



**Fair Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2026 7:00 p.m.  
Mountain View Town Hall, Mtn. View, WY**

**In Attendance:** Natalie Cornia, Marlene Mackey, Andy Rollins, Brett Anderson, Becky Luper, Steve Wilson, Jan Wilson, VIA Google Meets: Elyse Steensen, Brandon Day, Suzy Holmes, Hadlie Erickson, Sami Matthews.

**Overview:** The board reviewed current finances, committee updates, horse show restructuring and fees for the Open Horse Show, entry deadlines, and planning for major arena events (monster trucks, demolition derby, or tuff trucks). Additional items included Supreme Champion clarification and awards, carcass contest terms, meeting schedule change, camping logistics, and potential APA certification for the poultry show.

**Called to Order:** 7:04 p.m.

**Agenda & Minutes:** Minutes Approved as presented. Agenda approved with additions of Monday night Event and Carcass Contest additions.

**Public Input:** None

**Financials:** Checking account balance: \$51,894. WYO-Star balance: \$4,663.67  
Outstanding check: \$4,000 to Harmony Artists (deposit). All other checks cleared

**Bills:** CNA surety bond \$100; Y-TEX livestock tags \$574 (received and distributed); Mountain West Business Solutions (copier) \$46.82. Total current bills: \$720.82. BMO statement unavailable until Friday/Monday; will settle next week. QuickBooks balance after bills: \$58,718. Motion to accept financials and pay bills passed.

**FFA:** No Representative

**4-H:** Educator update Suzy reported they are still looking for a 4H Educator

**Livestock Sales Committee:** Held a meeting Jan 22, Officers were elected: President Steve Wilson, Vice President Brandon Cook, Secretary Nikki Cowley, Treasurer Trina Cervantes. Lori and Trevor will remain involved; some members departed (Karen Robben stepped away). The next Meeting will be Feb 19 meeting (7 PM, location TBD) will decide whether to remain smaller (with members enlisting help for tasks) or expand to ~10 members. The Livestock Sale Committee recommends removing QA enforcement from its rules (currently in the fair book) due to inability to

track and enforce until sale day; suggests responsibility shift to the 4-H educator and 4-H clubs. Action: contact Suzy at the extension office for further information.

Check distribution feedback: Public concerns about in-person distribution; committee inclined to mail checks despite postage costs. Will formalize approval for postage spend.

Fair operations: Clarify term expirations and assign duties differently during fair.

ShoWorks and sale-night process: Exploring automation (tablets/purchase directives, clearer communication to sellers/processors). Noted last year's issue where a buyer marked "seller take home" on multiple goats without reliable seller communication.

ShoWorks used for weigh-ins, classes, and invoicing; purchase-order workflows may require a separate solution. Will research alternatives (e.g., other counties' systems, online-sale options). Traci's travel support previously split 50/50 between sale committee and fair board; tabled pending program/process decisions.

### **Fair Staff:**

- **Horse show restructure and Open Horse show fees**

Superintendent: Jan Wilson approached the Board with a schedule redesign to improve flow and reduce costs; aim to use one judge across two days by splitting arenas only for trail and speed (no judge needed for speed events). Move reining with cattle events on day two; start day two with ground roping and dummy roping to allow cattle prep.

Class ordering: Group like classes together (e.g., all equitation together, then all hunter under saddle; avoid repeated pattern setup/teardown). Keep halter and showmanship together; then English; then Western, minimizing outfit/tack changes. Insert defined 30-minute breaks.

Open Horse Show classes: Retain some open offerings; charge entry fees to help offset judge/cattle costs (no fees for 4-H/FFA). Proposed fees: \$5 per open class; \$40 all-day rate per horse (applies to day one only). Cattle classes carry an additional \$10 fee (match 4-H rate). If a participant only enters a single class (e.g., reining), they pay per-class, not the day rate.

Hunter hack: Proposed to drop due to very low participation and safety concerns.

Consensus to remove for this year; consider reinstating if demand grows.

Cattle boxing: Proposed to be judged with a time limit (not timed only), aligning with state/4-H norms.

Adult classes: Add one adult open cattle boxing class. Keep team sorting for youth only.

Rules cleanup and inclusions:

Remove "previous winners may not compete" rule from little kids showmanship; no champion is awarded in that class (all receive participation items).

Ensure lead line and walk-trot classes appear correctly in the open schedule (lead line: special needs and seven-and-under; walk-trot age divisions).

