

## Rabbit Committee Minutes of January 22, 2026

The Darke County Rabbit Committee meet January 22, 2026 at 6:30 in the Community Center with the following members present: Dan Arling, Morgan Aultman, Holly Daughtery, Monica Goubeaux, Doug Jones, Heather Jones, April Mendenhall, Christina Parker, Mollie Case, Craig Bowman, Hailey Case, Gabby Snider, and Irene Rismiller.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports were given. Molly moved and April seconded to approve the secretary report. M/P

The committee has \$10,624.80 in the checking account . \$1,900 of that is from the Steak and Chop Tent. We have \$5, 937.44 in our Scholarship Savings account. Hailey moved and Christina seconded to approve the treasurer's report. M/P

In the Junior Fairboard Report, all of our changes for the green pages of the fairbook has been approved.

In the Senior Fairboard Report , we were introduced to our new Senior Fairboard Representative Craig Bowman. Craig told a little bit about himself. He said he would help us look into someone to open up the sides of the Rabbit Barn to help improve air circulation. Welcome and thank you Craig .

We then moved on to the Spring Rabbit show on March 15, 2026. We discussed Open and Youth Best of Show and Reserve of Show awards. April moved and Hailey seconded to award \$50 to Best of Show and \$25 for Reserve of Show for both the Open and Youth. M/P

Monica is willing to design The Best of Breed and Best Opposite of Breed certificates. Morgan will have them printed off.

We then discussed writer's gifts. Each club will donate two gifts valued at \$10 each.

Holly volunteered to do up goody bags for the judges. We have four judges with Kevin Bogan as a backup.

Set up will be Saturday , March 14 at 9:00am.

Each club needs to bring their own starter change.

In new business, Craig will look into our releasing of rabbits on Wednesday night of fair at 6:00 pm.

The Senior Fairboard has approved our having an Open Show on the Second Saturday of fair. The Rabbit Committee will be in charge of the Show and run the Show. Morgan said if we do a Jackpot show she will donate a \$100 for Best Single and \$100 For Best Meat Pen of Three. Holly will look into Sanctions and Judges.

The National Checkered Giant Show on April 24, 2026 will be honoring Ron a,d JoAnn Duncan.

Morgan is doing an Exhibitor Letter with important dates and information. She will send it the Extension Office and have them send it to all rabbit exhibitors in 4-H and FFA.

We do not have any judges for 2026 yet.

We have approval to have an On-line Skillathon test. They are using the Ohio State Skillathon test. To be eligible for the Outstanding Exhibitor Award you will need to show up at the actual Skillathon. We have no control over the on-line Skillathon that they don't look up the answers or have help from someone.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00pm. Location will be announced later.

Holly moved and Mollie seconded to adjourn the meeting. M/P

Respectfully submitted by ,

Irene Rismiller