

Darke County Horse Committee Minutes
6:30 at the Fair Grounds
July 10, 2025

Members present:

Buckeye Buckaroos: Angie Bender
Greenville Rangers: Brandi Hamm
Horse & Rider:
Silver Hoofs: Mary Neill & Patrick Neill
Trails & Trails: Madison Werner
Jr Fair board: Allison Pierron, Callie Pope

Other: Shay Ann Auten & Emily Hartman

Sr. Fair board: Christoph Keller

4-H Youth Development:

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

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

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

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
GNB checking	\$14,042.97	\$11458.85
GNB savings	\$1512.30	\$1512.30

1. There is an outstanding check of \$40. (Sponsorship to the fair)

Mary Neill moved to approve the treasurer report and Madison Werner seconded. Motion passed.

JR Fairboard:

1. Callie asked when the fair passes would be done. (Betsy)

2. Callie wanted to remind us of the Jr. Fair Assistant Program. She mentioned if any youth wanted to help just to let the Jr. Fair Board know. She pointed out that she would be gone before the fair and it's Allison and Summer's first year. The assistants can do anything but vote.

3. Emily Hartman addressed the board in regards to the Equine 4H Scholarship. She passed out the guidelines to apply for the scholarship. The question arose for those that were heading off to college and wouldn't be able to participate in the fair their last year of 4H. She is asking for this to be changed and/or be re-worded. The committee agreed to change it to allow for those to apply who are eligible to be in good standing and who have shown the previous years. The committee agreed to make the change for this 2025 year. Mary made a motion to change the wording and Madison seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

4. Royalty is going to change back to allowing the youth to run every other year. (Boys- had a low turnout)

5. Angie let Callie know she was going to send Callie the list of sponsors for labels tomorrow.

Senior Fair board:

1. Marla confirmed that the wash bay lights will be installed by Fair
2. Maintenance is working on getting the gate installed
3. The container is set to be delivered next week. Still getting quotes for the gravel.
4. The maintenance went through the barns and were inquiring about where we got the handles for the stalls doors.
5. It was recommended that we start a list of projects to be put on a work order to be addressed throughout the year with the maintenance department.

Old Business

1. Still need a Ring Master for Tues 3:00- End
2. Mentioned that we went over the awards and what we ordered this year at the last meeting
3. Fair entries are due 7/15 so they can be checked, and any changes can be made by 7/21
4. Fair passes are to be done by 7/29
5. We talked about the lights getting fixed that are burnt out/and or broken, along with the keys for the box to the extra lights we can't access
6. Talked about the gravel being put down for the shipping container

New Business

1. Gravel- Fair board asked that we pay for the gravel, however, were hoping we can get it donated. Foreman's \$23.95 a ton and recommended 6 tons. She also reached out to Pepcon. Mary Neill moved to pay for the gravel and Madison Werner seconded the motion.
2. Went over Judge's Notes
 - a. Bareback classes are judged as equitation or horsemanship classes and it's up to the judge if they want to provide a pattern or rail work
 - b. Draft classes are walk/trot only
 - c. General walk/trot classes- up to the judge if they want to provide a pattern or rail work.
 - d. Addressed whether the judge should DQ them or place them at the bottom of the class
3. Each club takes a day and needs to provide someone to sing the National Anthem. (or ask for list of those who would be interested)
4. Don't forget about the "Drain the Pool" fundraiser for the arena. (Greenville Pool) July 22 from 6-8pm. Silent Auction and 50/50 available. If anyone wants to bring bake goods to sell.
5. \$10 Cooler Raffle that will be drawn at fair. Each club has tickets and there is more available if needed. Each ticket sold can help your club earn money as well. Please share. Valued over \$600

The Meeting Concluded:

Mary Neill moved to adjourn, and Madison Werner seconded.

Next meeting will be Thursday July 7th at 6:30pm at the Community Center at the Fairgrounds.

Submitted by Secretary
Shay Ann Auten