



Park County Fair Board Meeting

February 10th, 2026

Fair Board Members : Britt Stubblefield, John Everest, Emily Carpenter, Johnny Green, Tara Zuber, Shawn Rohman, Caroline Brogan, Esad Sipilovic, April Myers, Jean Gottenborg

Guests: Abby Schmidt, Mackenzie Rohman, Charlene Sipilovic, Commissioner Jason Gemmer, Commissioner Dave Wissel, Bobby Lane, Dave Gottenborg, Elaina Michael, Jared McQueer, Kelly Stamper, Erin Michalski, Kasey Cole, Allie Lane, John Woodward, Laura Mines, Allie Salmon, Jamie Manulieto, Betsy Hoerter, Lucas Myer

- I. Commissioner Jason Gemmer called the meeting to order at 7pm**
- II. Lucas Myer Exemption Letter** - All 3 Commissioners approved Lucas writing a letter to allow the Fair Board to conduct fair business until the By Laws can be completed at the end of March. Jason said that the letter can be amended if need be. Jason said currently the Fair Board is operating under the Exemption Letter and the 1991 By Laws. Britt requested that the Policies and By Laws be revisited after fair so that we can continue with planning fair, Jason agreed that that was a reasonable request and said he will bring that up for discussion at their Commissioner Meeting on the 11th.
- III. By Laws/Policies-** Commissioners are holding a work meeting on the 11th and the Fair board is welcome to attend, if no one is able to attend, Jared and Nick will present on our behalf. Currently the Commissioners are working through the By Laws that have been written. Britt asked for an estimated date of completion for the By Laws and Policies and the Commissioners did not have a date at this time.
- IV. Election of Interim President-** Britt motioned to elect Johnny Green as Interim President, Tara second. Johnny agreed, with Adam and Britt's blessing. He will happily step back down to just a board member once Adam is reinstated. Motion carried. Britt turned the meeting over to Johnny Green.
- V. Changes to meeting agenda-** John requested to strike voting on the January minutes because the Fair Board did not have quorum. Britt stated that a meeting was still held, and there were discussions we just did not vote on anything. Jason advised the board that it would be beneficial to vote the minutes in to record. The board agreed that it would be beneficial to have these minutes on record.
- VI. Secretary's Reports for December & January Minutes** - Esad motioned to approve December and January minutes, Tara second. John opposed January minutes only. Motion carried.
- VII. Treasurer's Reports for December and January** - Britt motioned to approve December and January reports, Emily second. Motioned carried.

VIII. Guests -

A. Kasey Cole- Brynlee's steer died and she is wanting to show a heifer from her breeder so Kasey just wanted to understand all the rules before he agrees to bring the heifer to Colorado. She would only be using the heifer for showmanship and possibly breeding class. The Fair Board recommended having Brynlee write a letter of hardship and her plan of how she wants to complete her steer project and present it next meeting.

IX. Facilities-

- all gates are now in
- will begin work on berm, parking lot and additional fencing
- High Altitude Livestock Showdown is the first weekend of June (5th, 6th, 7th)
- Have Fair Board check banners that are in the fair barn, county can hang/take down any.
- Discussion about a new black widow - get a small one instead of a large one? Jared said he would look at getting a smaller one in addition to another large one
- Need to add more sand to the Joe Linch Arena to get it re-crowned

X. Mackenzie Report-

- Her contract was signed by the county
- Sponsorships are currently at \$18,500
- Prathers is the Title Sponsor again
- Fair Schedule Changes- Health Certs for mini horses or vet checks? Horse leaders will let us know what is best for them
- Abby requested to move exhibit hall pick up to 9am-11am

XI. Royalty Recap -

- NWSS was great, the girls represented Park County very well. Mya volunteered 60 hours and Autumn volunteered 40 hours.
- Gymkhana dates - 6/13, 7/18, 9/5
- The girls have been invited to attend a few other upcoming events as well
- Jolynn contacted Emily on January 25th and asked to be reinstated as Queen. Tara has been trying to meet up with Jolynn since December to get all the Queen gear back. Emily informed the Fair Board of all of the communications (and lack of) with Jolynn, beginning with her turning over her title in December. Emily informed Jolynn that it would be up to the Fair Board to accept or deny her request. Emily recommended Jolynn write a letter to the board for her request. John motioned to not accept Jolynn back into the program, Britt second. Motion carried Emily will inform Jolynn of the board's decision.

XII. Old Business-

A. New Members- Welcome to Esad, April and Jean. Commissioners will reschedule a meeting to be able to meet with Allie.

B. Roles/Responsibilities/MOU 's- Fair Board/Extension/Livestock

Committee- we need clear roles and rules. There is a lot of unclear rules that make it difficult for Abby's office.

- Two families missed the ID deadline set by the livestock committee. Last meeting the fair board discussed using the State Fair dates for animal ID's, without objection. Britt motions that Park County Fair will use State Fair dates for all projects. Esad second. April 1st is for market beef, May 1st is for all small animal. John and Shawn opposed. Motion carried.
- Abby also requests that the board look through the current MOU's and identify changes that need to be made so we can get them signed.
- Jason suggested that we make sure the new By Laws state that the Park County Fair Board has the ability make / change rules for fair purposes.
- Tara motioned to eliminate primary weigh in, Emily second. Tara amended her motion to, No primary weigh in of any market animal, any species, for any event for Park County Fair, Emily second. Motion carried.

XIII. Fair Show Rule Changes-

- Restructuring the utility show
- Breeding classes are adjusted
- Yak will be added as a new class - change market steer in the yak section to market yak
- Change Horse committee to Horse Superintendent
- Change celebrity livestock show to alumni round robin, need to be out of 4-H for a minimum of 5 years
- Have silent auction for general projects
- Britt motions to approve, Caroline second. Motion carried

XIV. New Business-

A. Britt-

- CPRA contract needs to be updated and signed. Lucas signed it during the meeting. Shawn was ok to be the contact on the paperwork

B. John-

- portable showers/toilets?
- Use temp help to clean them
- Add more porta-toilets instead of indoor restrooms?
- Continue Platte Canyon Chamber membership
- Lucas recommended working with the Park County Tourism board

C. Shawn-

- Add more money to rough stock events to get more contestants - \$1500?
- Could add extra purse outside CPRA, work with other rodeos to get more contestants at all our events, they would need to meet certain requirements to be eligible to win additional added money. Spoke with Crowder's, they are on board. Would need someone to take the local entries.

XV. Issues/Discussions-

- Tara motioned to reinstate Adam as the Fair Board President as soon as the new By Laws are in place and approved, Emily second. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm

Minutes submitted by Emily Carpenter, Fair Board Secretary