

Darke County Junior Fair Sheep Committee
November 3, 2024 6:30 PM
Minutes

Committee Members Present: Emily Williams, Bill Stocksdale, Denice McDade, Kim Amspaugh, Amy Hanes, Jennifer Sachs, Kobe Epperly, Josh Sargent, Kierra Reichert, Chuck Willcox, Vickie Willcox

Jr. Fair Board Representatives Present: Matthew Denlinger, Ian Bergman

Guests: Ben Denlinger

Meeting called to order by Chuck Willcox at 6:30 p.m.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary Report: Motion to approve by Josh Sargent, seconded by Bill Stocksdale.
Motion carried

- Treasurer Report: Checking account balance - \$791.39
Savings account balance - \$3,458.05
Scholarship fund - \$5,493
We had a \$200 donation to the sheep scholarship.
We had a \$393.37 donation by Jim & Amy Hanes to the sheep barn improvements fund.
\$1,185.37 is set aside for barn improvements
Expenses:
Grand/Reserve money paid out - \$397.27
OH Sheep & Wool - \$55.61
American Lamb Board - \$2.72
Motion to accept treasurer's report by Matthew Denlinger, seconded by Ian Bergman.
Motion carried

Committee Reports:

- **Sale Committee** - They're are still a few outstanding buyers that need to pay their sale invoices. As of today, there is approximately \$15,000 in open invoices that still need paid.
There's potential that the Celebration of Achivements will be moved to Thursday for the 2025 fair.
- **Scholarship** - There were three \$800 scholarship checks and one \$500 scholarship check handed out at the 2024 fair.

- **Tagging** - 840 tags will be used again for the 2025 fair for sheep. Lambs will do their tagging with the goats again. Dates to be released at a later time.
- **Awards Committee** - Josh Sargent made a motion for the top three lambs in the homegrown show to receive awards, seconded by Ian Bergman.

Motion carried

Josh Sargent made a motion for the awards committee to be made up of Sarah Drew, Denice McDade, Kierra Reichert, Kobe Epperly, & Gary Gehret, seconded by Bill Stocksdale

Motion carried

Old Business:

A. New Sound System:

- Andrew Wright received a quote back from Sweet Water for \$35,000 to install a new sound system. The committee decided this was way to high of a quote. It was mentioned that Jason Rice offered to do the sound system in the sheep barn in previous years. Chuck Willcox is going to reach out to Jason for a 2nd set of quotes.

B. Judge Selection Update:

- Jimmy Davis needs followed back up with as he needs to ensure his schedule is open for the 2025 Darke County Jr. Fair Sheep Show. All other judges from the 2024 fair agreed to come back to judge the same shows at the 2025 fair. Terry Burks will be split with the goat committee in 2025 again.

New Business:

A. Sheep Inspections for 2025 Fair

- Preston Deeter will complete the 2025 health/wool inspections for sheep as long as he is the fair vet. If he isn't the fair vet, the committee will reach out to him and see if he's still willing to do inspections.

B. Rule Changes

- Change Jr. Fair Board members to: Matthew Denlinger, Ian Bergman
- Remove Morgan Aultman from the sheep committee list
- Under "Exhibit Rules", rule #7, strike out "and hair samples pulled" & "May 5, 2024 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. and May 7, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m."
- Under "Exhibit Rules", rule #8, strike out "Exhibitors must wait until the goat sale has concluded to clean pens." and replace it with "Exhibitors must wait until after the conclusion of the sheep barn awards to clean pens."

- Under “Exhibit Rules”, rule #21, strike out “Amy Hanes, Sarah Drew and Adi Schmitz with Bill Stocksdale as alternate.” and replace it with “Kierra Reichert, Josh Sargent, and Ian Bergman with Denice McDade as alternate.”
- Under “Exhibit Rules”, completely strike rule #25
- Under “Showmanship” add rule #12, “A showmanship card will be handed out to each exhibitor at check in to identify which lamb they’re showing in showmanship. The card will contain the following information: Name of exhibitor, age of exhibitor, & scrapie tag of the sheep that is being shown in showmanship.
- Under “Lamb Scholarship Fund”, add rule #8, “Donations to the scholarship fund can be given to any of the sheep committee members during the sheep barn awards @ 7 p.m. on Tuesday.”
- Under “Junior Fair Sheep Skillathon”, rule #1, strike out “The following is a list of dates, times and places where the skillathon testing will be offered: Saturday, July 20, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Swine Barn - Fairgrounds.”
- Under “Junior Fair Sheep Skillathon”, rule #5, strike out “Amy Hanes” and replace with “Emily Williams”.
- Under “Junior Fair Sheep Skillathon”, rule #5, strike out “2024” and replace with “2025”.
- Under “Outstanding Market Exhibitor”, strike out “2023” and replace with “2024”.
- Josh Sargent made the motion to create three awards for an outstanding breeding exhibitor with 1 junior exhibitor, 1 intermediate exhibitor, & 1 senior exhibitor being awarded. Ian Bergman seconded the motion.
Discussion was had pertaining to the motion with how the points system would be calculated for the outstanding breeding exhibitors.
Josh Sargent resent his original motion and made a new motion that states that there will be a premier registered breeding sheep exhibitor for each of the three age divisions of junior, intermediate, & senior. Matthew Denlinger seconded the motion.
Motion carried
- Right after the “Outstanding Market Exhibitor” section, add a section titled “Premier Registered Breeding Sheep Exhibitor” with the words “There will be one award for each of the three divisions: junior, intermediate, & senior. The award for each of the three divisions will be calculated based off of an exhibitor’s highest placings of 2 of their breeding sheep.
- Under “Junior Fair Market Lamb Sale”, strike “Promptly 5:00 p.m., Tuesday”.
- Under “Junior Fair Market Lamb Sale”, completely strike rule #2 and replace with “Sale order will be - Please refer to Celebration of Achievements Page.”
- Under “Junior Fair Market Lamb Sale”, completely strike rule #8

- Under “Junior Fair Market Lamb Sale”, rule #9, strike “Goat/Lamb Sale.” and replace with “sheep barn awards.”
- Under “Junior Fair Market Lamb Sale”, rule #9, strike “lamb OR goat sale.” and replace with “sheep barn awards.”
- Under “Junior Fair Market Lamb Sale”, rule #9, strike “goat sale” and replace with “sheep barn awards”.
- Add 2023 & 2024 grand & reserve exhibitors along with their sponsors as 2023 exhibitors along with their sponsors was missed in the 2024 fair book
- Josh Sargent made the motion to approve all rule book changes, seconded by Bill Stocksdale
Motion carried

Additional Comments:

- No update has been received yet on updating the sheep barn scales
- It was recommended that Evan Snider be added to the possible 2025 fair judge list for the Sheep Jr Show if Jimmy Davis isn’t able to judge.
- It was recommend that the sheep committee moves their meetings to the 2nd Sunday of the month to accomedate member’s schedules.

The next Sheep Committee meeting will be held on January 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Darke County Extension Office.

Motion to adjourn by Matthew Denlinger and seconded by Bill Stocksdale.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Kierra Reichert
Secretary, Darke County Junior Fair Sheep Committee