

Darke County Horse Committee Minutes
6:30 Fairgrounds
January 22, 2026

Members present:

Buckeye Buckaroos: Angie Bender

Greenville Rangers: Brandi Hamm

Horse & Rider: Izzy Rausch

Silver Hoofs: Mary Neill

Trails & Trails:

Jr Fair board: Glori Rausch, Micah Arbogast, Ty Isreal

Other: Shay Ann Auten, Georgi Rausch

Jr. Fair Coordinator: Betsy Petitjean

Sr. Fair Board: Russ Skaggs

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

Secretary Report: Minutes from November 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, submitted the treasurer report

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
GNB checking	\$7409.67	\$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

Glori informed us that there would now be an additional option for all species in regards to the Skillathon. This would be accessed online for those that were unable to be present in person.

Sr. Fair Board

The ponies (the week of fair) will no longer show on Tuesday. It will be combined with Wednesday.

Youth Development

Angie mentioned that everyone just needs to work on their Enrollments and Advisor's Training.

Old Business

1. We discussed presenting our needs/expectations to Betsy for what we need along with any deadlines for our week of the fair to run smoothly.
2. Amy is charge of the tack sale. Horse and Rider will be handling the food stand and Silver Hoofs club is responsible for the door.
3. Kelly is working on horse camp including instructors
4. We discussed adding another signer on the bank account.

New Business:

Tack Sale

1. We went over the tack sale times and at the end of the meeting tickets were handed out for the dinners to each club advisor. Each club is to designate one person to get a hold of Amy by March 15th at 3:15 and give her the total count of tickets.

Designated work times are as follows:

Tails and Trails	(Saturday 4:00-6:00)	(Sunday 2:00-4:00)
Buckeye Buckaroos	(Saturday 4:00- 6:00)	(Sunday 12:00-2:00)
Horse and Rider	(Sunday 7:00-9:00 Vendors)	(8:00-10:00 Food Booth)
Silver Hoofs	(Sunday 3:00 to end)	Door all day
Greenville Rangers	(Saturday 6:00-8:00)	(Sunday 10:00-12:00)

2. There is a new club: Rustic Roots with Jenny Elliot as one of the Advisors. Angie was going to reach out to them.

3. Angie printed out several copies of things that needed addressed. She highlighted areas that needed either addressed, changed, or re-worded.

a. Scholarship Application- We voted to change the wording from “What school(s) have you been accepted to and which will you attend?” to “**What are your future plans? College? Technical School? Starting your own business?**”

b. King and Queen and Prince and Princess- Changed

#3 To state- “**Contestants must have shown the prior year and a member in good standing within their club in the current year**”

#5 Changed the date and location to be- May 15th at the Senior Fair board office

#6 Added- “Time frame will be 4:30-7:30 depending on number of applicants”

#9 Decided to REMOVE- that you must attend Skillathon vs. that they could miss it but take the zero as the score in that category. It was mentioned that we could always add it back in.

c. PAS- Date was changed and added the Easy Gaited Western Pleasure class to the list. Angie also verified with Ohio State that all the classes stayed the same

d. June Fun Show- Dates were changed and the Judges listed are not the same as listed. We agreed to leave the PAS patterns in place for this show and will readdress it for next year.

4. Concerning Jumps- Angie asked if anyone was able to go down to the shed and get a count on how many jumps need replaced. Both the regular jumps and the mini jumps.

5. We wanted to give Betsy a timeline in order to help things run smoothly for the coming fair. With that it was mentioned that:

1. **July 17th**- (Entries) are due (20th is the official due date)

2. **July 24th**- (Classlist)- Betsy is to return the finished classlist to Angie

3. **July 25th**- (Class Splits) Angie will get the class splits done and returned to Betsy

4. **August 6th/7th**- (Showbills, Class List for Individual Kids, Back Numbers)- to be turned in to Angie to be handed out to the clubs at the meeting at the Horse Barn, the first week in August.

6. We needed to look into ordering the belt buckles now to make sure they're in on time. (Thought to be order from Molly's when they have half price sale)
7. Angie got about half the judges booked.
8. Betsy asked if Angie could send her the contact information for the hired judges as she gets them.
9. Izzy asked about possibly moving the meetings to Thursday nights right before Jr. Fair Meetings. We were told that the Jr. Fair board doesn't always meet. However, we agreed to meet regardless. Betsy said she could reserve the building for the 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 but we may have to hold it in the kitchen if the dog club is meeting/training.
10. Betsy informed us that all the Jr. Fair board meetings dates were posted on the website.
11. We agreed to add Robert Elsner to the memorial for his contribution of around 18 years to our county's 4H clubs. We also decided to add Christoph Keller as well.
12. Izzy asked about turning in an inventory list of things that your club owns.
13. Angie handed out barn dance flyers.

The Meeting Concluded:

Mary Neill moved to adjourn the meeting, and Izzy Rausch seconded.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12th (6:30 pm) at the fair grounds

Submitted by the Secretary,
Shay Ann Auten