

49er's Saddle Club

September 14, 2026

Monthly member meeting was called to order by President Michelle at 6:03 PM.

Attendance:

President- Michelle Stedham

VP & Treasurer- Lisa Hawkins

Secretary- Rashell Doolittle

Director (1)- David Erickson

Members: Curtis Doolittle, CC Meacham, Farrah Meacham, Logan Doolittle

Royalty Report:

The year has been a success with the girls attending Walla Walla and Lewiston Roundup and they have done a tremendous job representing. Playnights have earned \$2,967 and received \$1,195 in sponsorships. With the success of playnights we can give out placings to 4th place. We are planning on hosting a Halloween barrel race on October 31st. 2027 Royalty: no applications have been received yet, but Rashell has received some verbal interest.

Old Business:

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

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

49ers Facebook- No sale ads

Update ByLaws- will work on Fall 2026

New Business:

- Michelle reached out to Gary with the Lewiston Roundup again about purchasing 2-4 bucking chutes, still waiting for a response as she reached out on 6/22/2026 and 9/14/2026.
- DeAtley Foundation- we were selected and granted \$49,900 towards the purchase of a tractor. Bret Christensen reached out to Rashell in regard to a negotiation for a Yanmar tractor prospective with Patriot Equipment. Mark wanted to reach out to Bell Equipment to see what they would offer since they loaned a tractor out for the whole summer, he wanted to give them a chance to see if they can come with a deal.
- Update on Judges Stands – Darin has not been able to repair the one stand. Not a big issue as there is no omoksee events being planned.
- Water Pump/Old Tractor – refund has been received and Curtis has not installed it yet. Will plan on doing so in October. After installment it is planned to sell the tractor as there is no use for it.
- Update By-Laws. Our version is 2012 and cannot locate the PDF or Word version. Michelle has typed it up into a word version.
- Gas tank needs a new hose and filter as it leaks. *Purchased and replaced*
- Faucet by cookshack looks like it is leaking again. *Fixed*
- Gas cans and grease guns need purchased for 49ers use only for maintenance. *Purchased*
- Round Pen- Karen reached out to Atlas for cost \$334+\$96 delivery fee= \$430 total for one full dump truck of arena sand which is approximately 15 tons. It was decided to wait until next year since we have spent quite a bit this year, unless we can find another source that is willing to donate and deliver at no cost.

- Clayton Rodeo Grounds reached out to David Erickson about donating some bleacher frames. These are metal frames where you bolt down wood boards. It was decided that we can take how much they would like to donate. *No longer available*
- Junior Rodeo- the junior rodeo held four total events. Only one deposit of 30% (6/17/2026) has been given to the 49ers. No money has been deposited into the bank account.
- Sprinkler head by bleachers- it is leaking and Mark knows about it
- Curtis welded on a jack for the water wagon in June
- Another cleanup day before winter- it was voted no, as there is no one available
- Light Fixture at top of announcer's stand- fixture fully replaced as it broke. Will need a new bulb as current one is too large to place covering over
- Extra Tools: if anyone has spare tools laying around, it would be appreciated if we could receive some donated ones as the club has none.
- 49ers equipment is not for personal use. All equipment, including the tractor, is to remain on the grounds of the 49er's property.
- Uhlenkott met with Mark in August and worked on a plan to install the cistern. Previous meeting it was discussed to hold off on the burial of the cistern due to funding issues. The original proposed cost was to be around \$7,500 and in August Mark stated that it shouldn't be no more than \$5,000 or less. We have not yet received an invoice from Uhlenkott.
- Price Increase- Rashell proposed that we should raise our prices for membership, clubhouse rental, and pasture rental since they have not been changed in over 10 years. It was proposed that the new rates will be as follows: Membership: Individual- \$50 Family- \$75 (family members must all live in the same household), Clubhouse Rental: \$150 for members \$200 for Non-members, Pasture Rental: \$100 per horse. With the clubhouse needing structural work and more beautification all clubhouse rental income will go directly to the clubhouse funding for repairs. (Curtis- motioned, David- second)
- CC asked if we could have the outhouse moved to another location due to the smell right next to the cookshack. It was approved that we will look into a different location. (CC- motioned, Curtis- second)
- Open positions- it was decided that one person should hold a position and no doubles roles. There will be a post on social media for people to apply for positions.
- David Erickson (1 year director and roping director) notified that effective today at the meeting he is stepping down from his role.
- Clubhouse electrical box- Karen noted on social media messenger that the cover is broken off and feels like the box should be replaced. We will see if we are able to replace the cover/lid first, if not then look into replacing the electrical box.
- Mark mentioned in the social media messenger that he has a riding lawnmower that he is willing to donate to the club. It currently does not run and might need rings replaced on the cylinders or a new motor which might cost around \$500.

Next meeting is scheduled to be October 12, 2026, at 6 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.
(Curtis- motioned, David- second)