

Rabbit Committee Minutes for November 14, 2022

The Darke County Junior Fair Rabbit Committee met November 14, 2022 at 7pm in the Steam Thresher's Building with the following members present: Dan Arling, Holly Daugherty, Pat Carroll, Velvet Grow, Luann Mann, Heidi May, Angie Parker, Christina Parker, Morgan Aultman, Rhonda Williams, Marla Werner, Sophia Aultman, Katelynn Micheal, Emma Jones, Dean Neff, and Irene Rismiller.

Secretary and treasurer reports were given . We have \$7,571.67 in checking and \$4,845.95 in Scholarship savings.

The Quarter Auction for The Bucklew family went well. 214 items were donated . There were no expenses to the Committee. The food stand donated the cost of the food and supplies. A thank you note was read from the Bucklew-Grote families.

The Spring rabbit show is April 2, 2023. Holly is getting six judges. So far she has Ron Riddle and Mike Adams.

The top ten breeds from last year are Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Dutch, Jersey Woolly, Mini Satin/Satin, New Zealand, Mini Lop, Holland Lop, and English Spot. There was some discussion about whether we would sanction the Ohio breeds. Morgan moved and Angie seconded to only sanction the National clubs. M/P

The Junior Fairboard will do the Silent auction. Emma Jones volunteered to help. Awards were discussed. Holly will look into hanging grooming shelves.

It was discussed how we would do Best of Show and Reserve of Show. Kaitlynn moved and Morgan second that we do Best 4 Class and Best 6 Class and then Best of Show and Reserve in show. M/P

We will try to have a Rabbit Clinic on June 24th. It will be a free clinic from 9am until noon. The subjects discussed will be Showmanship, Breed ID, Skillathon and Husbandry- which will cover nutrition and quality care of animals. The subject of door prizes was tabled until the next meeting. We need to encourage parents to also attend . We need to clarify that parents can not put or take rabbits off the show table during a 4-H show. They can help bring rabbits up to the table but nothing else. We also need a liability waiver signed.

Skillathon will be July 13 from 6 until 9pm in the Youth Building.

Tattooing of meat pens will be the last Saturday of July.

The Ring Book meeting will be Thursday, August 10th at 7pm. Location to be determined.

Morgan and Matt Aultman helped in the Darke County Steak and Chop Tent during the fair. They made \$480 and would like to donate it towards a bench in memory of Karen Bucklew in front of the Rabbit barn. Mary Strosnider would also like to donate money towards a bench. The Rabbit Committee decided to cover the rest of the cost. \$250 was also donated to the Rabbit Committee in memory of Karen. Morgan moved and Angie seconded that all money given to the committee in memory of Karen be given to the Bucklew family. M/P

Dean Neff is our new Senior Fairboard member. He will look into issues with the fans and speakers.

In the Junior Fairboard report, they reported that all booths will be in the Youth Building instead of the barns. There will be no coaching by anyone on the sidelines during showing. All entries have to be in the Ipads. No entries can be written in.

Next year Rabbits will go first at the small animal sale . We will alternate years with the Poultry. Rabbits have the odd years and Poultry have the even years.

Morgan volunteered to become our chairperson since Heidi cannot be Chairperson since she is on the Fairboard .

Vice-Chair: Chris Micheal

Secretary/Treasure: Irene Rismiller

Sales Representative: Dan Arling

Sales Rep. Alternate: Holly Daughtery

Jr. Fair Sales Representative: Katelynn Micheal

Jr Fair Sales Rep.Alternate: Sophia Aultman

Our next meeting will be FEBRUARY 13, 2023 at 7pm at the Extension Office.

Respectfully submitted by,

Irene Rismiller

