

Darke Co Jr Fair 4H Dog Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 27, 2026

Attendants: Kathleen Ditmer, Sue Westfall, Mercedes McFarland (OSU educator).

Absent: Janiece Napier, Madison Alexander, Sheyla Clark, Asa Demange, Julia Arbogast, and Karstyn Davidson.

Secretary Report—Sue moved to approve and Kathleen seconded.

Treasurer Report \$13,694.64 Kathleen moved to approve & seconded by Sue. This includes 693.89 in paypal account.

Sr. Fairboard Report: No one present

Jr. Fair Coordinator-No one present.

OSU Educator: Mercedes McFarland. Mercedes reminded those present about 4H Standards of Behavior. Mercedes received a couple of complaints about advisors being inappropriate and rude in the dog show arena. Mercedes did post a statement on the band.

2026 Committees:

Pavers/ Kathleen chair- Sheyla, Sue, Ja'niece, Denise. Will be shipping last of pavers. Committee will have to purchase a broken paver. Will set meeting to display pavers in flower beds in front of dog arena.

Fund Raiser—Chicken/Pork Dinners. Kathleen & Julia. Each club is to report to Kathleen number of sold dinners- separate pork and chicken numbers before July 10th. Dinners to be distributed July 25th at Youth Building. Sheyla says Spirit will help support cost of dinners.

Judges- Sue & Kathleen

Skillathon- Sheyla & Asia July 15th 2026 Essay Question: Name 3 toxic foods for dogs—Identify outcome of digestion.

Old Business

Tri County Match is being sponsored by 4 Paws and other 4H clubs—July 11th 2026 at Gem City.

Budget 2026 (attached to agenda)

Two Trophies from Committee for skillathon Price is 25.00 a piece.

Royalty Prizes 100.00. 25.00 each

Outstanding Exhibitor Award 75.00

Fairboard to pay 100.00 towards Uahpet. Dog committee to pay 233.90. should help with hair.

Moved to approve by Kathleen and seconded by Sue.

New Business

Jr Fairboard Duties: Fun Day, Gather dogs for Showman of Showmen Contest, arm bands and score sheets for Royalty Contest, Fairboard request for porch to be decorated. Jr Fair is not to touch score sheets. Ring stewards will double check. Betsy will collect sheets and copy.

Care of building: No type of wall adhesive is to be used except blue painters tape. NO command strips.

Heidi May wants dog clubs to know that if reserving building, arena is area for training. No dogs in meeting room. Meeting room area to be reserved separately for meetings. Please be respectful and share.

Ring Books August 16th 10:AM. Fairboard is using show arena for Fairboard breakfast crates cannot be set.

Mandatory Barn Meeting- after royalty contest—building clean up divided by 3 clubs.

Royalty Applications & Skillathon Essay due Aug 1st to Jr Fairboard office.

2026 Fair August 21st- Aug 29th.

Next meeting July 29th at Extension office

Adjournment: Move by Sue. Second by Kathleen. Motion Carried.