

Darke County Horse Committee Minutes
March 12, 2026
6:30 Fairgrounds

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, Ty Isreal

Other: Shay Ann Auten, Summer Harter

Sr. Fair Board: Russ Skaggs

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

Secretary Report: Minutes from February 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	\$786.86	\$8151.87
GNB savings	\$1512.68	\$1512.87

Mary Neill moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Kelly Smith Seconded. Motion passed.

Sr. Fair Board: (Russ Skaggs)

1. Russ spoke to Dave (caretaker) and asked him to get rid of the couple scoops of leftover shavings from last year's fair.
2. He mentioned that with this year's 250th Anniversary, that the fair is going to focus theming around **RED**, **WHITE**, and **BLUE**. He thought we should also keep that in mind when decorating our barns or theming in the Equine section of the fairgrounds to reflect the rest of the fair this year. (Patriotic)

(Jessica)

1. Reminder that enroll is due April 1st
2. Remind the club members to get their Equistep done

(Betsy)

1. She mentioned that everyone just needed to get their trophy sponsorships in. Mary mentioned she should be able to get that taken care of after the tack sale. Angie mentioned that she needed to get with her on the amount to pay for last years small trophies for Jr. Fair.

Old Business:

1. Kelly was going to scheduling several camp planning meetings. She was also going to try to have registration form available
2. We talked about picking Ranch Versatility obstacles before camp. However, Angie hasn't hired a judge for that day yet and thought we should wait until that judge is hired and she has a chance to speak with them first.

New Business

1. Kelly mentioned that a group (Shay Ann, Emily, Elizabeth, and Mackenzie) were able to get together with her and work on the camp details. At this time, she has most of the trainers already scheduled. She already has the tent rented. Mary mentioned that she could be there all 3 days of camp to help out as well.
2. Reminder that each club needs to pay their \$25 towards the tack sale. Silver Hoofs and Buckeye are paid up.
3. Angie has all the judges booked except for the Tuesday judge. She reached out to about 20 judges and 2 of them said "yes" with one judge asking for \$750 while the other asked for \$450 plus mileage and hotel. Angie mentioned that we haven't really given a budget for which to make that decision. However, she's asking if the budget doesn't allow for that cost to be covered, would the committee consider paying the difference. At this point she mentioned that she has been only hiring off the experience/PAS judges list when it comes to fair vs. the beginners list. She mentioned that she could reach out to some of the beginner judges. In the end an agreement was reached that if we really needed to cover the difference we would. Mary made a motion to cover the difference and Brandi seconded the motion.
4. Russ mentioned that this year the Sr. Fair voted that for now on they were going to write one check for the judge that covers their expense of judging, hotel, and mileage all in one instead of separate checks. He also mentioned as far as budget goes the Sr. Fair is looking to mirror what was allotted last year to reflect the same for this year.
5. New Club (Rustic Roots) At this time they may only have one youth that participates in Horses. Angie mentioned that she didn't put them on the schedule of events (tack sale, fair duties) at this point until they truly knew if they had anyone participating in horses. Although if they do, everyone thought that they should be given responsibility working their spot when the time comes.
6. It was mentioned that Summer was here this evening representing the Trails and Tails club while Madison Werner was unavailable until May.
7. Belt Buckles were ordered and Angie and Brandi were going to work getting everything else they may need ordered for fair.
8. Angie updated and passed out the grids- She still needs to check with Kyle Hunt and his availability. Any blank spots in the Ring Masters areas will still need filled. She asked if everyone could look it over. If any times or shifts between the club need adjusted or changed between the teams that can be done as well.
9. March 14th the dinner counts need turned in regardless of if any were sold or not.
10. Mary mentioned she may have someone represented Silver Hoofs next month while she is at Equine Affair
11. Online registration information needs
12. Kelly asked Mary if she had a chance before camp to look over all the agenda. That way everyone is on the same page of what is going on. At this point she has all the instructors

taken care of. Mary inquired about how the parents could help out and Kelly explained she would know more once all the kids were registered as far ages and skill levels.

Next Meeting April 9th.

The Meeting Concluded:

Mary Neill moved to adjourn, and Brandi Hamm seconded.

Next meeting will be Thursday April 9th at 6:30pm at the Community Center at the Fairgrounds.

Submitted by Secretary

Shay Ann Auten