- **ShoWorks Entries and deadlines:**

Online entries (ShowWorks): Open May 11; close July 12.

Open class exhibits: Move to the same July 12 deadline (no day-of entry), with case-by-case accommodation for elderly entrants needing assistance.

Natalie to assist FFA advisors pre-closing to bolster FFA exhibits in Roderick Hall.

## **Old Business:**

- **Major arena events planning**

Background: Prior contact at Live A Little Productions left; new contact can bring monster trucks for about \$17,000 with \$8,000 deposit; fair retains ticket sales.

Full Contact Racing (Steven Fangmeyer) proposal:

**Monster trucks:** ~\$40,000 for a 90–120 minute show with five professional trucks, ride truck, and potential side shows (e.g., tough trucks). They handle track build/tear-down, crew, insurance (\$5M), operations, and social/digital promotion. County can lower cost by running its own equipment; their staff will guide fine shaping.

**Demolition derby:** ~\$50,000 including full production (inspections, tow trucks, officiating, track work, credentialing, insurance, purse administration). They take care of drivers (food/beverage; sponsor outreach). K-rail preferred; dirt berms acceptable.

**Tuff Trucks:** Could be delivered for ~\$15,000–\$17,000 with divisions (open, street, side-by-side) and a significant prize purse (e.g., \$5,000 to win in prior markets). This could be an alternative to monster trucks if budget constrained.

Ticket revenue: They do not take a cut of front-gate ticket sales; they retain entry fees (to ensure commitment) and pit pass sales (to offset insurance). They focus on social promotion and radio; will coordinate with fair channels.

Dates and conflicts: Spanish Fork (monster) and Heber (derby) conflicts noted; suggested swapping dates if needed. They are available July 27; also open to back-to-back days to reduce costs.

Local context and targets:

grandstand capacity ~4,500. Suggested pricing: adults \$25, kids \$15; aim to fill stands at accessible prices. Board budget constraints noted; interest in bundling two nights to improve economics & Ticket Sales. Board direction (tentative): Prefer a two-night package on Saturday–Sunday, July 25–26 (monster trucks and demolition derby in some order), avoiding a Monday night due to workday and livestock move-in impacts. Explore pricing/package discount for back-to-back events; confirm county-operator requirement for equipment; verify insurance and no ticket-share terms.

## **New Business:**

- **Monday Night Event:**

Barrel race previously slated for Monday night is canceled. Consider replacing with a team roping jackpot (external producer handles all operations).

- **Supreme Champion clarification and awards**

Clarify in fair book and on-site signage: **Supreme Champion is selected from all breed/class Grand Champions in breeding divisions only; market animals are excluded.**

Awards: Shift from \$20 cash premium to banners for Supreme Champions (market participants viewed \$20 as inequitable). Preference to have custom Supreme Champion banners designed (tie-in 250th theme); Brett/Wilson previously sponsored blue banners from 2025 fair—will explore similar sponsorship/design. Follow-up next month.

- **Carcass contest**

Proposed to remain on prior terms with Jason: “Minimum is a thousand dollars plus 250 travel,” hotel provided, and per-head components mentioned (“15 head small animal” and “\$25/head beef”). Board to have Natalie reach out to Jason for a contract confirming exact terms.

- **Meeting schedule change**

Moved regular fair board meetings to the **second Wednesday of each month** to allow complete financials (BMO statements post on the 5th–6th). Motion passed. Next meeting: **March 11**. Motioned: Marlene Mackey second: Andy Rollins

- **Operations and other items**

Camping along Bear River Drive: Allow dry camping along the fence starting after Monday (post major arena events). Charge the usual dry-camping rate (same as Sunset Park dry camping). Mark spots and assign as needed.

Branded water: Approve purchase of one pallet (about 60 cases) with fair logo/patriotic design for ~\$544; motion passed. Motioned Marlene Mackey, Second Becky Lupher

- **Poultry show**

Explore certifying the open poultry show under APA (American Poultry Association). Would require an APA judge; research requirements, any fees, and bring back a plan. Could broaden participation of registered/fancy birds.

- **250th Celebration Exhibits**

State Fair 250th exhibits: Add one-year “Americana” classes across relevant divisions (e.g., quilts, crafts, woodcraft) to align with State Fair’s 250th programming and enable advancement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Motioned by Marlene Mackey second by Becky Lupher