

SWINE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: July 10th, 2025

ATTENDEES: Rachel Sullivan, Becky King, Derek Mayberry, Kourtnei Mayberry, Maddy Osswald, Brant Watson, Hannah Stikeleather, Brian Pohlman, Wesley Baker, Curtis, Duane & Sheila Scholl, Kim Livingston

The meeting was called to order by Ashley Shilt. Previous meeting minutes were distributed and approved by Maddy Osswald and seconded Becky King. Barn cleans up, ring help, and swine schedule was also distributed to attendees.

Treasurer Report – Megan Gower was not in attendance and was out of town.

Committee Reports

- **Sale Committee** – Volunteers were asked to assist with packing envelopes of buyer letters. Also, there will be an individual that will be donating non-species specific grand and reserve t-shirts. Sample buyer letter will also be given out to assist exhibitors.
- **Barrow Boosters** – As a reminder, scholarships are due by August 1st. So far, there was only one application received. Reviewed Barrow Booster items and schedule that will be provided to exhibitors. This included detail on the barn party, etc.
 - Skillathon – Signups are due by next week, still need volunteers for this.
- **Jr. Fair Board Report** – Applications are due for junior fair board. Currently, there is one spot open.
- **Barn Manager Report** – Help will be needed for the gilt show. Please contact Dalton Subler if you are interested. Currently, sponsorships are secured.

Old Business:

- **Show ring bedding and aisle bedding** – group discussed that last year, there were quite a few wet and slick spots. It will be important as we bed to ensure that the wash racks, entry and exit would be covered. Pelleted bedding was selected to be the solution for these areas. Whoever is responsible for barn clean up would assist with these areas and ensuring that they are covered. Clubs could also donate to the fund. Hannah Stikeleather moved to purchase pelleted bedding and execute this process, Maddy Osswald seconded. This was passed all in favor. Ty & Hannah Stikeleather will assist in getting the pelleted bedding.
- **Thank You Note Ideas** – Ashley Shilt shared an idea of thank you notes for the exhibitors.
- **Entry Due Date** – As a reminder, Entry due date is July 21st.

New Business

- ***Barn Clean Up and Ring Help Schedule*** – Schedule and information distributed to the groups.
 - **2025 Schedule**
 - Friday – Swine Koolers and Kountry Kids
 - Saturday – Champion Drive, Darke County Beef, and FFA
 - Sunday – Darke County Swine and Banner Bound
 - Monday – Top Notch
 - Tuesday – Jackson Friendship and Livestock In General
 - This includes cleaning trash up around bleachers, pick up trash around the barn, spray out wash racks, clean up any manure around the barn
 - **2025 Ring Help**
 - Sunday
 - 12PM – 2PM Livestock in General
 - 2PM – 4PM Swine Kooler's and Jackson Friendship
 - 4PM – 6PM Darke County Beef & Banner Bound
 - Tuesday
 - 10AM – 12PM Top Notch
 - 12PM – 2PM Darke County Swine and FFA
 - 2PM – 4PM Champion Drive and Kountry Kids
 - **As a reminder, please have at least 4 adults or senior level members to help in the ring during your assigned time**
- **Release Times** - Release times still being finalized. Please refer to the 2025 Swine Barn schedule on release times. If changed, will communicate.

Ashley Shilt also reviewed the fair schedule. Please see table below of each day and details associated with each day. Also, there was a reminder that there are still volunteer spots for the steak and chop tent. Please sign up and encourage others to do so as well.

2025 Darke County Fair Swine Barn Schedule	
Thursday August 14 th	11:59PM – All pigs must be in place
Friday August 15 th	8:30AM – Mandatory Barn Meeting 9:00AM – Weigh-In

Saturday August 16th	9:00AM – Jr. Fair Swine Showmanship - Pee Wee Showmanship to follow – sign up will be by the swine office - ** Scholarship Presentation will be before Pee Wee Showmanship **
Sunday August 17th	8:00AM Free Breakfast – Steak and Chop Tent 9:00AM Show Ring Service – Cattle Show Arena 12:00PM Jr. Fair Swine Show
Monday August 18th	10:00AM Born and Raised Show - Barrows & Gilts will show separately
Tuesday August 19th	10:00AM Open Market Show - Adult Showmanship to Follow 6:00PM Barn Party & Awards - Pigs that are going home will be released from 9PM-12AM. Pens MUST be cleaned out. No tearing down until after barn party
Wednesday August 20th	Butcher Trucks & Packer Times – TBD - Please plan to care for your animals and load them on the appropriate truck. Gilts that come to the market show can stay in the barn until the open gilt show.
Thursday August 21st	5:00PM Celebration of Achievements – Cattle Show Arena - Online bidding will open Thursday evening and will close Thursday, August 28th at 11:59PM) 8:30PM – Open Show Gilts may arrive
Friday August 22nd	1:00PM – 4:00PM Gilt Show Check In 6:00PM – Open Gilt Showmanship
Saturday August 23rd	8:00AM – 9:00AM Gilt Check In 11:00AM – Open Gilt Show

After all information was reviewed and discussed, Hannah Stikeleather moved to adjourn the meeting. Rachel Sullivan seconded. Meeting was adjourned.