

**Darke County Horse Committee Minutes**  
**April 09, 2026**  
**6:30 Fairgrounds**

**Members present:**

**Buckeye Buckaroos:** Angie Bender  
**Greenville Rangers:** Brandi Hamm  
**Horse & Rider:** Kelly Smith  
**Silver Hoofs:**  
**Trails & Trails:**  
**Rustic Roots:** Jeny and Jared Elliott  
**Jr Fair board:** Glori Rausch, Micah Arbogast

**Other:** Shay Ann Auten, Summer Harter, Olivia Elliott

**Sr. Fair Board:** Heidi May

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from March's meeting was submitted via email by Shay Ann Auten. There were no additions or corrections. Brandi Hamm moved to approve the report, and Micah Arbogast seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer, Brandi Hamm, submitted the treasurer report

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
GNB checking	\$8151.87	\$3580.72
GNB savings	\$1512.68	\$1512.87

Kelly Smith moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Summer Harter Seconded. Motion passed.

**Jr. Fair Board:**

1. Glori mentioned that at Skillathon there would be a food pantry trailer for donations. Surrounding counties would also be collecting food and there will be a cash prize available to the heaviest trailer.
2. Kelly asked if the Jr. Fair Board knew if there was any information about the online Skillathon yet? As of now they don't have any more information. (This was coming from OSU and believed to be still at this time a pass/fail test)

**Sr. Fair Board: Heidi**

1. Heidi mentioned that she bought some hardware cloth for the rabbit barn to stop squirrels from getting in. She wondered if we would be interested in the cloth as well for our announcer's booth to help with our bird problem. She asked if we didn't mind if she sent someone down there to check it out.

**Jr. Fair Coordinator: Betsy Petitjean:**

Betsy mentioned that Jr. Fair had a meeting tonight (work night) and one in May.

#### **4-H Youth Development: Mercedes McFarland**

Mercedes wanted to remind everyone to make sure that each club should make sure their members had their Equistep completed.

#### **Old Business:**

1. A reminder that each club needs to pay \$25 towards the tack sale to help cover expenses.
2. It had been decided that we wouldn't be adding Rustic Roots to any shifts this year for the tack sale and would reevaluate that at the end of the this year for the following year. However, Angie did mention that they need to look over the grid for fair (a copy was given to them) and look it over and pick a shift that works for them. They could then join with a club in helping at that time.
3. It was mentioned that we a) discussed getting the awards ordered b) passed out grids c) received horse camp forms.

#### **New Business**

1. Angie did get the Tuesday judge booked and asked if we could come up with the Ranch Versatility Classes so that they could be sent to the judge for her approval or concerns regarding them.

The 3 things we picked were: Ground Tying, Carrying an Object, and Side Pass. Then we would do the Barrel Back Thru pattern. These will also be incorporated into camp this year.

2. Kelly asked if the first day of camp (Wednesday) was going to be the first day of the "Buckle Series" for Contesting.

3. Kelly was also wondering if we we could address the storage container and help get the inside equipment organized and what we were doing about the key for it. Concerning the key- Mary communicated to Angie that we may need to replace the key due to one of the keys being in someone's possession, and that she is unable to get it back at this time. So, Angie is going to have the locks replaced. Kelly mentioned that she could have Chuck build something to hold the poles from rolling around in there. Also, if we could get some racks to hold things as well. Angie mentioned that if everyone had a chance during their ride night to go in there and take a look inside and come up with some ideas.

4. Summer asked when we would be picking the stalls for fair this year because Madison had mentioned that she really wanted to use the pony stalls that they used last year. Angie said that we will be picking stalls at the August meeting. She let her know that the clubs go in rotation every year on who gets to pick first, second, etc. It also can't be addressed until everyone's entries are in which would be in July. Then we will know how many stalls each club needs according to how many horses they would be bringing to fair that year.

5. Brandi stopped and looked at the memorial today and couldn't find any information on who had made it years ago. So, she was going to reach out to a few places and get some quotes on having that made. Angie said she would reach out to Beth Weaver and see if she has any information.

6. Kelly asked if everyone had their Horse Camp Registration Forms passed out and asked if we had anyone register online as well. Kelly asked if Rustic Roots had anyone that would be interested in coming or needed any information. They asked if they had a chance to access the Darke County Horse Committee Facebook page yet. I (Shay Ann) asked if they had a Facebook page to post the camp registration to. Summer sent Jenny the registration on Snapchat. The due

date for registration is May 8<sup>th</sup>. Forms can also be printed off and turned into the extension office as well.

6. Kelly asked what everyone thought about how the tack sale went. Angie thought Amy mentioned coming this evening to do a review with everyone. She thought Amy may come to the next meeting to let everyone know. Brandi said she may have the results next month if all the checks are in

**The Meeting Concluded:**

Summer Harter moved to adjourn, and Brandi Hamm seconded.

Next meeting will be Thursday May 14th at 6:30pm at the Community Center at the Fairgrounds.

Submitted by Secretary  
Shay Ann Auten