

September 11,2023 Meeting of the Darke County Rabbit Committee

The Darke County Rabbit Committee meet September 11, 2023 at the Youth Building at the Fairgrounds with the following members present: Dan Arling, Holly Daughtry, Pat Carrol, Velvet Grow, LuAnn Mann, Heidi May, Angie Parker, Christina Parker, Morgan Aultman, Sophia Aultman, Chris Micheal, Katelynn Micheal, April Mendenhall, Emma Jones, Carmen Hartzell and Irene Rismiller.

The Secretary and treasurer's reports were given. In our checking account we have \$7,258.81 and in savings we have \$4,814.17. Reports were approved.

Our Spring Show will be March 10, 2024. Holly has Brian Shirk, Daniel Averitt, Amanda Hutcheson, Chris Heyhow, and Penny Jackson. She still needs one more. Kevin Bogan will be our cage dealer and back up judge.

Show Hoppers have the raffle, Rabbit Raisers have food and Ansonia Animal and Rabbit Habbit will assist with the entries. The Junior Fairboard will take care of the Silent Auction.

Holly is looking into maybe changing our computer program for entries.

Our Rabbit show for 2024 will be April 13.

Our Rabbit Clinic will be April 13, 2024. Morgan is looking into speakers.

The revisions for our Constitution were discussed . Katelynn moved and April seconded to accept the revisions of our Constitution. M/P

Morgan has received the tags for the cages and other equipment. We will get together to put them on after harvest.

The committee then went over the green pages of the fair book. April Mendenhall's name needs to be added to the committee list. The time for the small animal sale needs to be changed to 4:00pm. Argente Brun's name needs to be correctly spelled.

There is a Rabbit judging contest listed for Monday at 1 pm. We have not done this for some time. After some discussion the committee decided to start this up again. Chris Micheal volunteered to chair the Rabbit Judging contest on Monday at 11:00am. We will include a write up of the contest description from ARBA in the green pages.

In rule 7 we will delete 3:30 and just make it ".....need to be present in the rabbit barn before the sale".

In rule 10 we are adding ALL MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO CHECK THEIR ENTRIES BY 8PM FRIDAY.

The senior Fairboard has decided to strike out the idea of leaving the exhibitors skip the live auction.

The Junior Fairboard members need to come up with ideas for the Skillathon essays.

We discussed changing the ages or order of the Showmanship classes. After some discussion, Christina moved and Holly seconded to leave the showmanship classes as is.

Organ brought in an example of another way to do the calculations for the Outstanding Exhibitor awards. Christina moved and Angie second to continue with what we have. M/P.

Results of Election of Officers are:

Chairperson - Angie Parker

Vice Chair - Morgan Aultman

Secretary/Treasurer - Irene Rismiller

Sales Representatives - Dan Arling and Holly Daughtery

Jr. Fair Sale Representative - Katelynn Micheal

Jr. Fair Sale Alternate - Sophia Aultman

OU NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023 at 7:00pm in the EXTENSION OFFICE.

Velvet Grow moved and Emma Jones seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by ,

Irene Rismiller