

February Darke County Rabbit Committee Minutes

The Darke County Junior Fair Rabbit Committee meet February 13, 2023 at the Ohio State Extension Office at 7pm with the following members present: Dan Arling, Amanda Behee, Holly Daughtery, Pat Carroll, Velvet Grow, Heidi May, Angie Parker, Christina Parker, Morgan Aultman, Sophia Aultman, Chris Micheal, Katelyn Micheal, April Mendenhall, Emma Jones, Rhonda Williams, and Irene Rismiller.

Secretary and treasurer's reports were given. In our checking account we have \$7,939.93. We received \$480 from the Steak and Chop tent from Matt and Morgan working there. In savings we have \$5,485.82. We received \$638.62 from the Scholarship rabbit at the Small Animal Sale.

Our judges for the Spring Rabbit Show, April 2, 2023 are Al Gerhart, Jeff Dick, Jodi Hartman, Mike Adams, Danny Long, and Ron Riddle. Kevin Bogan will be our back up judge if we need him.

We then discussed prizes for Best of Show, Best 6 Class and Best 4 Class. It was decided to award the Youth Best of Show with a cart to haul their cages on. The Reserve of Show will receive a hanging grooming shelf. Open Class will receive money as before. Best of Show \$50 and Best 6 Class and 4 Class \$25. Chris moved and Sophia seconded to do these prizes. M/P Angie will do decals for the carts.

The question was brought up if we would want to sanction more breeds since we are just doing the National Sanctions or maybe look into Specialty shows. One of the judges has asked us to sanction the Dwarf Hotot. After some discussion it was decided to sanction Dwarf Hotot and Californian. Holly said she was sanctioning Silver Martins and Tans. Chris said he would sanction Argent Brun.

The Rabbit committee will be in charge of entries with Rabbit Raisers and Ansonia Animal assisting. Rabbit Habbit has the raffle and Show Hoppers has the food Stand.

It was decided to have the writer's raffle again . Each club will donate two items for it.

Set up is Saturday, April 1st at 9am in the Youth Building.

Next year's show will be March 10, 2024.

The Rabbit Clinic is scheduled for June 17th. We are getting the building rent free. Morgan Aultman said she would take care of the speakers for the sessions. Our four sessions will be ARBA, Showmanship, Skillathon, and the Raising of meat pens.

Skillathon is Thursday, July 13th in the Youth building. The breed pictures are getting redone this year. It was decided that awards this year will be 1st place- WIFI speaker , 2nd - a bucket with a scraper, small broom, and supplies, and 3rd - a set of cage risers.

Ring Book meeting will be Thursday, August 10th at 7pm in the Youth Building.

Matt and Morgan Aultman donated the money they made from the Steak and Chop tent at the fair to the Committee to use towards a memorial bench for Karen Bucklew. Heidi will check with Mary Strosnider and Julie Case about their donation towards it.

In new business, Holly mentioned that the National Silver Martin Club is looking for a place to hold their National Show. They would hold it on the Saturday before our show. We could also ask the Californian club to see if they would be interested. We could try it for the years 2024 or 2025.

In Senior Fairboard news, they are going to increase the premium money for the Open Show. Our fans will always be loud. We had some

discussion about having the Open Show on Saturday. We have tried this in the past. We also discussed the Open show exhibitor's having to pay the \$25 ticket for coming just one day. We are losing out of county exhibitors due to this.

The Junior Fairboard said the Junior Fair Show will be according to ARBA rules. Changes will be allowed but they have to fill out a form explaining the change.

The next meeting will be May 8, 2023 at the Extension Office at 7pm.

Holly moved and Chris seconded to adjourn the meeting. M/P

Respectfully submitted by ,

Irene Rismiller