

Darke County Horse Committee Minutes
6:30 Fairgrounds
February 12, 2026

Members present:

Buckeye Buckaroos: Angie Bender

Greenville Rangers: Jessica Post

Horse & Rider: Kelly Smith

Silver Hoofs: Mary Neill

Trails & Trails:

Jr Fair board:

Other: Shay Ann Auten

Jr. Fair Coordinator:

Sr. Fair Board: Russ Skaggs

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

Secretary Report: Minutes from January's meeting were submitted via email by Shay Ann Auten. There were no additions or corrections. Mary Neill moved to approve the report, and Kelly Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Brandi Hamm submitted the treasurer's report to Angie.

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
GNB checking	\$7409.67	\$7860.86
GNB savings	\$1512.30	\$1512.49

Mary Neill moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Jessica Post seconded. Motion passed.

Sr. Fair Board

1. Russ informed everyone that they got the sign off our old shed and it's stored in a building on the fairgrounds.
2. He also reminded us how they dug down in the stalls last fall to see how far the issue was with the sink holes. Now they have decided to come back through and fill in the holes and tamp the dirt down and monitor it as the area settles.
3. Russ mentioned that he noticed that when the clip from the announcer's booth is let down that sometimes it comes down a little too aggressively and was wondering if there was another option so that nobody accidentally gets hit with it from down below. He recommended possibly a tube for it to slide down.

Old Business

1. We discussed the times for the tack sale and when each club was working. Also possibly adding Rustic Roots to a time slot as well
2. Reminder that the dinner tickets are to be turned in by March 15th by 3:15
3. We talked about looking into the contracts for reserving that date for the tack sale every year. Amy has gotten a lot of feedback that everyone is really pleased with that date because it doesn't interfere with anyone else's agendas.

4. We looked over the applications for King/Queen, Prince/Princess, scholarship and upcoming showbills
5. We talked about adding Rob Elsner and Christoph Keller to the memorial stone
6. We also went over a timeline for Betsy and the Horse Committee in order to have things done in a timely manner for things to run smoothly.
7. Angie has all the judges booked except 2

New Business

- 1 Kelly is going to work on getting a few horse camp meetings planned. She's interested in getting more instructors and having Emily involved this year as well. She wants to offer sessions that are different and more advanced for the older kids vs what is offered for the younger kids. She's going to try to have the registrations ready at the March meeting. However, they won't need turned in until May. Mary asked if there would be a driving session offered as well. She mentioned she had 3 or 4 kids that would be interested in that.
2. Angie reminded everyone about the upcoming barn dance. There were a few signups left for those that could help. Their goal was to sell 20 tables and so far, they sold 17.
3. (I) Shay Ann reminded the committee about possibly considering picking obstacles for the ranch trail and versatility classes for fair so they could be worked into camp as well. Angie then mentioned that she was going to bring the grids in for the next meeting so we could have everything finalized. She still had to hire a judge for that day of fair.
4. We discussed how we seemed to have several kids on the Jr. Fair board and wondered if that was the way we were able to have it for this year since there was such an interest in it. Which in turn was a good thing from years past. e

The Meeting Concluded:

Mary Neill moved to adjourn the meeting, and Kelly Smith seconded.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12th (6:30 pm) at the fair grounds

Submitted by the Secretary,
Shay Ann Auten