

**Darke County Horse Committee Minutes**  
**Jan 09, 2024**  
**7:30 Extension Office**

**Members present:**

- Buckeye Buckaroos:** Angie Bender
- Greenville Rangers:** Brandi Hamm, Laura Wintrow  
 Jessie Post
- Horse & Rider:** Izzy Rausch, Kelly Smith
- Silver Hoofs:** Mary Neill, Patrick Neill
- Trails & Trails:** Madison Werner
- Jr Fairboard:** Grace Lynn Harter, Ashleigh Shepherd

- 4-H Youth Development:** Mercedes McFarland
- Jr Fair Coordinator:** Betsy Petitjean
- Sr Fair board members:** Russ Skaggs
- Other:** Shay Ann Auten
- Guests:** Mackenzie Auten

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

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

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

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
GNB checking	\$4566.20	\$4566.20
GNB savings	\$1,510.16	\$ 1 5 1 1 . 1 6

There was a check cleared at \$35 twice, so the bank was contacted to reimburse the \$35

Mary Neill moved to approve the report, a Laura Wintrow seconded.

### **Jr. Fair board Coordinator (Betsy)**

1. All the Horse rules that were submitted were approved to be printed in the book
2. She presented the ideas of baskets being auctioned off as a potential fund raiser. She presented an example of the how others make up 6 baskets for those that couldn't market their animal.

### **Sr. Fairboard Member (Russ)**

The inside and outside of the horse barn (stalls) were being worked on. They began work on them but was taking a break and would resume sometime next month. The crew would be probing the holes and then digging it out and refill them back in properly. This is an issue that will continue to be addressed as new holes arise.

### **Youth Development Educator: (Mercedes)**

1. Sign up for advisor updates
2. Check for weekly updates on the website
3. Turn in books by Friday
4. Scholarship are available to those interested
5. Still in need of camp counselors
6. Equi Step video needs completed
7. Hippology/Horse Bowl

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Water Pressure needs still needs addressed concerning the 6 hoses at the wash rack.
2. Readdressed the Banners- (\$250) Angie passed around a photo of the banner used in the barn.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Committee Meeting would be held at the Youth Building every other month, starting in March. The remainder would still be held at the Extension Office. The meetings at the Youth building would be at 6:30. Dates as following: March 21<sup>st</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, and Oct 10<sup>th</sup>
2. Would like to have a more semi permeant mounting block made and placed near the small ring for fair and ride nights.
3. Laura addressed sponsorships. The idea is that the kids would need to send out letters and the letters and money would need to be turned in together to the Horse Committee. The Horse Committee would then keep a log of it and properly disperse the money. This will need to be further discussed at the next meeting to decide whether to make this available this year or table it until next year.

### **TACK SALE:**

1. Flyers were made up. Please mention at club meetings
2. Tickets will be made available to the advisors. All tickets will need to be turned in and have their counts available by March 12<sup>th</sup>. Money will be collected on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **SUMMER CAMP:**

1. Camp forms will be due June 1<sup>st</sup>
2. Kelly would like to readdress how camp classes are divided. (Not only the class discipline but also the level the child is riding. Beginner thru Advance)  
Meeting will take place Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Extension Office at 7:30

### **FAIR:**

1. Let anyone know that there may be some spots opened up for sponsorship for the trophies
2. Angie will have the show bill available next meeting
3. Went over assigned barn duty nights for each club  
(Fri- Silver Hoofs, Sat- Horse and Rider, Sun- Greenville Ranchers, Mon- Tails and Trails, Tues- Buckeye Buckeroos)

### **The Meeting Concluded:**

Kelly Smith moved to adjourn, and Patrick Neill seconded.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb 13th at 7:30pm at the OSU Extension Office.

Submitted by Secretary.  
Shay Ann Auten