

Draper City

Special Events Arena Committee

**MEETING MINUTES**

July 30, 2025

Present: Mark Vincent, Oliver Herrera, Doug Vawdrey, Katie Ovard-Smith, Walter Rosemann, Dean Goodrich, Stefania Wilks, Stephanie Sherell, Ben Pattison, David Wilks

Not Attending:

Approval of June 4, 2025 minutes. No corrections were needed.

Introduction of new members: Mark Vincent and Oliver Herrera

David Wilks Report:

Draper Days overview. The full week of Draper Days attendance was 3 percent lower than 2024. The Car show was a huge success with 280 cars. Biggest year for attendance on Thursday for the Children's Bike Parade, Mini Carnival and Car Show. Friday's attendance was 9000 people but got evacuated because of rain. We had a 5 percent increase on Saturday. Draper Idol was amazing this year. We had double the amount of people trying out. The sports tournaments went well. This year we had Pickleball, Disc Golf and a 10K. The 10K had a smaller number of participants than in the past. Our income was down from previous years. We received 50 sponsors, but for smaller amounts of money. All events were very well patrolled. We had no arrests at the events, just one after the event. The whole week went very well despite the weather.

Discussion Items:

The Draper Days Rodeo turned out great this year. It was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Katie and Doug were in charge of the rodeo and said everything about it was very good. The horse pull was very well attended, 77 percent of the stands were full. Our Monster Truck Event will be August 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. David Wilks passed around sign-up sheets for ticket takers. Talked about the volunteer process. Free meal for all Volunteers. 20 volunteers needed Ticket takers. Discussion about combining Special Events Arena Committee and Community Engagement Committee. Talked about future possible events at the Arena. Talked about Medieval times knight festival at the arena in the future. Wilks says he will not put more events on at the Arena. Try for Demolition Derby for future. We will only do 4 events a year. Rodeo, Horse Pull will be every year. Monster Truck should stay. Plan 4<sup>th</sup> event in next meeting.

Next Meeting will be in September 2025

Doug motions the meeting to adjourn.