TCYMAS committee meeting 5/27/2026

Attendees: Josie, Celeste, Nicole, Ron, K, Judy, Mona, Myron, Neil, Don, Robin, Cassie, Julie, Lorraine, Justin, Justin M, Tessa

Meeting call to order 7:00 PM

Approval of minutes for January February and April. Need to include an excused absence for Mona, Myron, and Tessa to the April minutes.Cassie moved to approve, Robin seconded, motion passed

Treasurer's report

Tax filing- Josie filed taxes last year and found the company that we filed through did not in fact file our tax returns. Our new tax company filed the taxes for all three year and we almost immediately incurred an $8,600 fine due June 1. After June 1 the fine will accrue a $25 per day for late taxes. This would wipe out our entire savings account. The new tax people recommended not paying or requesting a payment plan. Celeste and Josie are meeting with a tax attorney on Friday, Celeste is wanting to know our options as this doesn't sound like the first time the previous company has done this. We are pursuing action with the IRS and BBB.

This also brought up the need for insurance. Travelers sent the paperwork to fill out to Celeste and Josie will fill it out.

Intents to sell:

Steer: 15

Hogs: 13

Sheep: 30

Turkey: 9

Chickens: 9

Goats: 13

Rabbits: 13

Promotions:

Olympia Farmers market- Celeste sent an email requesting dates for June or July, she will let us know what they had to say.

Celeste isn't sure about doing the parade this year with all the IRS stuff unless some wants to take point.

Website: we are going to add the option to sponsor things like buckles, water, paper etc onto our online store. The youth pictures are due soon and will be added as well. Celeste will be putting this together

Nisqually billboard, how do we go about getting an add on this? Celeste met someone who knows the tribal elders well. She is going to ask.

T-Shirts: they are fairly cheap to order. Maybe the committee /kids with a catch phrase on them to generate more interest in the market sale.

Radio: In the past Cassie has reached out to local radio stations to advertise other events and they were all willing to promote. Celeste tasked Julie and Cassie with this project.

Supporter appreciation: we have one tv already for this project, we will need another. Maybe a rolling slide show of the supporters throughout the sale. Also, should we have refreshments available for supporters while they are in line waiting to check out? This brought up that the food court may be split with some of the vendors being placed over by the Hicks lake barn. Justin W will let us know about this

Open air space in the Hicks lake barn. Celeste would like banners made otherwise we will lose the space to other entities. Celeste will measure the barn

Turn buyer letters:

It would be a good idea to get them out soon. Celeste has to look at her notes on this topic. An idea was brought up to take the second place bid and let them know that they were out bid? This could cause issues with the blind bid process. Julie offered to help distribute the Turn buyer letter to people she knows in the industry so long as she gets the letter soon.

Butcher Shops:

Custom Meats

Stewarts Meats

Waiting to hear from Mountain View Meats

Finn’s Meats- Julie is willing to hold 5 or so spots under her name for us. Finn’s also processes poultry and rabbits. Julie is going to check into this for us.

Auctioneers:

No one talked to anyone. Mark is locked in. Celeste recommended sticking with it as it was last year. Neil offered to have a conversation with Todd and Mark before sale to try and keep the tempo upbeat.

MISC:

Mentioned that if we hear about inappropriate feeding/animals being fed improperly we should notify the leaders.

We are going to go with the Nosy Chicken again this year for our banners. Maybe with a red white and blue theme. Nicole will work on that with Tammy.

The next meeting will be our potluck meeting in July.

Josie moved to adjourn the meeting, Cassie seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.