

Darke County Horse Committee Minutes
July 9, 2026
6:30 Fairgrounds

Members present:

Buckeye Buckaroos: Angie Bender

Greenville Rangers: Jessica Post,

Horse & Rider: Izzy Rausch

Silver Hoofs: Mary Neill

Tails & Trails:

Rustic Roots:

Jr Fair board: Glori Rausch, Micah Arbogast. Allison Pierron

Other: Shay Ann Auten

Sr. Fair Board:

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

Secretary Report: Minutes from February meeting was submitted via email by Angie Bender. The only change was that Mary Neill wasn't present and Izzy and Glori Rausch were present at the meeting. Mary Neill moved to approve the report, and Izzy Rausch seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: the report was submitted from Brandi Hamm to Angie Bender

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
GNB checking	\$9969.23	\$9808.58
GNB savings	\$1513.06	\$1513.06

Horse Camp was a loss of \$609.23

Fun Show was a loss of \$24.75 for a total of \$633.78

Mary Neill moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Izzy Rausch seconded. Motion passed.

Sr. Fair Board: Not Present

Jr. Fair Board:

1. Senior Recognition was decided to take place on Saturday at 12:00. Angie was going to ask Madison for an updated form for it.
2. The Jr. Fair voted on buckets and plaques instead of trophies for the Champion and Reserve Champion. The idea is to possibly fill the bucket with additional items. (Brushes, treats, show sheen, hoof picks, gift cards, etc.) It was suggested that we get horse-related items to also be given away under the tent that they could choose from. Approximately 40-50 items.
3. This year each species is participated in "Above and Beyond" awards. Each species will receive 5 buckets (1 per day) to give to the person that they thought stood out above and beyond that day of fair. It was decided the advisor of each club will be able to nominate someone from their club on the day they have the national anthem. That way each club has an opportunity to have someone awarded it. That way that team's advisor will be present and will be able to

observe those that particular stand out to them during their club's duty. It was suggested that we fill that bucket for the those winners along with a certificate stating their outstanding job. Izzy mentioned that other species give gift cards and that we could do that as well. It will be awarded that evening or the next morning.

4. Glory was going to work on getting fun show game items together.

Jr. Fair Board Coordinator:

Betsy ordered 150 (may need additional 10 more) buckets and metal plaques. She brought them over for everyone to see. Izzy thought we needed to come up with items that those winners could also pick from at the award tent. Allison was going to ask for donations for those.

Old Business:

1. Angie talked about making a face book page in August for Jr. Fair Horse Shows so she can post patterns.
2. Russ is going to be our fair contact for any issues and Greg Pearson is the back-up contact.
3. Angie would like to find out about the racehorses NOT using the cinder track during our events such as camp, shows, and PAS.
4. There was a bucket of diesel left on the bleachers.
5. Angie did find out that the tractor is fixed now for use.
6. We also need to find out who is responsible for fixing stuff at the equine end of the fairgrounds or whether we should fix it and can turn in receipts for reimbursements.

New Business:

1. Make sure your members have their classes picked and turned in by July 13th that way if there are issues, we have an opportunity to make those changes.
2. Mary mentioned getting chains for the gates during fair to keep the gates open and then removing them and storing them in our shipping container.
3. Mackenzie is booked for Showman of Showman along with Team Tournament and Generation Gap.
4. Izzy wondered if the change in the pony show change would affect us.
5. 3 Ranch Pony Classes and 2 Hunter Hack, Cross Rails, and 18in Jump class has now been added to the list for kids to sign up for those classes. If there are any issues, please email Angie and she can help get that added. Now that those were added Betsy will be able to get them on the show bill. Mary asked if that could be post it up on the Darke County 4H Facebook page
6. If any kids didn't take their Skillathon test then the online version is by July 25th or the essay by August 1st.
7. Angie handed out new keys to the shed to all the clubs.
8. Allison inquired about the shed being open during the fun show. It was stated that it typical is left open during fair, however if not the advisors should all have a key.
9. Laura is making the banners and t-shirts for state. Its was voted upon to give the 14 or 15 youth going to state \$50.
10. Jessica mentioned that Laura asked about getting the photo/award area landscaped and fixed up for fair. Everyone agreed to put it relatively in the same area but everyone was ok with her moving where she thought it needed to go.
11. Sawdust will be delivered August 18th

12. Shay Ann will get the list of clubs (names in alphabetical order) for the
13. Voted on purchasing a gate for ranch trail for the future. Angie was going to look into prices.
14. Shay Ann asked about getting an animal cut out for classes that would require it on the pattern.

The Meeting Concluded:

Allison Pierron moved to adjourn, and Micah Arborgast seconded.

Next Meeting August 6th at 6:30 at the horse stalls in order to pick their clubs stall placements.

Submitted by Secretary

Shay Ann Auten