

Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction
Minutes – January 29, 2024

Chair John Fields called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were Dorothy Harry, Emily Severs, Tyler Renz, David Wyatt, Jill Werner, Dallas Trusty, Dan Teuteberg, Tracie Hanson, Heather Duran, Nancy Graham, Bill Wickwire, James Pellervo, and the recording secretary, Donna Boyer.

Reading of the minutes – **MOTION**: Dan Teuteberg, 2nd Tyler Renz to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Approximately \$283,000 went through the auction account. There was approximately \$4,000 in profit for 2024.

The auctioneer for 2023, Tom Pasma, was contacted about being the auctioneer for 2024. He said yes!

There was discussion about providing slaughtering for the chickens and turkeys. John Fields said that he might know of someone.

Uncle Jim's Smokehouse in Adna was contacted about doing the smoking of the hams and bacons for our auction animals. He was very helpful and said that he would provide our smoking. We would have to have everything tagged and provide the transportation from Wynooche Meats to Jim's Smokehouse. Donna Boyer will contact Jim to find out if we should have it frozen first and how it should be packaged. The question was asked if we should rent a refrigerated truck to get the meat to Jim's. Jim will hopefully have these answers for us. As far as picking up the smoked meats, Jim said that he would make the phone calls to the buyers. The buyers would pick up the smoked meats from Jim's Smokehouse and pay him for the smoking.

Mitchell Smith has indicated interest in flooring all of the large animals. The 2023 floor price for eight lambs and one goat was \$1,657.00. There were no steers turned. If all five steers would have been turned, the floor price would have been \$12,700. Donna Boyer will call Mitchell to let him know what the turns would have cost for 2023 and see if he is interested in flooring steers, pigs, lambs, and goats for 2024.

The GHYLA rules were reviewed, and there was discussion about the wording "USDA grading" for the beef, pigs, lambs, and goats. It was determined that this wording should be removed and replaced with "must be a blue or red ribbon in order to sell". **MOTION**: Tyler Renz, 2nd Dallas Trusty to remove the term, "USDA grading" and replace with "must be a blue or red ribbon in order to sell". Motion passed. Another rule that needs to be changed since Mason County youth will be able to sell through the GHYLA is Rule #1. **MOTION**: Tyler Renz, 2nd David Wyatt to add Mason County to Rule #1. Motion passed.

The mandatory meeting will be May 1 in the Elma High School Student Center. There will be two meetings: one at 5:30 and one at 6:30 p.m. Tyler will reserve the room for us.

The livestock tagging will be May 18 at the fairgrounds. We will do sign-ups online.

4-H will create an invoice for the auction committee so we can pay for our portion of Fair Entry.

There was no decision made about liability insurance or Directors and Officers liability insurance. We need to check and see if the rates have gone up and what those rates are.

Mason County exhibitors – Heather Duran has not opened up the auction yet. Heather thinks that most kids will start out with small animals. The pig barn is full, but Heather said there are no kids enrolled in a swine project in Mason County.

There is concern that there could be light pigs because the fair starts early this year, and sows were already bred when this was announced. The minimum pig weight will be 220 lbs. for 2024.

David Wyatt informed us that there will be no parking fees this year. Parking will be FREE! Booster clubs will still be able to earn money by parking cars. Entry tickets will cost a little more to make up for no parking revenue. They will be selling e-tickets this year also. The fairgrounds is still working on wi-fi.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.