

**Darke County Horse Committee Minutes**  
**Feb 13, 2024**  
**7:30 Extension Office**

**Members present:**

**Buckeye Buckaroos:** Angie Bender

**Greenville Rangers:** Laura Wintrow, Jessica Post

**Horse & Rider:**

**Silver Hoofs:**

**Trails & Trails:** Madison Werner

**Jr Fairboard:**

**4-H Youth Development:** Mercedes McFarland

**Jr Fair Coordinator:**

**Sr Fair board members:**

**Secretary:** Shay Ann Auten

**Guests:** Mackenzie Auten

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the January meeting was submitted via email by Shay Ann Auten. There were no additions or corrections. Laura Wintrow moved to approve the report, and Madison Werner seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Submitted by Brandi Hamm and presented by Angie Bender

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
GNB checking	\$4671.20	\$4601.20
GNB savings	\$1,511.16	\$1511.16

There were 2 checks cashed. Laura Wintrow moved to approve the report, and Madison Werner seconded.

### **Jr. Fair board Coordinator (Betsy)**

1. Requested a copy of our By Laws and Constitution.

### **Sr. Fair board Member (Russ)**

#### **Youth Development Educator:** (Mercedes)

1. Clubs need to make sure everyone is completing their Equi-Step
2. 4H Committee is hosting a Spring Kickoff and Recognition Program along with a silent auction.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Next meeting will be in the Youth Building
2. Would like a semi permeant mounting block to be made.
3. Tack Sale- continue to advertise and still have openings for those who want to rent tables.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Emily Hartman put together a group of 4H youth interested in going to the Horse Bowl. The Horse Committee voted to pay for the materials and other expenses for them to participate.
2. The 4H Show bill for June and July was presented. Everyone discussed whether to require show clothes or not.
3. Laura was going to ask Brian if he was available with his food truck for any upcoming shows and possibly fair. Madison W also had a recommendation.
4. Skillathon- Madison had presented a new test that she had been working on. The 4H youth would be made aware of where to find the information to study for.

#### **SPONSORSHIP:**

1. Laura had a copy of Clarke County's Sponsorship information.
2. She recommended that at least 2 people handle the forms and money. Laura and Jessica said they would help with tracking the turned in forms and then Brandi Hamm would deal with the checks and reimbursement.
3. The youth would be responsible for the Thank You letters, and Laura would help with any banners recognizing the sponsors.
4. We talked about possibly having the 4H youth track their spending somehow. Possibly in their project book or another means.
5. The checks and forms would be collected by June 1<sup>st</sup> allowing for at least a 2 week turnaround before they would could reimburse any checks. This would help the youth out for things in the future such as Camp, State, and Fair expenses.

### **TACK SALE:**

1. Laura handed out BBQ Tickets at the meeting
2. Reminder from last meeting (March 12- BBQ tickets need turned in) All clubs are asked to each donate \$25 for drinks
3. Tack Sale Job Schedule for clubs

SET UP	4:00-6:00	Tails and Trails and Buckeye Buckaroos
	6:00-8:00	Greenville Rangers
FOOD STAND	8:00-10:00	Horse and Rider
	10:00-12:00	Greenville Rangers
	12:00-2:00	Buckeye Buckaroos
	2:00-4:00	Tails and Trails
CLEAN UP	3:00	Silver Hoofs (Door all day)

### **SUMMER CAMP:**

1. Classes were picked out and were now just looking for instructors
2. Mackenzie was working on putting camp registration online for parents

### **The Meeting Concluded:**

Laura Wintrow moved to adjourn, and Madison Werner seconded.

Next meeting will be March 21st at the Youth Building

Submitted by Secretary.  
Shay Ann Auten

**Darke County Horse Committee Minutes**  
**March 21, 2024**  
**6:30 Youth Building**

**Members present:**

**Buckeye Buckaroos:** Angie Bender  
**Greenville Rangers:** Laura Wintrow, Brandi Hamm  
**Horse & Rider:** Kelly Smith  
**Silver Hoofs:** Mary Neill  
**Trails & Trails:** Madison Werner, Marla Werner  
**Jr Fairboard:** Callie Pope, Gracelynn Harter

**4-H Youth Development:** Mercedes McFarland

**Jr Fair Coordinator:**

**Sr Fair board members:** Russ Skaggs

**Secretary:** Shay Ann Auten

**Guests:** Mackenzie Auten

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the February meeting was submitted via email by Shay Ann Auten. Correction- The checks and forms would be collected by July 1<sup>st</sup> for the sponsorships.

**Treasurer Report:** Submitted by Brandi Hamm

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
GNB checking	\$4601.20	\$4448.20
GNB savings	\$1511.16	\$1,511.16

Emylee Springer has an outstanding check.

Laura Wintrow moved to approve the report, and Mary Neill seconded.

**Jr. Fair board Coordinator (Betsy)**

**Sr. Fair board Member (Russ)**

The stalls that needed addressed due to some sink holes have been fixed.

It was approved that we could place a mounting block at the arena.

### **Youth Development Educator:** (Mercedes)

1. Clubs need to make sure everyone is completing their Equi-Step. Advisors- Make sure they are completing the last step. (survey)
2. Camp registration is available at this time

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Still looking into find the old By Laws
2. The Skillathon date has been put on the calendar

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Gracelynn Harter and Lauren Porter were published in the Gymkhana book
2. July 13<sup>th</sup> the show has been cancelled due to Power of the Past at the fair grounds
3. Madison was working on the showbill. Talked about having the clubs and advisors take a poll on Facebook for a possible speed show for July 6<sup>th</sup>
4. Everyone discussed the benefits of having a show in order to prepare for State Fair
5. Discussed a food vender at the Arena (\$85 per day)
6. Still looking for a Roping judge
7. Discussed Tuesday (Trail Day) judge who requested \$400 for 8hr with \$50 each additional hour.
8. Marla mentioned looking at the possibly looking into increasing the budget for judges for the fair. (\$2000)
9. Laura- is now on a committee that helps support the youth in Darke County which help fund things (horse- shed, arena boards and lighting) (Home Expo)
10. There won't be a parade this year. We have 5 minutes in which we can award or present any of the youth with any awards or achievements. Up for the Horse Committee to decide how to use those 5 minutes.
11. Mentioned doing a Groom and Clean instead of the parade.

### **TACK SALE:**

1. Everyone's tickets were turned to Laura
2. Mary was bringing a cash box for the front door
3. There were 110 spots sold
4. Angie went over all the club's work schedules and responsibilities

### **SUMMER CAMP:**

1. 35 Registration forms were printed
2. The youth were going to be placed into riding levels vs. specific classes and each level will rotate throughout the day in order to participate and every class that's being offered
3. There will be an open ride available at the end of each camp day

4. Registration is due by May 22<sup>nd</sup>
5. Need to look into getting a tent still
6. Instructors- Lexi (Showmanship) Heather (Showman of Showman)

**The Meeting Concluded:**

Angie called for the meeting to close. Laura Wintow seconded.

Next meeting will be April 9th at the Youth Building

Submitted by Secretary.  
Shay Ann Auten