the mud hole areas especially around the livestock scales.
 - We posted a thank you on Facebook, but we should send him a thank you note as well.

- Scales are almost ready for animals to be weighed, we need to hang up the pig scale and unlock the doors, panels should be ready.
- Jay tracked down the current power status and was told they will be disconnecting it soon.
 - Craig said they will set up a generator and keep it filled with gas so people may need to start the generator to use the scale.
 - Action Item: FFA Interns - Once we know the process for using scales, we should make a post sharing it on Facebook/Instagram.
- Submitted the Fair Book to the Fair Board for final review.
 - They aren't liking how we worded the information about testing in the fair book. Craig would like it to be a random draw for drug tests instead of just those that are suspicious.
 - We shouldn't pull out the suspicion language, we could get in trouble if we don't follow up on those reports especially from a food safety standpoint.
 - Fair Board also wants kids to have option to be present when blood is drawn. However, that isn't possible as the blood is drawn at the butcher. While we understand the desire for full transparency, may not be possible in this aspect. We could tell them if their animal was tested and provide them with the results after testing is completed.
 - Stephanie offered to pull language from other counties.
 - This is how we got the original language, the language is pretty consistent across counties.
 - Our testing isn't necessarily about show enhancing drugs, but for food withdrawal drugs, which is the major concern.
 - Make clear that this is different.
 - Our language does allow testing for any drug issues.
 - Could add a line that says if testing occurs at fair, exhibitor would be notified and could be present.
 - If Buermann's sees an injection blemish, it would not be random but would be required.
 - If they don't test, they might have to get rid of the whole animal, but test results would say conclusively.
 - If the Fair Board is unwilling to publish book, we should set up a meeting where we can support our language and address their concerns.
- Two judge contracts signed at the moment (large animal judges), only small animal judges haven't been completed yet, still working on it.

4) Make-a-Wish Oregon Fundraiser – Allen Taggart

- Allen was a 4-H Faculty in Washington County for 3 years and in Ada County Idaho for 4 prior years.
- When found out we had a kid in Burns getting a wish granted, he thought he'd reach out to see if we wanted to fundraise during fair.
 - When the local family found out about receiving his wish, he wanted to speak out and was willing to help others.
- If locals are willing, we would have local kid(s) be part of the event and speak about it.
- The program supports kids sick enough to receive regular treatments, NOT just kids that are terminal. In fact, most kids who receive wishes aren't terminal, but they have to live with a disease or chronic health issue.
 - It provides kids something to look forward to outside of the medical issues. A feeling of normalcy rather than being the "sick" kid.

- Ages range from 2 years old to 18 years old. The kids get to design the wish they want. It could be an activity, meeting a person, travelling to a certain place, etc. There are very few limitations.
- There are at least 3 Harney County kids that are in the pipeline for a wish right now (not necessarily 4-H or FFA).
- If we choose to fundraise for this program, Rawley Wallace has already offered to donate a goat to the fundraiser.
 - Clackamas county raised \$10,000 on a goat auction.
 - We could set “Make a Wish” up in Fair Entry with its own goat and would take add-ons as donations also.
 - We could set up a pen with the goat and decorate its stall appropriately. This would promote it throughout fair.
- We could also do a “Miracle Minute” where there is a paddle raising for donations.
- Timing: The end of the auction isn’t the best since people leave, the middle is hard with logistics, but maybe doing it first during the beginning of the auction would be good.
 - A goat could be led in easily at any time.
- Allen could help with marketing and providing a logo for advertising.
 - We can promote this locally (regionally?) – radio, paper, etc.
- If we approve doing this fundraiser, Make a Wish will reach out to the local youth to make sure they are onboard with speaking.
 - If the local is shy and doesn’t want to be in the limelight, Allen can do a Q&A type interview for Make a Wish at the event, which is often easier on kids.
- Melissa motioned that we will auction off a goat donated by Rawley Wallace for the Make a Wish Foundation, and will auction the animal off first. There will be no commissions taken from the sale or add-ons of this animal. Gretchen seconded. Passed unanimously.

