

Yuma County Fair Board

Minutes 09/1/25

Eckley Community Center

President Tom Mekelburg called the meeting to order at 7pm. Board members in attendance were Tom Mekelburg, Justin Crossland, Jessica Murray, Micah Seyler, Harold Blackham, Bill Sharon, Baylor Buck and Dave Blach. Others in attendance were Carmen Murray, Scott Weaver, Adam Gates, Kaci Porter, Jolynn Midcap, Mariya Mekelburg, Randy Mekelburg, and Curt Lapp.

Minutes were presented. Justin moved to approve the minutes and Micah seconded. Motion passed. New board member Bill was introduced.

Election of Officers:

President- Micah nominated Tom, Jessica seconded. Micah moved to close nominations, Harold seconded. Motion passed.

Vice President- Jessica nominated Justin, Baylor seconded. Dave moved to close nominations, Micah seconded. Motion passed

Secretary- Justin nominated Jessica, Micah seconded. Micah moved to close nominations, Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer- Jessica nominated Micah, Justin seconded. Dave moved to close nominations, Justin seconded. Motion passed.

Reports

- Extension: Jolynn discussed awards banquet in Liberty. Update on checks to livestock kids.
- Superintendent: Need to budget two more TV's in. One for the other side of the ring and the other in the poultry barn.
- Rodeo: Nothing new. Scott asked that the board consider reimbursing Cassidee for travel/hotels when nominated. Micah moved that up to 1500/yr can be reimbursed for rodeo nominations/award expenses. Bill seconded. Motion carried.
- Fair Queen: Asked for princess program to be moved to tryouts day (Tuesday at 5). Board agreed.
- Event Manager: Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows will be hosting the International meeting that Carmen will attend. Carmen will be opening bids for cleaning crew at fair as there is more than one interested.
- Fairgrounds: For interview judging, asked if the red chairs from the other building can be used rather than the plastic lawn chairs. Randy working on bleachers.
- Food Booth: Need to see what is required for proof of earnings and talk with other food booths about this. Tom to discuss with council.
- Sponsorship: Working on a meeting and getting new sponsors.

- Vendor: Will start to recruit new vendors.
- Beer Garden/ Security: 3054 made on beer sales this year. Needs to loop vendors in on security.
- Budget: Walked through line by line. Scott would provide more of a breakdown next meeting of what expenditures are in categories.
- Parade: 250th Anniversary of USA

Old Business:

Discussion of 2027 fair dates. Justin moved to table this discussion until next meeting so Cassidee could have input. Jessica seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion on proposed schedule (attached). There was feedback on certain days being busy and drawbacks of splitting goat and sheep show. Micah moved to approve the proposed schedule and Bill seconded. Motion passed 7 for 1 against.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be in Wray on November 17 at 6:30pm