

Darke County Horse Committee Minutes
January 09, 2025
7:30 Extension Office

Members present:

Buckeye Buckaroos: Angie Bender
Greenville Rangers: Brandi Hamm, Jessica Post
Horse & Rider: Kelly Smith
Silver Hoofs: Mary Neill, Patrick Neill
Trails & Trails: Madison Werner
Jr Fair board: Callie Post, Allison Pierron

Other: Shay Ann Auten,

Sr. Fair board: Christoph Keller

4-H Youth Development: Mercedes McFarland

Meeting was called to order by President, Angie Bender

Secretary Report: Minutes from the November meeting were 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, gave the treasurer report.

| | Beginning Balance | Ending Balance |
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| GNB checking | \$10,865.90 | \$10,865.90 |
| GNB savings | \$1511.92 | \$1511.92 |

Madison Werner moved to approve the report and Patrick Neill seconded. Motion passed.

Jr. Fair Board: Showman of Showman was not scheduled yet and they thought they may be discussing that this evening at their Jr. Fair Board meeting.

Sr. Fair Board:

1. Light Switch needed to be located for the far makeup ring
2. They were going to investigate where the water is coming from in order to run another line for the wash rack.
3. Marla was working on a quote for lights at the wash rack
4. We have not received the money for the workday.
5. There hasn't been an official release time for the horses. Possible will know that after the Showman of Showman has been decided and figured out.

4-H Youth Development: Mercedes McFarland

1. Everyone can start Equistep. Madison asked if she could send the link out. (Discussed how redundant the videos are for the kids) State Requirement through OSU
2. Achievement Records- only 10 members from the whole county filled it out last year. Try to push any of your clubbers over the age of 14 to fill it out. They can win trips and opportunities. There is a video out there to assist them in filling it out or Mercedes has sat down with a few helped them as well.

Old Business

1. We had elections that stayed the same
2. Discussed how to spend the \$2000 from the Home Show. We discussed a shipping container for storage. This would allow us to move jumps out of the stalls and possibly put them on a cart to wheel out. We still need to get the fair board's approval and its placement. (side of the announcer's booth) Level ground.
3. The gratis was approved for the tack sale and the rental rate will now be \$150. The wording (charge- to donation) doesn't need changed. Madison was also able to get kerosene donated and was working on renting the heaters. Several were also going to look into it as well as Kelly thought she could get some for the building.
4. Updated the Fair show bill
5. No July Show

Horse Camp (June 4th, 5th, and 6th)

1. Jesse was available on Wednesday
 2. Need to give the instructors more information on what we expect from them
 3. Horse Committee meeting Thurs Jan 23rd at 7:30
 4. Applications open from March to May
- Briefly talked about issues (choosing classes, shorten ride time, possibly crafts, staying in all the rings, possibly using some older kids as "helpers/mentors")

New Business

1. Tack Sale- reserve your spots now because the youth building is almost filled up. The form is online and can be mailed to Madison or through Paypal
2. Amy R. is helping with the chicken dinner
3. Kelly is helping with the health cert. and concessions (Same prices)
4. Karen Delk is making cookies and donated to the Arena Fund
5. Silver Hoofs is working the door and we would go over work times for the clubs at the next meeting.

Fair

1. Assign each team a block of 200 numbers to assign. Each club member would be given 2 numbers for up to 2 horses. These numbers would follow through their entire 4H career. Kids can make them as well for sizing.
2. Angie reached out to some judges and was waiting to hear back from them
3. Club duties would remain the same.

Buckeye Buckaroos (Tues)

Greenville Rangers (Sunday)

Horse and Rider (Sat 8:30-3)

Silver Hoofs (Monday 8:30-3)

Tails and Trails (Monday evening)

The Meeting Concluded:

Mary Neill moved to adjourn, and Kelly Smith seconded.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 11 at 7:30pm at the OSU Extension Office.

Submitted by, Secretary
Shay Ann Auten