

October 9, 2025 Rabbit Committee Minutes

The Darke County Rabbit Committee met October 9, 2025 in the Youth Building at 6:30 with the following members present: Morgan Aultman, Holly Daugherty, Heidi May, Angie Parker, Christina Parker, Mollie Case, Isley DeMange, Monica Goubeaux, and Irene Rismiler.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports were given. We have \$8,724.80 in checking and \$5,936.70 in Scholarship savings. Angie moved and Mollie seconded to approve the reports. M/P

Our two new Junior Fairboard members are Hailey Case and Gabby Snider. In old business we discussed the Spring Rabbit show to be held March 15, 2026. Rabbit Habbit has food, Entries is Darke County Rabbit Raisers and Show Hoppers, Raffle is Ansonia Animal, and Silent auction is junior fairboard. Our judges are Amanda Hutchenson, Mark Jacobs, Danny Long, and Jeremy Wattmuth.

We decided to set up a budget for each area of the show. After some discussion it was decided to table it until the November meeting. Holly moved and Angie seconded to table the subject of the budget until the November meeting. M/P

We then went into a recap of the fair. People were confused about the weight divisions. Others were not happy about not being able to bring their single rabbits up at the same time. People felt like everything was very rushed. Also, someone's name didn't get put on the list of meat pens even though they were weighed in. She didn't realize that her name didn't get called and didn't get to show her rabbits. We decided to give the weight division of the rabbits a second year. We will try to do better in checking to make sure everyone's name is on the list and double check things. We need to have better communication and slow things done.

It would also help to have more junior fair helpers. Also we need to look into Peewee Showmanship trophies.

We then reviewed the green pages.

Under the committee list we need to delete Sophia Aultman and Katelynn Micheal

from the Junior Fairboard and add Hailey Case and Gabby Snider. On the other list we need to add Doug Jones, Heather Jones, and Kenny Schilling.

Under Exhibit rules :

The second rule #19 needs to be changed to # 20.

Under letter E: Change the first sentence to read: All meat pen rabbits must receive a special marking on Saturday, July 25, 2026 between 9am and 1pm in order to show at the fair, no late tattooing allowed. Add sentence: Each member may tattoo up to 10 fryers and 4 roasters.

Under Skillathon : The topic for the skillathon for juniors will remain the same. The topic for intermediates and seniors will be "Explain the purpose of the ingredients and nutrients listed on a feed tag. Provide a copy of your feed tag with your essay in addition to your 500 words.

In Outstanding Exhibitor Awards, scratch letters d,e,and f.

In Rabbit Royalty scratch "and participate in the Junior fair parade". This year in the Steak and Chop tent we made \$1,900. We decided to use it all towards Outstanding Exhibitor Awards. We decided on just giving banners and money. 1st place - \$150, 2nd place - \$125, 3rd place - \$100, 4th place - \$75, 5th place - \$50. That equals \$500 times 6 groups equals \$3,000.

Tattooing will be Saturday, July 25, 2026.

Skillathon will be Thursday, July 21, 2026. There will be no diseases on the junior written test. We need to explore better pictures options for the breeds. There was a misunderstanding for the Celebration of life as to who was to turn in the information to them. Only our champion meat pens were turned in. We need to make sure all information gets turned into the sales committee.

Election of officers were held:

Chairperson: Morgan Aultman

Secretary: Irene Rismiller

Treasurer: Irene Rismiller

Sales Committee Rep.: Holly Daughtery

Alternate : Mollie Case

Junior Fair Sales Rep: Isley DeMange

Alternate: Hailey Case

Monica moved and Holly seconded to accept the slate of officers. M/P

A National Spring Show for Silver Martins and Checkered Giants will be held

April 24, 2026 in the Coliseum

There was some discussion about trying to hold an Open Rabbit Show the last Saturday of fair. It might draw in more people. Nothing was decided. Our next meeting will be NOVEMBER 13, 2025 at 6:30 in either the Youth Building or the Community Center.

Angie moved and Monica seconded to adjourn the meeting . M/P

Respectfully submitted by

Irene Rismiller