

**Darke County Horse Committee
Minutes- July 11 6:30pm
Located at the Swine Barn**

Members present:

Buckeye Buckaroos: Angie Bender

Greenville Rangers:

Horse & Rider: Izzy Rausch

Silver Hoofs: Mary Neill

Trails & Trails:

Jr Fairboard:

Guests: Mackenzie Auten

4-H Youth Development: Mercedes McFarland

Jr Fair Coordinator:

Sr Fairboard members:

Other: Shay Ann Auten

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

Secretary Report: Minutes from the June meeting were submitted via email by Shay Ann Auten. Mary Neill moved to approve the minutes and Izzy Rausch seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
GNB checking	\$9140.41	\$9140.41
GNB savings	\$1,511.54	\$1511.54

Izzy Rausch moved to accept the report. Mary Neill seconded. Motion passed.

Jr Fairboard Report: (Nobody came) They were reminded of the meeting. All three were sent a group text and there was no response. Izzy also talked to them at camp and reminded them that this was their chance to make some decisions and how they run everything and were here to help them.

Sr Fairboard Report:

1. Angie talked to Marla and said that so far we don't have a food vendor and that it was mentioned to the board, but that they weren't really working hard as of now to make that happen. So, if anyone had someone in mind they would give a different rate for them due to only having people down there during show days.
2. Supposedly there is an arena leak. They turned off the 2 faucets in hopes of finding it. Clubs need to let anyone dragging the arena needs to not dig too deep. (There are no pipes are located under the arena)

OLD BUSINESS:

Skillathon:

1. They were able to have a second skillathon. The interview question portion of the test may need looked at to be fair across the board if you have different people asking the questions and scoring.

Horse Camp:

1. Mary heard that her club thought that it ran very well.
 2. A few people thought it was good for beginners the way it was set up
 3. The riding sessions were to long (just to hot for kids and horses)
 4. The barrel racing class didn't have any feedback or teaching for the kids.
 5. Need more instructors and sit down instruction time
2. Haven't heard anything back from the Home Show yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Make sure all the advisors are checking all the kids entries and make sure it's clicked approved. (email Betsy and Angie will look over it as well before August 1st)
2. Pony showmanship issue with sizing listed (58" and over) (54" and under) Need to make that adjustment.
3. Ranch Pony- looking to see if we added it to the show bill or if we even need to
4. "Thank You" booth/station for the kids this year. (Shay Ann/Mackenzie) Need about 200 Cards
5. Jr. Fairboard- Are they required to come to the Horse Committee Meetings? Need to be more involved.
6. The Penny's are advisors should get a gate pass

7. We may need to use Pony stalls this year and that may allow for shifting of the tents for better viewing.
8. Deadline for entries is August 1st at midnight.
9. Groom and Clean- will plan on it (get someone from Preble)
There are guidelines and a written test given while judges are looking over the muddy horse. Start time 9:00 Thursday for mud.
10. Mandatory Meeting- sign in by Parent or 4H member (can't sign up a bunch of people)

Showbill- had a few issues

1. Draft/Pony portion was taken out (but it's still listed on there)
 2. Ranch Showmanship was supposed to be split into Jr. and Sr.
 3. Walk/Trot Ranch Pleasure- had 2 classes of w/t and not the Ranch Pleasure
 4. Only 1 dressage class (missing 3) and not put on the correct day or spot
 5. Versatility Reining B somehow got put back in
 6. Team Tournament still on there for sign up
- Angie emailed her and sent her what she originally sent her and the new one highlighting the issues. So far, she hasn't heard back. May need to make our own sheets.

The Meeting Concluded:

Mary motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Izzy seconded the motion.

Next meeting should be August 8th at the Fairgrounds in front of the barns

Submitted by, Secretary
Shay Ann Auten