5) Grant Update / Update on Panels

- AgWest is meeting tomorrow to review submitted grants. They normally forward 3-4 on for final review, then they choose which are funded.
 - If our grant isn’t pushed forward, they will let us know as soon as they know.
 - We should know for sure whether it is granted by June.
 - Funds would be available almost immediately.
- Roundhouse will award us a \$10,000 grant.
- Ford Family Foundation granted us \$15,000
- Submitted Sharing Success Grant in April for Small Animal pens, tables, other supplies.
- Stephanie has some thank you notes from the different grants and those who helped – So far to Allen Toelle, Shana Whithee, and to Tracy Kennedy for their help and support.
- Ashley at American Honey reached out and said she’d be willing to help us fundraise by selling clothing with our logo on it. We could set the price (her cost to sell it with a logo would be: Trucker Hat \$10, T-Shirt \$14 Hooded Sweatshirts \$22, etc.), we would get difference.
 - Would like to see the items and quality before we discuss further.
 - Action Item – Stephanie will get some samples of items from American Honey for the next meeting.
- The panel bid is still good for 30 more days.
 - We are looking at fine tuning the bid to order the necessities with the money we have, and then we will get the other things ordered later and put on trucks with other items to help reduce additional freight.
 - We will need all the panels to house the animals.

- Bobby got with Cody before the meeting – focus on pens \$113,500 for all the small pens, \$22,000 for the beef tie rails, total \$135,313 would still have the freight discount.
- What about the show rings?
 - We can make do with the old pig ring, but we'd need another show ring for the other animals.
- We need to know how much we need to keep in the account to cover our costs.
 - Ann - We should keep a minimum of \$25,000 in our accounts.
- We need to have an executive meeting to see if we can place an order in the next 30 days.
 - Bobby is open the week of May 27.
 - Action Item: Executive Committee and Bobby - Meet May 28 6pm at the 4-H Office (Courthouse Basement). We won't meet if we know we are to be awarded the AgWest grant.
- What about panels for wash rack? That's not really in this bid because it's tied to the building, so we will need to figure that out at some point soon.
- From the times we order panels, we think it will be about 3 months to get panels, we are basically at our deadline now.

6) Auction

- Buyer's Board Photos – Take them at fair for all animals that lead and small animals. Set up designated times on show days when photographers are present, then have photos printed before Saturday.
 - Sierra Otley, Susan Doverspike, Halley Baker might be willing.
 - Action Item: Shylee - Reach out to Sierra and Halleigh and see if they might be able to take photos during fair.
 - For pigs, set a date a few weeks in advance for those who can make it. Maybe two dates?
 - Can set up misc. panels to set up an area to take them.
 - If they can't make it to these dates, they will be responsible for ensuring their photo is taken during the designated times at fair.
 - Backdrop – Masie has ordered them in the past and is willing to work on it.
 - We can move it and put it anywhere we need
 - Shouldn't take too long to get it done.
 - One with a holder, with the date that can be changed out year after year to allow the backdrop to be used for multiple years.
 - Action Item: Masie -Put some samples together for backdrop for next meeting, including a price estimate.
- Commission – We are in the ballpark with other Oregon counties and across the US. All the ones looked at included add-ons and sale commission. Some were as high as 7%.
- MOU - Malheur County requires participants to sign and MOU, do we want to include something like that with info on rules, % commission, etc.. Into Fair Entry Terms & Conditions?
 - What about just a statement that says they read the rule book (include the link) and have them check mark that they read and agree to it?
 - Gretchen made a motion that in FairEntry Terms, we include a statement that all participants have reviewed the Rule Book and agree to abide by them. Melissa seconded. No other discussion. All in favor, passed unanimously.
 - Action Item: Autumn – Add statement that all participants have reviewed the Rule Book and agree to abide by them into FairEntry.

- Silvies Charter School FFA – Amanda visited with Eric Nichols and reiterated that Silvies FFA kids, who LIVE in Harney County, would be able to show at fair under the Silvies FFA banner.
 - If they don't live in Harney County, they must reach out to their county of residence.
 - Abbey O'Toole will act as the onsite fair advisor.

7) Media Report – FFA

- Haven't done a poll on awards kids want yet because not to many followers on Instagram
 - Only need to know award poll results within 2 months to order awards in time.
→ Action Item: Autumn - Send out Instagram to email list. Email 4-H list and have leaders mention it at their meetings. Share link on 4-H and HCYLSA pages.
- Pig, Sheep, and Goat meeting next week to share.
- Share more posts, take some photos from weigh-in, etc....
- Share link on Facebook Page and 4-H page.
- Make a post asking for input/comments.
- Make a Wish will give a shout out to help get more information.

