

**Darke County Horse Committee Minutes**

**April 09, 2024**

**7:30 Extension Office**

**Members present:**

**Buckeye Buckaroos:** Angie Bender

**Greenville Rangers:** Brandi Hamm, Laura Wintrow

**Horse & Rider:** Izzy Rausch, Kelly Smith

**Guests:** Mackenzie Auten, Jesse Peters, Stacy Peters,  
Tiffany Meckes Pope, Emily Hartman

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

**Other:** Shay Ann Auten

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

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

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

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

Kelly Smith moved to accept the report. Izzy Rausch 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 clean up 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 18<sup>th</sup>
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 13<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm or July 9<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm)
2. Laura has the boards for Skillathon
3. May look to use the Swine Barn

**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 key to the shed for her ride nights
3. PAS forms are up to date
4. Royalty is not fixed at this time
5. Aug 1<sup>st</sup> the school forms are due on website
6. Line up change- English Dressage then Easy Gaited followed by Western Dressage
7. Looking to add Mare and Foal back to the show bill if needed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Laura- (Home Expo) requested projects that need attention. Some of the ideas was needed better lights by the wash rack, fixing 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 other stalls on Tuesday due to clubs needed more stall space. (Some clubs were really cut tight on availability)
2. Horse will not be about 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

**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