

Yuma County Fair Board

Minutes November 17, 2025

Wray Election 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, Ruben Richardson, Baylor Buck and Dave Blach. Others in attendance were Carmen Murray, Scott Weaver, Kaci Porter, Mariya Mekelburg, Randy Mekelburg, Cassidee Rogers and Travis Taylor.

Minutes were presented. Micah moved to approve the minutes and Justin seconded. Motion passed.

A letter was presented to the fair board on behalf of Liam Booth who asked to be a part of 4-H and the Yuma County Fair even though he resides part time with his father in Ohio and part time with his mother in Yuma County. Jessica moved to let Liam participate in the fair and Justin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

- Extension: Travis is starting to look for judges.
- Rodeo: Cassidee asked for feedback on the big screen and needing it.
- Fair Queen: Royalty will be participating in the parade of lights and the stock show in January.
- Fairgrounds: 4H leaders scrubbed down the 4-H booth and concession area and threw out the ice maker that didn't work.
- Commissioners: Discussion about making changes to the rodeo arena. From January to June Randy will be out.

Committees

- Sponsorship: Met last week and are looking at targeting some corporate sponsors and working on the letter/
- Beer Garden/ Security: They are going to talk to Carl to see if they are willing to work on security again
- Activities: The guy that got rained out wants to come back. Working on bringing bingo back.
- Livestock: All the money is collected. There are a few checks to pick up still.
- Youth: Committee met tonight and the application will go live in December.

Old Business:

On the schedule, tack can come in Tuesday at 6pm. Still need to set 2027 dates after Cassidee gets more information for rodeo. Discussion on dual purpose poultry breeds selling at fair which is in the fair book. Need to discuss if cage limits can go up with Stuart. The TV needs moved in the

concession building down a bit. No one has heard from Beto on Mexican concert. Tentative meeting on December 10 via Zoom when Scott has more information for the budget.

New Business:

We need to come up with a better system for the Herdsman awards in 2026. Mariya is working on getting the same photographer as last year.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be in Wray on January 19 at 6:30pm