

**Wyoming Association of Fairs  
Annual Meeting  
October 10, 2025  
Douglas, WY**

President Brianne Brower called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

Roll Call:

President - Brianne Brower	
Vice President - William Wood	Secretary - Liz Slattery
Executive Secretary - Rachele Saxton	Treasurer - Niki Hensley

**Attendance**

Brianne Brower	Jasmyne Bryant	Shae Lux	Kota Provence
William Wood	Nicholle Watkins	Erika Koshar	Matthew Davis
Liz Slattery	Dan Ange	Natalie Cornia	Pat Hart - Virtual
Niki Hensley	Monica Munoz	Courtney Hinds	Bud Claycomb
Rachele Saxton	Barb Price	Jarrod Robles	Jay Brower
Taylor Haley	Kimber Solberg	Sara Doyle	Devin Finson

**Fairs Present**

Albany County	Laramie County	Sublette County	<u>SERVICE MEMBERS:</u>
Campbell County	Park County	Sweetwater County	Matthew Davis
Crook County	Platte County	Uinta County	
Fremont County	Sheridan County	Wyoming State Fair	
		12 Fairs Total	1 Service Member

**Fairs NOT present**

Big Horn County	Converse County	Johnson County	Teton County
Carbon County	Goshen County	Lincoln County	Washakie County
Central WY Fair	Hot Springs County	Niobrara County	Weston County

The 2024 Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed by attendees.

Amendment to change the date of the BJH Scholarship from September to October. Jayme moved to accept the amendment - Jay 2nd. Motion carried.

Courtney moved to accept the minutes - Taylor 2nd. Motion carried.

Niki read the Treasure Report as follows:

### 2025 WAF Financial Report

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	Wells Fargo Checking	\$16,378.02
	WAF Scholarship Savings	\$2,024.71
	BJH Scholarship Savings	\$4,877.96
	<b>TOTAL 9/20/2024</b>	<b><u>\$23,280.69</u></b>
<b>Checking Deposits</b>	2024 WAF Conv Reg	\$366.10
	2024 BJH Scholarship Reimbursement	\$500.00
	2025 WAF Membership	\$4,562.20
	2025 WAF Scholarship Reimbursement	\$1,000.00
	Cancelled Check #1027	\$500.00
	Quicken Refund	\$71.88
	2025 WAF Conv Registration	\$1,972.84
	<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$8,973.02</b>
<b>Checking Expenditures</b>	2024 WAF Conv Expense	\$2,371.14
	BJH Scholarship	\$500.00
	2024 IAFE Expense	\$2,210.56
	2024 Reissued WAF Scholarship	\$500.00
	2025 IAFE Membership	\$170.00
	2025 Scholarships	\$1,000.00
	2025 Conference Refund	\$75.00
	Weebly	\$33.90
	Secretary of State	\$27.25
	USPS (Certified Mailings & Stamps)	\$44.47
	Google One	\$29.99
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$6,962.31</u></b>
		<b><u>\$25,291.40</u></b>
<b>WAF Scholarship</b>	Deposits	\$119.39
	Withdrawal	\$1,000.00
<b>BJH Scholarship</b>	Deposits	\$1,850.61
	Withdrawal	\$500.00
	<b>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b><u>\$470.00</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	Wells Fargo Checking	\$18,388.73
	WAF Scholarship Savings	\$1,144.10
	BJH Scholarship Savings	\$6,228.57
	<b>TOTAL 10/6/2025</b>	<b><u>\$25,761.40</u></b>

Billy moved to accept the treasurer's report - Kimber 2nd. Motion carried.

Discussion of how money is added to the WAF Scholarship fund.

Rachelle Saxton presented her annual Executive Secretary report.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Rachelle as she officially steps down from this vital role.

President Brianne Brower announced that the association had solicited applications for the open position. Following a review of the two submissions received, the officers have made an appointment.

We are pleased to announce that Pat Hart has been selected and officially appointed by the officers as the new Executive Secretary.

Old Business:

1. Committee Reports.

- a. Bobbi Jo Heald Memorial Scholarship (BJH)
  - i. Each committee member will reach out to two of the fairs not attending to encourage them to participate.
  - ii. Increase the amount to \$500 for two fairs
  - iii. This scholarship is for the WAF and RMAF Conventions
- b. Marketing & Merchandise
  - i. WAF Swag can be purchased at an online store
  - ii. Monica will contact Trophy Create LLC to have merchandise ready so WAF members can purchase for the upcoming RMAF and IAFE Conventions
  - iii. To help save on shipping and handling, Laramie County has generously offered to transport the purchased merchandise directly to the conventions.
- c. By-Laws
  - i. The committee reported that they are happy with the By-Laws and Procedures
  - ii. Any possible changes will be looked at in even years
  - iii. Change the name of the Executive Secretary
- d. Recruitment Retention/WAF Scholarship
  - i. Scholarship application is great
  - ii. Noted that 22 Counties have paid the annual membership dues. The committee will call the fair managers not attending and encourage them to attend conventions.
  - iii. Ideas include: Save the Date Magnets, Welcome Packets
  - iv. Taylor will update the Mentor List and create a Google Drive for this
- e. Convention
  - i. Will work with President Brianne Brower for the 2026 Convention
  - ii. See more discussion in New Business

2. Rachelle received six applications for the WAF Scholarship. There was a three-way tie for 2nd place, and after a tiebreaker, the following were awarded:  
Mikayla Alexander from Carbon County  
Shelby Clark from Laramie County  
In 2024, a scholarship winner never received their certificate or money. There was a stop payment ordered on the check, and a reissued check was sent via certified mail. From here forward, all scholarships will be mailed certified.

#### New Business

1. Newsletter - It was discussed in other WAF meetings to bring back the Newsletter. Rachelle created a newsletter keeping to one page; highlighting a Service member, a WAF member, giving important dates, fun fair facts, and providing fair information. Was it read? Was it valuable? The information could be shared on social media, through Google Sheets, and/or email. It was suggested to have a Quarterly Newsletter.
2. Convention Dates - Brienne offered the option of having a two-day WAF convention so as not to waste people's time. Discussion:
  - a. Days of the week to have it.
  - b. Would two days be pushing it and not allow for the relaxed atmosphere?
  - c. Have an opening reception the night before to welcome everyone and possibly a tour.
  - d. Moving back into September. September has a little nicer weather.
  - e. Those who are attending are making the convention a priority and will come whenever and wherever it is scheduled.
  - f. Rock Spring volunteered to host the WAF Convention
    - i. Pinedale/Big Piney in 2026
    - ii. Rock Spring in 2027
  - g. Splitting a session for the Admin side and the maintenance side of things.
3. Learning Opportunities - What would we like to learn? Speakers? Discussion:
  - a. The IAFE Speaker Bureau is available. IAFE will pay them a stipend we would have to cover their travel expenses.
  - b. Possibly inviting someone who lives closer, such as Alexia Jordon from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
  - c. We have a lot of talent within our association that we could glean from.
4. 4-H and FFA
  - a. What are the challenges we are having?
  - b. Give them some directions and keep the dialogue open all year long. These are the reasons why we want to talk to you, and these are the things we are hoping to get out of this and make it a more productive conversation.
  - c. Pat will send out a Google Sheet to send out to the Association, asking for our honest questions about 4-H and FFA. To help them not feel threatened.

Next Meetings

1. The Spring Managers Meeting will be held virtually, tentatively on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.
2. The Fall Convention will be held in Sublette County, Pinedale/Big Piney, WY, October 6-7, 2026, at the Hampton Inn.

President Brianne Brower adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Saxton  
Executive Secretary