

Darke County Rabbit Committee Minutes for September 9, 2024

The September 9, 2024 meeting of the Darke County Rabbit committee was called to order by acting Chairperson Morgan Aultman with the following members present: Dan Arling, Morgan Aultman, Holly Daughtery, April Mendenhall, Heidi May, Christina Parker, Mollie Case, Monic Goubeaux, Isley DeMange , and Irene Rismiller.

Secretary and treasurer's reports were given. We have \$8,412.06 in our Checking Account and \$6,779.81 in the Scholarship Savings Account.

In the Jr. Fair report, our newest member Isley Demange introduced herself .

The question of how we score for Overall Exhibitors Awards was asked. Morgan explained how we did it. After some discussion it was decided to table this until the next meeting to get more opinions.

Mercede then talked to us about holding an All Species Showmanship Clinic Our problem would be to find a judge for the Clinic. They are usually busy with a show.

The rabbit numbers were down this year by about 150 rabbits. We discussed various ways to help increase the numbers. One idea was to try a roaster and stewer classes. It was decided to table the manner until we have more members present to voice their opinion. We also discussed breaking the single meat pens into weight classes . This will also be discussed more at the next meeting.

We then talked about Skillathon. Do we need to revamp Skillathon? We did make changes two years ago. The material needs to be gone through to see what we have and if we need anything.

It was brought up that it would be nice to have a banner to take pictures in front of. Maybe we could go in with the goats on a banner.

Holly bought up the idea of holding an Open Double Show on the last Saturday of the fair. The committee would have to put it on.

Holly is also trying to get another National Show here of Silver Martins, Thrianta, Checkered Giants and Rhinelanders.

Our next meeting is OCTOBER 10, 2024 at 6:30 in the Youth building.

Respectfully submitted by Irene Rismiller.