8) Awards Report – Masie Custis

- Started watching sale on buckles to get ones we like.
- Will send out personal letters to past sponsors by June 1.
 - Some have requested that kids drop the letter off.
 - Send mail and email letters.
 - Who is already a sponsor, don't want to double dip?
 - Chairs for sponsoring?
 - Kiwanis wants to be added.
→ Action Item: FFA Interns – Once Masie finishes the sponsorship letters, make a social media post from the letter to share online.
→ Action Item: Ann – Once Masie finishes the sponsorship letter, add it to the HCYLSA website.

9) Concerns/ Questions

- Fair – May need to set up some lights somewhere for practice.
- Need to continue to plan for contingency if building is not done.

Stephanie motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM, Ann seconded. Meeting adjourned.

MAY HCYLSA MEETING

DATE: May 13, 2025

LOCATION: Silves River Charter School

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL (IF NOT ON EMAIL LIST)
Allen Taggart		
Bridget Grindler		
Steph Falck		
Melissa McElhannon		
Katy Wallace		
Sam Nelson		
Kurt Pearson		
David Bolst		
DuDa		
Shylee D		
Talina Friedlander		
Masre Custis		
Metchie Bate		
Ann Becker		

Harney County Youth Livestock Show and Auction - Monthly Financial Report
 April 9, 2025 - May 13, 2025

Checking Account (Bank of Eastern Oregon)							
Beginning Balance 4/9/2025				\$ 75,017.80			
Date	Vendor/Description	Memo	Check #	Expenditur	Revenue	Account	Detail
EXPENDITURES							
10/9/24	BPO Elks Burns Lodge	Inv.#437 for Pass the Pants Fundraiser Dinner	1074	\$(2,252.47)		OpEx	Professional Services
REVENUE							
4/30/25	Interest	Interest posting			\$ 3.08	Income	Interest
5/6/25	Ford Foundation	Donation to Pass the Pants Fundraiser			\$ 15,000.00	Income	Donation
Total Monthly Expenditures				\$ (2,252.47)			
Total Monthly Revenue					\$ 15,003.08		
Ending Balance 5/13/2025					\$ 87,768.41		

Savings Account (Bank of Eastern Oregon) "PASS THE PANTS" Donation Account							
Beginning balance 4/4/2025				\$16,923.62			
Date	Vendor/Description	Memo	Check #	Expenditur	Revenue	Account	Detail
4/9/25	Harney County 4-H Assoc	Pass the Pants Donation	4356		\$ 300.00	Income	Donation
4/9/25	City of Hines Tourism	Pass the Pants Donation	18493		\$ 5,000.00	Income	Donation
4/9/25	LCL Tyler Ranch LLC	Pass the Pants Donation: 2025 Beef Showring Sponsor Match	2322		\$ 1,100.00	Income	Donation
4/9/25	Kiwanis Club of Burns-Hines	Pass the Pants Donation	425		\$ 500.00	Income	Donation
4/9/25	Cash donatlon	Pass the Pants Donation			\$ 250.00	Income	Donation
4/24/25	OSU Ag Research Foundation	Donation to cover Elks Lodge service fee for fundraiser dinner			\$ 2,252.47	Income	Donation
4/24/25	Brian & Susan Watt	Pass the Pants Donation: In memory of Don Toelle			\$ 50.00	Income	Donation
4/30/25	BEO Interest	Interest posting			\$ 1.87	Income	Interest
5/9/25	Elizabeth Toelle Bohlin	Pass the Pants Donation: In memory of Don Toelle, \$5,000 donation less 1% ACH fee			\$ 4,950.00	Income	Donation
5/9/25	Square	Fee		\$ (38.38)			
5/13/25	Takashi & Theresa Yoshioka	Pass the Pants Donation	6642		\$ 1,000.00	Income	Donation
5/13/25	AgWest Farm Credit	Pass the Pants Donation			\$ 2,500.00	Income	Donation
5/13/25	Kenneth & Paula Post	Pass the Pants Donation: In memory of Don Toelle	5121		\$ 500.00	Income	Donation
5/13/25	Cross V LLC	Pass the Pants Donation: In memory of Don Toelle	1034		\$ 1,000.00	Income	Donation
5/13/25	Broken Circle Company	Pass the Pants Donation: In memory of Don Toelle	20656		\$ 100.00	Income	Donation
Total Monthly Expenditures				\$ (38.38)			
Total Monthly Revenue					\$ 19,504.34		
Ending Balance 5/13/2025					\$ 36,389.58		

Total cash assets	\$ 124,157.99
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