

MCHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2026

Meeting Details

- **Date:** June 10, 2026
 - **Time:** 6:55 PM – 8:19 PM (America/Denver)
 - **Attendees Present:** President Ashley Lee, Vice President Roy Oliver, Gus Hoffman, Kelly Fraser, Jann Parker, Cody Lee, Dave Ziebarth
 - **Absent:** Jeremy Young, Doug Pearce, Andi James
 - **Others Present:** Valee Miller, Peri Suenram, Michelle Van Dyke
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President **Ashley Lee** called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM. Roll call was conducted by **Valee Miller**.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Motion:** Approve May meeting minutes as written.
 - **Moved by:** Kelly Fraser
 - **Seconded by:** Gus Hoffman
 - **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.
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3. NCHA Days Show Review (Deer Lodge)

General Feedback

- The first two days of the show were successful and well-attended.
- Concerns arose during the final days regarding:
 - Early start times and lack of communication.
 - Cattle management and facility limitations.
 - Secretary's performance and administrative errors.

Key Discussion Points

- **Professionalism:**
Jann Parker emphasized the importance of adhering to published start times and avoiding early starts to maintain professionalism.
 - **Cattle Management:**
 - Facility limitations and overcapacity caused logistical issues.
 - Discussion on rerun vs. fresh cattle; consensus to consider reruns for future shows.
 - Daryl expressed desire to step back from production duties next year.
 - **Future Show Planning:**
 - Todd Banner suggested as a potential show producer for next year.
 - Board agreed to revisit compensation for Daryl once P&L is finalized.
 - **Judging and Scheduling:**
 - Kelly Fraser recommended more board involvement in judge selection and scheduling.
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4. Secretary Performance and Selection

- **Issues with Susie Reed:**
 - Billing errors, incorrect class entries, and payout discrepancies required extensive post-show corrections by Valee Miller.
 - NCHA office contacted Valee Miller to resolve unpaid balances and data errors.
- **Decision:**
 - Board unanimously agreed **not to rehire Susie Reed**.
 - **Courtney Pace Miller** was approved as secretary for the **Big Piney show** and future events.
 - **Motion:** Approve Courtney's proposal as show secretary.
 - **Moved by:** Kelly Fraser
 - **Seconded by:** Roy Oliver

- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.
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5. 4-H Club Food Service Payments

- Repeated issues with unpaid food tabs at recent shows.
 - **Action Items:**
 - Require 4-H to collect a **blank check or credit card** when opening a tab.
 - Board to coordinate with 4-H leaders to ensure payment accountability.
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6. Big Piney Show Planning

Logistics

- **Roy Oliver** to transport show pen, flag, and equipment to Big Piney one week prior.
 - **Motion:** Reimburse Roy for fuel and travel expenses.
 - **Moved by:** Jann Parker
 - **Seconded by:** Gus Hoffman
 - **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.
- **Valee Miller** to:
 - Register and license new MCHA trailer.
 - Confirm insurance coverage and list approved drivers (Roy Oliver and Gus Hoffman).
 - Book hotel rooms for judges online to ensure confirmed rates.

Secretary and Coordination

- **Courtney Pace Miller** confirmed as show secretary.
 - **Ashley Lee** to contact Andi James to confirm any additional needs.
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7. Memorial Donation – Jonathan Foote

- **Discussion:**

The board recognized Jonathan and Kathy Foote's long-standing contributions to MCHA.

- **Motion:** Donate **\$1,000** to the **MSU School of Architecture** in Jonathan Foote's honor.
 - **Moved by:** Kelly Fraser
 - **Seconded by:** Ashley Lee
 - **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.
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8. Equipment and Maintenance

- **Clock/Scoreboard Issue:**

- Roy Oliver reported malfunctioning display.
 - Valee and Clayton Miller to troubleshoot before sending for repair.
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9. Media and Social Media Presence

- **Discussion:**

Gus Hoffman suggested improving MCHA's online visibility similar to other regional clubs.

- **Action Items:**

- Add "Media/Social Media Improvement" to next meeting agenda.
 - Valee Miller to add board members as Facebook contributors and request member photos for posts.
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10. NCHA Convention Update

- **Report by:** Michelle Van Dyke

- No major rule changes expected to impact MCHA.
- Amateur class eligibility discussions ongoing.
- Members encouraged to email Michelle or Peri with concerns before convention.

12. Adjournment

- **Motion to Adjourn:** Kelly Fraser
- **Seconded by:** Gus Hoffman
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.
- **Adjourned at:** 8:19 PM

Minutes prepared by: Valee Miller