

49er's Saddle Club

April 6, 2026

Monthly member meeting was called to order by President Michelle at 6:06 PM.

Attendance:

President- Michelle Stedham

VP & Treasurer- Lisa Hawkins

Secretary- Rashell Doolittle

Director (3)- Mark Cook

Director (2)- Darin McKenzie

Director (1)- David Erickson

Treasurer Report:

Michelle- motioned & Mark- second the approval of the treasurer report.

Royalty Report:

Rashell read the royalty report.

Old Business:

Weed management- Charlie applied 120 gallons of spray on 3/22/26

Blackberry bushes- CC Meacham is handling with the city

Tractor prospective purchase (Mark)- DeAtley foundation grant paperwork has been submitted, will not hear until September 2026 if approved

Teardowns of Stands & Stalls- stalls have been torn down by a community service worker and stands will be done on cleanup day

Judges stands on south end- Darin stated he will repair

Arena/Sand- Atlas donates every year to the arena and Mark will reach back out

Events: Playnight and Barrel & Poles- all events have been created and advertised

Clean-up dates- CONFIRMED for April 18 & 19

Cook Shack- Kati Wilson with LCSC Rodeo Club (JR Rodeo, Barrel & Poles, and CIRA)

We All Scream for Ice Cream (Playnights)

Uhlenkott- replaced the control box & pressure switch, Mark is going to be working with them on the Sistine installation

49ers Facebook- No sale ads

Omoksee- Erika V. with LCSC proposed that LCSC & 49ers collaborate and co-host a weekend event at the two clubs and split awards cost

Clubhouse donation- April 11th to Kenzie Triplett for a medical fundraiser

Equipment donation clean up- Farrah will reach out to Patriotic Equipment to see if they will loan out a Skid Steer and a Stick Boom to help on clean up

2026 Pasture Rental- GELDINGS only opens May 1st

Missing tires- Mark still looking for the tires for tractor and water wagon, will need to purchase

Minutes of last meeting were read. (Lisa- motioned, Karen- second)

New Business:

- 49ers & LCSC Omoksee- due to conflicting dates with the original date of September 26&27 being the same weekend as the Nez Perce fair, it is canceled and will re-evaluate for 2027.
- Western Recycler will donate a Roll Off bin for us to use for the clean-up days. It will be dropped off on 4/17 and picked up no later than 4/21.
- CIRA arena rental dates- June 27 & 28, July 25, August 1 & 2
- North 40 signboard will be installed above the bucking chutes
- Tractor repair- it was asked of what is wrong with our tractor as a part was purchased last year. Mark noted that there is a leak from the hydraulic. Curtis will investigate the issue and hopefully fix
- Royalty serape repair- Royalty would like to know if they are responsible for paying for the damage that was done by past director or it could be split. Estimated cost of repair was quoted to be \$175. Mark motioned that 49ers would pay for the repair in full, Darin seconded the motion.
- Kris Parkins Cattle would like to know if she could bring cattle over after clubhouse rental of April 11th. It was decided no, as the clean-up days are scheduled for next weekend and we don't want to try to work around them as we'll be spraying the alleyways and burning.
- Facebook comments- We want the 49ers to be a positive club. Any negative comments or complaints posted will be deleted and a board member will reach out directly to see what can be done to improve or resolve the situation. If you have issues, please reach out to a board member.
- Garbage- Karen mentioned and asked when the garbage service will open back up due to it currently being locked. Lisa noted that she would reach out to get the services restarted.
- Cookshack water leak- Mark met with a plumber on 3/31 and was able to fix the frost freeze water spicket and added stronger fittings. Invoice for \$256 will be sent to Mark.
- Dirt donated- we have a donor that would like to donate around 40-60 loads of dirt. There is not much rock in it, but it is topsoil dirt. They preferred the company of M.L. Albright to load and haul due to respect for their property.
- M.L. Albright- Michelle met with Albrights on 3/20 to assess the arena. On 3/27 they did a grade check stated that the arena is fairly level with a 3" slope. They provided a bid of \$6,500 to load, haul, and grade with also ensuring all costs to repair the donor's land if needed. With a proposal that they will make a trench to help with drainage from November through March and will relevel in spring. On 3/30 Albrights withdrew their bid/offer due to not wanting to be dictated on how to do the work.
- Knife River- Mark reached out to Knife River for about a second bid to haul the donated dirt. Knife River stated that they will do the hauling for free. At the meeting, the donor of the dirt expressed concerns about his road and who was obligated to pay for it to be fixed

after the hauling and that it will probably be the liability and cost to 49ers to have the road repaired since Knife River probably won't pay as they are doing a free service.

- Atlas Sand & Rock- will donate screened sand and help with grading of the arena.
- Screening of rock- Justin noted that Jake Kashmitter might donate to screen the dirt of rocks and it would be done at 49ers. We will have someone reach out to investigate this possibility.
- Karen made a motion to go with M.L. Albright bid and budget for a maximum of \$6,500. Rashell noted that we can see if Albright is willing to negotiate on bid where the 49ers will give a signboard with free renewal for up to 5 years. There were many discussions that if you add too many companies mixed in of helping it is hard to negotiate with scheduling and a long-term goal, where they were willing to help us with long term. Linda seconded the motion. The donor will reach out to Albright to see if they're still willing to do the work.
- Water table issues- Mark met with Uhlenkott on 3/31 of setting up the reservoir into the ground with a pump installed that will auto fill up and can run the sprinklers during the low flow summer conditions. The bid came in at \$7,500. There were questions on how many GPM was the pump and was estimated to be 25 GPM. It is unknown how quickly it would auto fill the reservoir when the water table got low. Mark will find out further information. Plan for the reservoir will be tabled to see if we have more water issues this summer and will see about budgeting.
- May 4th Playnight- will be cancelled due to lots of work needing done in the arena and unsure if we can get everything completed before the first event.

Next meeting is scheduled to be May 11, 2026. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.
(Mark- motioned, Curtis- second)