

**Darke County Horse Committee Minutes**  
**6:30 Fairgrounds**  
**May 14, 2026**

**Members present:**

**Buckeye Buckaroos:** Angie Bender  
**Greenville Rangers:** Brandi Hamm, Jessica Post  
**Horse & Rider:**  
**Silver Hoofs:** Mary Neill  
**Trails & Trails:**  
**Rustic Roots:**  
**Jr Fair board:**

**Other:** Shay Ann Auten. Amy Rismiller

**Jr. Fair Coordinator:** Betsy Petitjean

**Sr. Fair Board:**

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from April 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	\$3580.72	\$6740.85
GNB savings	\$1512.30	\$1512.30

There are a few dinner tickets that still need turned in at this time. Mary Neill moved to approve the treasurer report and Jessica Post seconded the motion.

**Jr. Fair Coordinator:** There was a discussion about Lease Agreements. She mentioned that the judge did sign a contract.

**Old Business**

1. We discussed horse camp
2. We picked the Ranch Versatility (Ground tie, side pass, carry and object, the barrel pattern) Angie did email this to the judge. She hadn't heard back from her at this time but didn't see an issue for everyone (camp) to start working on those skills.

**New Business:**

1. Angie asked if everyone could take a look at the show and let her know if there are any mistakes
2. Royalty applications are due tomorrow

3. Skillathon- Each club needs to provide 4 to 5 helpers. Helpers need to be there by 3:45 so they can be at their stations, and we can start on time at 4:00
4. Brandi wanted to know if everyone agreed to keep the “high point” ribbon. She also wanted to know if there was anything that needed ordered. (Buckles were ordered.) We still need 3 skillathon chairs. Also, the saddle pad for 1<sup>st</sup> place and halter for second place would need ordered for the “high point”. However, Angie didn’t think the halter’s quality wasn’t very good and thought we could look into a better one. Jessica recommended possible inquiring about her neighbor who makes really nice ones. Brandi was going to look and see if we needed to order a chair for high point as well.
5. Amy asked if it would make it easy or at least speed it up if the youth could let the booth know if they wanted considered for “high point” or not.
6. Jessica asked if each club was handling their own sponsorship with their youth.
7. Jessica also asked if the fair required a coggins at this time. So far it isn’t required.
8. Angie said Dr. Deter wasn’t interested in looking at horses checking in at the fair on their quality and body score. This would be something we need to handle amongst ourselves and bring him on board when it needs to be addressed specifically.
9. Mary has a few girls interest in competing in the Mare and Foal classes at fair for their projects. She will have 2 foals there this year.
10. Kelly has all the instructors and demonstrators lined up for camp.
11. There were 2 youths inquiring about scholarships for camp this year. It was voted that we would grant them the full amount of the scholarship.
12. Jessica asked if Ansley Woods was enrolled in their club because it wasn’t on the list for back numbers.

### **Tack Sale (Amy)**

1. She was interested in running it again next year.
2. Total 138 vendors spots plus 6 trailers
3. Sold 502 Chicken and 212 Pork with 5 unsold. She mentioned she can adjust for next year when it comes time to order.
4. She would like to increase the prices for next year. She was planning on getting some prices from other tack sales to compare (Findley’s charged \$45 for 10x10, \$85 for 15x15 with around 250 spaces with 1300-1500 people in attendance. Numbers were a little lower this year with around 1100 people. They charged \$3 at the door) Amy suggested we increase it by \$5 for the 10x10 table=\$20 and table/small space would then be \$15. She thought we were missing out on being too low as far as money and from a marketing perspective low price translates sometimes as a lower quality as far as vendors are concerned.
5. Trailers \$30 and it was recommended that we charge them for their actually 10x10 spaces they need instead. Some trailers vendors expressed wanting to rent space outside. Those trailers would remain at \$30.
6. Nathan Miley got some video footage and is going to work on some promotional videos for next year.
7. Next year they’re going to leave a rack of chairs in the corner, and everyone can go get what they need or bring their own chairs. Less work on set up
8. All vendors must be finished unloading by 9:00 am and they will then close the doors upstairs to keep the heat in. Mary thought that in the past it’s been really hard to keep track of who has paid and who is unloading as far as collecting money and a lot of money is being lost at the door.

She also recommended turning the table in order to help regulate those coming in. Also, the idea of vendors could have wristbands and all the others need to pay and get a stamp for the day. Those working the food stand need to pay admission as well or have their dinner ticket that covers it.

9. In order to track the attendance she thought we could revisit the idea of raffle tickets. We could also use a sound system to announce the raffles. Donations were an issue in the past.

10. Change the payment to Venmo. The issue is getting it registered with a phone number for the account.

11. Amy inquired about getting vendors to sign up for the following year but was concerned on whether the date could change for the tack sale. At this time, we could guarantee any dates for the following years. Next year's sale is currently booked for March 21<sup>st</sup>.

12. She wanted to know what everyone thought of having vendors only sell horse related items. This was something we could revisit next year. It was mentioned that priority could be given to the horse vendors first and possibly limit other items as we fill up bookings.

13. Dogs- There were several issues with people cleaning up after their dogs. She wondered what the community thought about registering their dogs or a sign at the door. Brandi recommended a "Pee Fee" with a sign at the door to discourage this being a future problem.

14. Amy asked if Brandi could break down the finances and what was collected in each category. She thought she could have it down this week.

#### **The Meeting Concluded:**

Mary Neill moved to adjourn the meeting, and Brandi Hamm seconded.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th (6:30 pm) at the fair grounds

Submitted by the Secretary,  
Shay Ann Auten