

Sept. 3, 2025

Members present:

Dustin Fourman	Laney Fourman	Olivia Schmitmyer	Bob Spitler
Barb Spitler	Heather Stump	Rorie Stump	Chris Trobridge
Dylan Hesson	Danicka Michael	Lexi Brunner	

Visitors:

Dave Singer	Deanna Pothast	Jared Hart	Sophia Hart
Matt Osborne	Zeke Osborne	John Winger	Jon Robinson
Corey Garland			

Treasurer Report:

Checking - \$8233.70 Savings - \$4240.90

(most bills are paid from fair, Dylan had receipts for making showman signs and paint)

Dustin motioned to accept treasurer's report, Rorie 2nd

Old Business:

Electrical Upgrade - We need to contact Bender now that fair is over for a timeline for the electrical upgrade. We received \$12,100 in Memory of Gloria Snell. We need to continue looking into grants to help pay for this upgrade and future upgrades.

New Business:

Fair Recap:

- ❖ We are going to add banners for 1st - 5th overall jr fair and born and raised wethers for dairy and boer. Olivia is going to get a quote on the cost of a 24x36" banner from Troy Makerspace. We are going to look for sponsors to cover this cost.
- ❖ We are going to make a banner to highlight darke county goat breeders. Breeders would have a fee to put their logo on the banner made by the committee. Olivia is going to get a quote on the cost of a 3x6' banner.
- ❖ We discussed keeping the top three from each class and each division. Third place would be in the holding pens by the show arena, and if first place is chosen then second would move up and third would enter the ring. We would like a rosette for the third place division winner. Also, this would eliminate one person being left in the ring without a banner. We tabled this idea and plan to vote in October.
- ❖ The committee is going to keep the start up program, but applicants will have to apply by February 1, 2026. Information will be coming out soon to advisors and FFA chapters.
- ❖ We are going to work on making our awards ceremony more fun and professional. Maybe bring back having Grand and Reserve exhibitors go together and provide a treat for the whole barn like it used to be a tradition.
- ❖ Add to check in on Thursday, every kid is going to be handed a paper to fill out and turn in at weigh in. This will include name, parents' names, club, years in 4H, and if they have a born and raised animal with a breeder. This will help for awards ceremonies and final drive announcements.

- ❖ Discussion about hiring Megan Roell Photography to photograph the goat shows. This cost would be split with other barns. Olivia is going to work on getting a quote.
- ❖ We would like to look at show works to make signing up for breeding boer easier. Also, we would like to add signing up for a fitting contest and potential open show.
- ❖ Discussion about creating sub committees. One committee that we need is a barn improvement sub committee. We would also like to look into creating our own separate fund to put barn improvement money into.
- ❖ Discussion about improving the picture area. Maybe get a back drop like cattle, hogs, and sheep barn. Also, donation of flowers from Miller's or Hartzells.
- ❖ Discussion about making our open show dual and work with the sheep department. Also, discussion about joining a series such as Midwest or ShowBox and taking over Battle of the Boers from Preble County.
- ❖ Discussion on how to have a better relationship with FFA advisors. Email minutes to our representative and share the goat start up program with them.
- ❖ Discussion of hiring judges for showman or showman. This is a junior fair decision.
- ❖ Discussion of holding a feed/nutrition clinic or a showmanship boot camp. The committee thinks this is a good idea and would help if someone else heads this up.
- ❖ Discussion about how ODA rules can be enforced. We need to talk with other fairs and Doug McAllister.
- ❖ It was brought to our attention that the wash rack may be in need of some repairs. The drain is not functioning properly and causes flooding in the sheep barn.
- ❖ The committee discussed having an open wether show on Monday night. This would give our exhibitors and cloverbuds an extra time to show their wether. There would be a fee, but would be open to any age of a Darke County resident. These wethers would have to stay just like a junior fair goat from Thursday at midnight until Tuesday dismissal. These goats would be eligible for the packer. We need future insight on how to make this show possible. Many other barns at the fair have open shows.
- ❖ Discussion about possible judges for next year.

Meeting adjourned

➤ Olivia motioned, Rorie 2nd

Next meeting - Tuesday, Oct 7th at 7:30 in OSU extension office