

Darke County Horse Committee Minutes
7:30 McDonalds in Greenville
November 11, 2025

Members present:

Buckeye Buckaroos: Angie Bender
Greenville Rangers: Jessica Post, Brandi Hamm
Horse & Rider: Kelly Smith, Izzy Rausch
Silver Hoofs: Mary Neill
Trails & Trails:
Jr Fair board: Glori Rausch, Micah Arbogast

Other: Shay Ann Auten
4-H Youth Development:
Sr. Fair Board:

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

Secretary Report: Minutes from October meeting was submitted via email by Shay Ann Auten. There were no additions or corrections. Brandi Hamm moved to approve the report, and Izzy Rausch seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer, Brandi Hamm, submitted the treasurer report

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
GNB checking	\$6755.86	\$7409.67
GNB savings	\$1512.30	\$1512.30

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

Jr. Fair Board

1. On Thursday they will be working on the green book and approving all the changes.
2. They are also offering a free gift wrapping for anyone. However, they would be taking donations. They presented a flyer that explained all the details.
3. They also presented us with a flyer about the "Showman's Closet" outlining the details about when and where people could donate show clothes for those that may need it.

Old Business

1. Madison is running the horse parade this year, and it was just posted on the "Raise the Roof" face book page that a post was created through "Sign Up Genius" mentioning what jobs were needing filled.
2. Preston is the Fair Vet for 2026, and Angie was going to speak to him about checking the quality of the horses prior to fair and if he could make any suggestions about how to go about facilitating that.
3. We reviewed the Showbill and the Green Book and made changes at our last meeting in October. Izzy wanted to talk about how to handle any ties in Ground Roping. It was mentioned

that we could give them a time designated to come back or they would have to give up the opportunity if they had other prior commitments. At this point we were leaving it “as is”.

4. Angie is still looking into the jumps. It was mentioned to look at face book

5. Heidi is doing all the contracts at this time. We filed for a contract for the “Tack Sale” for the next 3 years to be on 3rd Sunday in March. Heidi also told Angie to also put on the contract that the rental is to be \$150. Brandi said that was what Marla told them to write the check for and it was also recorded that way in the account. They were also working on a contract for Horse Camp.

New Business

1. Kelly inquired about Betsy’s job and wondered what we could do on our part as the “Horse Committee” to assist her moving forward. Such as what we need from her along with timelines, because she was never given that prior from us. Then it was mentioned that we should also present Mercedes with something as well considering she now has an assistant (Jennifer Fisher) that may help with everything from that department moving forward.

2. Amy was going to be heading up the Tack Sale and was going to start a face book event post. She was also going to contact the gentlemen that supplies the Chicken Dinner and look into the Health Department. Horse and Rider is going to continue to run the Concession Stand while Silver Hoofs was continuing to handle the door.

3. Kelly was going to start looking for more instructors for Horse Camp starting in January. Please let her know if you know anyone. Everyone liked how it was reorganized last year as far as only are half riding (smaller groups) while others are in class/learning sessions. Everyone also liked how they were divided into appropriate age/level groups.

4. Brandi inquired about having another signer on the bank account. Angie mentioned she could be the other signer.

5. Mary informed everyone about Rob and his health issues and how the loss impacted her club. Kelly asked if there was anything we could do for his wife Michelle or his son’s family. She told us that Melissa Penny’s family was really helping them out.

The Meeting Concluded:

Mary Neill moved to adjourn the meeting, and Micah Arbogast seconded.

Next meeting is to be announced. It will most likely be in January depending on when and where the Jr. Fair board meets.

Submitted by the Secretary,
Shay Ann Auten