

4-H Clubs and Affiliated 4-H Organizations

Spokane County Budget and Fund-Raising Committee (BFR)

Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Called to Order: 6:15 p.m. by Everett Flake

Secretary: Varrella

Attendees: Everett, Gary, Gina, Lianna, Crissy, Tammy, Kay, Luke

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes were approved as presented.

2. Treasurer's Report (Varrella)

Total BFR Checking Account Balance: \$4,795.79

BFR General Fund

- Balance: \$3,167.61
- Deposits: \$0.00
- Debits: \$1,147.50 paid to Spokane 4-H Program for a 2024 dues-sharing overcharge

General Projects Subfund

- Balance: \$1,628.18
- Deposits: \$0.00
- Debits: \$105.95 reimbursed to K. McCloskey for 2025 Interstate Fair expenses

Endowment Update

- December statement shows \$1,232.67 available in the spendable column.

3. Reports

Power Winch Sale

- Crissy, Everett, and Gary are coordinating the online sale.

Action Item: Continue listing, monitoring, and responding to inquiries.

Bank Signers Update

- Gary will update bank signers and remove the former chair.

Action Item (Gary): Complete signer changes with the bank.

Recruitment for New BFR Members

- Draft language for the 4-H Friday Update was provided.
- Additional advertising platforms identified:
- Spokane County 4-H Facebook page
- NextDoor (Deer Park and Elk areas)
- Committee member networks

Action Items:

- Gary: Submit recruitment text to the 4-H Friday Update.
- All members: Share the recruitment announcement on identified platforms.

Other Reports

- No additional reports were noted.

4. Continuing Business

2026 Budget Review and Approval

- The committee reviewed and reaffirmed the Budget and Fund-Raising Committee's role as a fundraising resource and broker, including activities that may involve gaming.
- Gary will prepare a draft description of the committee's role for review.
- Motion (Gina): Approve the 2026 BFR and General Projects budget dated February 9, 2026. Vote: Passed 8–0.

Action Item (Gary): Share draft language describing the committee's role and purpose.

Year-Round Scholarship Discussion

- Continued discussion of a flexible-timing scholarship (or two) for former 4-H members pursuing vocational or trade programs.
- Eligibility would include active 4-H members and former members in good standing.
- Donor preferences may influence scholarship focus; the committee is curating specialized scholarship options.

Action Items:

- Committee: Continue refining scholarship structure and donor alignment.
- Gary (or designated lead): Begin outlining a potential scholarship framework for the next meeting.

Other Continuing Business

- No additional items were noted.

5. New Business**Scholarships**

- The committee will maintain established deadlines and review schedules.
- Formation of the scholarship review committee (high-school graduate and post-secondary) is deferred to the March or April meeting.

Action Items:

- Committee: Confirm deadlines at the next meeting.
- Committee: Establish the scholarship review group in March or April.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Next Meeting

- March 9, 2026