



HCYLSA

September 9th 6 pm
Silvies River Charter School

1. **Approve August minutes** – Will bring August meeting minutes in October.

2. **Treasures Report (May not be Complete)**

- Lots of draft information
- Overall, sales including add-ons, as of today, are \$624,000ish.
- Make-A-Wish goat raised \$26,200 – Plus some add-ons
- With a \$349,000ish deposit – Account balance \$385,679.21.
- Several buyers are requesting invoices, so more will come in over the next week or two.
- Add-Ons close this week, but we expect them to trickle in in the mail.
- In reports, entries sold = sales, not the total number of animals sold, as they include animals sold as floored animals and the Make-A-Wish goat resales.
- It was great to have AgWest help us take money.
- Melissa and Clay did a great job adding and entering information.
- We will adjust the auction sheet with the kill fee and floored animal cost to remove the buyer adjustment.
- Pre-Auction give a list of add-ons to Shane, and the auctioneers can read those during the auction.
- Will put a full-page ad in the paper in the next few weeks once add-ons stop.

3. **Superintendent Report**

- **Beef** – Overall think it went well. We were able to make it work, though there will be adjustments next year. Kids stepped up when asked for help.
- **Swine** - Nice to have more space for tack, and we will need to continue dealing with water. Boards along the sides of pens to keep in shavings might be good. Pens with mats stayed a lot cleaner. Burns Feed Store had ordered a ton of waterers, and they sold quickly. Also requested a list of items they could carry before the fair, and they will get those ordered. During stall cleanup, some ribbons got lost/misplaced. Maybe we can take down ribbons and decorations on Saturday after the auction and leave stall cards only for Sunday morning. Need to make sure we say what time to arrive for teardown. Ultrasounds went smoothly once we had a plan. A few more gates would be great.
 - Tina is stepping down from the Buyer's lunch, so we will need someone to pick that up for next year. Matt & LeAnn are willing to do the meat but not run/organize the whole lunch.
- **Sheep** – People liked to be by the trackside. All locations seemed to work for people. A couple of pens got opened, once by a member of the public. Some animals may be learning how to open (like pigs), and maybe we need to get clips for all of those.

- 5 Lambs didn't make weight, but it's no secret what the weight minimum is. Some people wanted to double-check the scales even though they were certified. It would be nice to have more education about how to feed lambs. We can look at sheep weights for next year and put more responsibility on the judge to address non-finished animals; maybe they get a white ribbon.
 - Grant County and Lake County weights are much lower (near 100 lbs.?). Keep in mind, lower weights that aren't finished might mean more lambs end up floored, and no one wants to buy them, so what do we do with them? Find a place that will buy goats and sheep if we are stuck with them, and make sure we meet their minimum weight. Could sell at the Madras small animal auction the week after the fair.
 - Educate people that if they weigh in the afternoon, they will be heavier than they will be first thing in the morning.
 - More information on market vs. ultrasound – have a training at the fair or in advance. There should be at least one mandatory meeting in the spring. It's really their responsibility to take the initiative to learn
- **Goat** – New pens were very well received. Some challenges with fixing feeders and waterers to keep shavings out. Creative problem-solving will continue. It was nice to have decorations up early. Kids weren't around for ultrasounds, so we should advertise when they need to be there for that.
- **Small animals** – Larger pens for turkeys and chickens were great. It would be nice to have the same pens as the small livestock animals.
 - Need a larger space for showing turkeys; they should be shown more like pigs with kids circling. Could potentially use the dog fence area or use one of the other show rings.
 - Let's not get the tables for the rabbits/cavies, the sawhorses worked really well.
 - Small animals also need a PA system. They could use the HCYLSA PA system, and we can get a bigger, better one for the auction (Shane will reach out and research).
 - Need more seating for small animal observers.
 - Need to go over when things happen to small market animals at fair, what is allowed and what isn't. One chicken broke a wing, hadn't been judged in market, so allowed a replacement. Probably not copesetic, so we need to address it in the rule book for next year; if we want an option or process in place, we just need to be clear about what it is. At least needs to be vet inspected...Did any get inspected? No...we need to make sure we schedule a time for vets to go over there and check. It should have required a committee of 3 to address the issue.
 - It was much easier for the public to see the animals and for everyone to know what's going on.

4. Fair Board Report – Hiccups throughout (power, water, sewer), they are putting 20 AMP circuits in the building, so Jay will work at getting higher amperage in there. And then trying to get the power spread around better.

- Septic needs looked at, it just fills with sludge, pumps are not for animal waste, and really need a bigger pipe for drainage.
- Next year, where the concrete is, there might be bleachers.
- In the arena, we will need to figure out the dirt situation. May have to remove fancy dirt, or place a tarp/mesh, and then put wood chips on top. Lots of options, something you can roll out and roll back up to clear up.

- Some people were concerned they couldn't hear well, but once the building is enclosed, it might be better. Where the animals are, we may need some other sound system, especially in the lean-to.
- Most animals didn't have an issue with the truck race; a few sheep jumped some. Just some kinks to keep working out.

5. Media report from FFA – Still happy doing all of this. Susan Doverspike is sharing a lot of pictures for us to share. Keep posting pictures, and we can start thanking buyers as well. Autumn will post all the buyer board pictures.

- Would like to get a second backdrop, 1 for pigs, and 1 for other animals.
- Shylee will continue, not sure about the other FFA members. Can do a countdown to the fair.

6. Concerns/ Questions

- The concrete blocks we got at the last minute will be invoiced to the committee. We would like to finish off the last row. If we have extras, we can use them on the shaving dump station.
- We will need to address the beef wash rack area with the fair board. Jay believes they are on the plans, but the builders didn't think they were. Hopefully, it will be solved for next year.
- Media follow-up – Gretchen can send pictures to Central Oregon Rancher. Provide the sale price and the buyer. Can do showmanship and market.
- Concern about safety issues sent to Oregon 4-H and education.
- Concerns about kids missing their swine call back. Will need to make sure kids are ready and can hear their names called. Getting sound systems to use for calling animals would be helpful. At some level, it's the responsibility of the kids.
- Need to make sure animals are taken care of by youth, not adults. It was mostly good, with a few small issues.
- How many warnings do kids get if their animals are being neglected? Give them white ribbons so they can't sell. Differences between not being around and neglecting animals (no food or water).
- Potentially, parents taking care of animals VERY early in the morning. We don't want to be mean, but the point is that youth learn to take care of their own animals and put in the work.
- How did it work with closing the barn off at 10 pm? Still went through the pig gate. Some people found it difficult to see who was in the barn in the central area. Next year, there will be more lighting. Can we put up signs and close inside doors next year to help close off the area a little more?
- Someone is volunteering to haul to Butcher Boys – Josh Petersen can use the Fairview truck and a Davis trailer, and can help with it.
- Friday, Amanda will figure out the shavings issue and all the extras we have. A few different options. A trailer we can load and move easily may be great. Will put something up for a vote next meeting and with a budget.
- Next year, we need a load of wood chips brought in for the show rings.
- Autumn will clean the office on Wednesday and talk to Ward about the potential for a deal on an office.
- One issue with someone who wanted to slaughter their own animal. They were told that they can't pick it up and can work with Buermann's. We need to state LIVE PICKUP WILL NOT BE ALLOWED in the exhibitor book if we want to keep that as a rule.

- Buermann's said they had the capacity to kill animals, but the facility is still limited with water and grass. Can have 12-48 hours for a cleanout, but meat can darken past 48 hours due to stress. Someone needs to talk to them about it. Amanda will go talk to them about it to help go through these growing pains.