

Darke County Horse Committee Minutes
May 16, 2024
Youth Building

Members present:

Buckeye Buckaroos: Angie Bender
Greenville Rangers: Brandi Hamm
Horse & Rider: Izzy Rausch, Kelly Smith
Silver Hoofs: Mary Neill
Trails and Tails: Madison Werner, Marla Blume Werner

4-H Youth Development: Mercedes McFarland

Senior Fair board: Russ Skaggs

Other: Gracelynn Harter, Shay Ann Auten

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

Secretary Report: Minutes from the April meeting was submitted via email from Shay Ann Auten. There were no additions or corrections. Kelly Smith moved to approve, and Brandi Hamm seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer, Brandi Hamm, gave the treasurer report.

| | Beginning Balance | Ending Balance |
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| GNB checking | \$9187.00 | \$9152.70 |
| GNB savings | \$1,511.35 | \$ 1 5 1 1 . 3 5 |

Voted to Void Emily Springer's outstanding check

Izzy Rausch moved to accept the report. Kelly Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Youth Development: Mercedes McFarland

1. The 4H NOW app is updated and can be accessed to find out if clubs are accepting new members or if their enrollment is closed.
2. Links are posted along with the information parents and youth may need can be found there.

Senior Fair board: Marla and Russ

1. Ethan volunteered with cleanup of the Equine side of the fairgrounds. He would be doing maintenance and using the equipment for things to make improvements.
2. Concrete issue was going to be addressed June 18th
3. Stall doors were difficult to open
4. Some shingles have come off and need addressed
5. Discussed moving the white trailer
6. Discussed improving the announcer's booth
7. If bleachers were needed for the fair, we would need to give a 3-week notice.

Jr. Fair board Coordinator: Betsy

1. Skillathon dates are posted (June 13th 4-7pm or July 9th 5-7pm)
2. Laura has the boards needed for Skillathon
3. May look to use the Swine Barn for second date

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Would like to get Ethan a gift card for dedicating his time for improvements around the fairgrounds.
2. Madison would like a copy of the key to the shed for her ride nights
3. Madison would also like to receive a copy of the minutes via email as well.
4. PAS forms are up to date
5. Aug 1st the school forms are due on website

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Laura- (Home Expo) requested projects that need attention. Some of the ideas were: New/better lights by the wash rack, fix the water pressure at the wash rack, a larger shed/announcers stand. Brandi was going to help make a list for her.
2. Horse and Rider- would like to figure out a better alternative for their tent situation. The club has a hard time seeing the ring from their location. Their tent size is also smaller due to being located on the end by the road.

Camp:

1. Tent taken care of
2. Online registration as of now is 13

3. Will get together one more time for a meeting and come up with a rainy day plan

Fair:

1. Ponies may need to use the other stalls on Tuesday due to several of the clubs needed more stall space. (Some clubs were really cut tight on availability)
2. Horses will not be able to leave early on Thursday due to Showman of Showman
3. Wednesday (Team Tournament-11:00 Generation Gap 1:00)
4. Fun Show starts at 5:00pm
5. Lineup change- English Dressage then Easy Gaited followed by Western Dressage
6. Looking to add Mare and Foal back to the show bill if needed

The Meeting Concluded:

Izzy Rausch moved to adjourn, and Mary Neill seconded.

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 11th at 7:30pm at the OSU Extension Office.

Submitted by, Secretary
Shay Ann Auten