

SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

Parks and Fair Admin Conference Room

San Juan County Fairgrounds

Friday, December 12, 2025

CONVENE MEETING

9:02AM

Attendance: Barbara Bevens, Mark Hampton, Jeri King, Kari McVeigh, Josephine Bangs, Brandon Andrews, Amanda Smith, Milene Henley, Herb Mason, Terri Brown.

Approval of Agenda: Mark moved; Jeri seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: *November 2025:* Josephine moved; Barbara seconded. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

Council Liaison Report: Kari McVeigh:

- Passed the Comprehensive Plan after a year of edits and deliberations. Roche Harbor Master Plan was removed from this plan.
- Passed one year budget for 2026, still working on 2027-2028 biennial budget.

4-H DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Clinton Gauthier (not present); reported by Terri Brown

- Searching for more leaders as membership has grown!
- Programming is utilizing the fairgrounds facilities more during construction at the college.
- Off-island meetings will begin in the new year to give greater support to off-island clubs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Exhibitor Awards

- Discussed the transition from flat premium amounts to a points-based system to gain control over our awards budget.
- Fair Board recommends switching to point system provided points go back to the Fair and not into the pot to be distributed to remaining exhibitors. Milene moved. Barbara seconded. Unanimously approved. Amanda will reach out to Fair Entry to confirm.
- Amanda will work with 4-H to assign point values to awards in each open department.

Friends of the Fair

- Jeri asked about how to resurrect the Friends of the Fair fundraising and volunteer group.
- Brandon shared that this group would need to be a non-profit organization and would need to form a 501c3.
- Jenn Rigg may be a good resource to further explore this option.

New Fair Board application review

- Jeri King has reapplied, and a 3-year at large position is currently vacant.
- Josephine moved to recommend Jeri to Council to fill that spot, Barbara seconded. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ticket Price Review:

- Brandon shared ticket sales & comps spreadsheet from previous year, broken down by ticket type along with three different pricing updates for 2026.
- Brandon shared 3 different scenarios (look at spreadsheet for more information)
- The Board recommends raising the adult daily rate to \$20 with the discounted rate of \$15 and keeping the \$30 season pass rate while increasing the Adult Exhibitor Season Pass to \$25.
- Things to discuss at future meeting:
 - Offering pre-sale pricing to lock in 2025 rates
 - Exhibitor passes sold only on Entry Days

Fairgrounds Events Update:

- The Fairgrounds facilities have been busy seeing bookings from 4-H, Island Rec, FH Baseball & Softball Association, community meetings and private events like birthday parties and fundraisers.
- A Facility Guide and website updates are in the works to further promote the rental spaces we offer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Fair Board Meeting

January 9, 2026

ADJOURN: 10:32AM