

04/02/2026 6:45p (later start due to the County Volunteer Meeting)

Roll Call:

Trent, Dustin, Annie, Dakota, Sasha, Kail, Cathi, Marcus, Miki, Bernie, Dave A., Monica, Rebecca, Randy, Abby, Taylor, Beth Helmke

Donna is sick with the flu and Pat is away with a family function. Chelsea is also sick.

Approval of March 2026 Minutes:

Cathi made a motion to approve, Sasha to second the approval.

Treasurer Report:

April Balance \$36,820.28

Buyers Dinner conversation, 2025 total was 3750.

Trent will put on the May Agenda

Fairgrounds Manager Report:

Randy is concerned about fire season and how that will affect the fairgrounds as an evacuation center.

He has stockpiled bottled water.

He is also concerned about any water restrictions that may interfere with the ability to work the ground in the main arena.

They have put two sets of aluminum bleachers at the practice arena. They do not have railings and are currently not to code. They are working on the railing.

Retaining wall for the dirt pad where the tent will be during fair: 6200 approximate quote to get a new wash station area, this would potentially be another fundraiser in the future

18 people went through the liquor service class

Miki currently working on grandstand volunteers for the rodeo

Miki and Chelsea working together to try to improve advertisement for the open class

Dave opened discussion about the idea of county essentials (ie port-a-potties) versus what the fair board covers

Abby suggested creating a volunteer committee for parking and clean up.

Sydney Rohrich guest: Presentation as to why she will not be present at the small animal weigh-in, she is competing at a 4-H event.

Trent to motion to approve that we can help Sydney on a different day as directed by the livestock committee, Dustin to second. The date will be Monday the 27th at 5pm. Trent and Annie will be present.

Rebecca made a request to add a goat breeding class, this will be similar to a Best in Show.
Cathi motion to approve, Sasha to second.

Extension Report:
Please see attached.



April 2026 Extension Report

April Fair Board Meeting

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Upcoming dates/deadlines

- April 1 – Market Beef state fair nominations due
- April 26 – Small animal weigh in, 1-4 pm followed by Gratitude BBQ
- May 1 – Horse & Dog ID Forms due in 4HOnline
- May 3 – Livestock clinic
- May 7 – May Fair Board meeting
- May 15 – project add/drop deadline

Upcoming club meetings - Request for a FB member to attend upcoming club meetings with Rebecca to discuss rule book

- Sunday 12 April, Imagine That!, 3:30 pm @ Crossroads Church (Poncha)
- Sunday 12 April, Hub Club, 6 pm @ BVHS flex rooms

Project Questions

- Dairy Cattle
 - 1 dairy cow coming to county fair
 - Need tagged? Come to small animal weigh in?
 - Need to add a dairy showmanship class? Or can put in alternative bovine showmanship class?
 - What are the requirements for vaccines or tests for bringing cows to the fairgrounds?
- Breeding Goat
 - 1 breeding doe goat coming to county fair

Open Scale Days

- Schedule for April/May/June dates
- Propose May 3 to align with livestock clinic (2:30-4 pm)

Enrollment data

- Members (122 + 4 Lake = 126) (124 last year, 5 graduated)

→ 1st Sundays 3-4 17th
→ 2 Sundays 7th, 21st July Potentially
5, 19 once a
1 week
26

- Cloverbuds (15 + 2 Lake = 17) (14 last year)
- Volunteers (25 + 2 Lake = 27) (24 last year)

Current project enrollment data

- Beef – 27 (25 in 2025) + Dairy pair
- Dairy cow – 1 (0 in 2025)
- Swine – 52 (49 in 2025) Pens?
- Goat – 11 (8 in 2025)
- Breeding goat – 1 (0 in 2025)
- Sheep – 8 (7 in 2025)
- Market poultry – 7 (4 in 2025)
 - Turkey – 1 (1 in 2025)
 - Egg production – 1 (0 in 2025)
 - Show poultry – 6 (4 in 2025)
- Market rabbit – 6 (1 in 2025)
 - Companion rabbit – 8 (2 in 2025)
 - Breeding rabbit – 2 (1 in 2025)
- Horse – 11 (7 in 2025)
- Dog – 8 (7 in 2025)
- Indoor/general projects – 88 projects (63 completed projects in 2025)
- Shooting sports – 6 (6 projects completed in 2025)
- **68 members took MQA in 2025. Anticipating 80 for 2026**

2024
(34 Steers at weigh-in)

Figure out animal traffic with wash station

Judges – Hired everything except goat RR plus need additional 1-2 indoor judges depending on final numbers

Gratitude BBQ – Collecting RSVPs, see sign-up sheet passed around

Emergency volunteers -- Please let Monica know if you'd like to be on a list of volunteers to help with livestock evacuations. I will follow up with next steps.

Canon Rentals – John should call me back on Monday with a quote for putting up the beer tent, I will forward it to you all.

Monica: met with William Plackner, Em Prepardness and how the fairgrounds work in the case of an emergency

Old Business:

Mounted Shooters to perform Saturday August 1st 2pm before the Ranch Rodeo
They requested \$500 for travel.

Abby to approve the motion for the \$500, Dakota to second.

Committee updates, no new changes

Scale House Sign: Dustin will continue to work on that.

Grandstand Signs:

Let's create a list of the businesses that are currently there and contact those businesses.

Create a fee schedule for advertisement and then discuss again at the May meeting.

Yukon Gold Adventure has added some games and will provide a lot of entertainment. The cost will be 3200.

Annie made a motion to approve, Marcus to second.

New Business:

Corner Post Award

Idea of creating a set of criteria for nomination, Dustin brought up an idea of changing the terms to every 3-5 years. The group decided to keep the award to yearly.

Letters of Interest for the open Fairboard seat were read. The letters were from AJ Palmer and Keri Gage. AJ was elected for the seat and Keri elected as an alternate if a seat opens up.

Meeting adjourned 8:07p Small Animal Weight In April 26th 1-4p Next meeting 5/7 6p
Fairgrounds meeting room.