

# Darke County Junior Fair Sheep Committee

March 5, 2023 6:30 PM

## Minutes

**Committee Members Present:** Kim Amspaugh, Sarah Drew, Gary Gehret, Kierra Reichert, Jennifer Sachs, Bill Stocksdale, Chuck Willcox, Vickie Willcox, Emily Williams, Rhonda Williams

**Jr. Fair Board Representatives Present:** Adi Schmitz

**Guests:** Kobe Epperly, Josh Sargent, Heidi May, Jim Zumbrink

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Willcox at 6:33pm.

### Officer Reports:

- Secretary report: Presented by Emily Williams. Motion to approve by Bill Stocksdale, seconded by Sarah Drew.

Motion carried

- Treasurer Report: Checking account balance - \$759.42  
\$36.00 was spent for checks; \$250.00 was donated from friendly farmers  
Savings account balance - \$2790.25  
Scholarship fund - \$3592.97

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Kim Amspaugh, seconded by Sarah Drew.

Motion carried

### Committee Reports:

- **Sale committee:** All sheep exhibitors have been paid and the committee has received all scholarship money.
  - The pig committee asked Vickie why there is 1% coming out of the checks for the fairboard and a ¾% to the sale committee. Why is that money also taken out of scholarships. Vickie referred the pig committee to the Sr. Fairboard. It was also noted that the amount varies depending upon the amount of the scholarship. For the sheep department it is about \$50-\$100 dollars.

“Fair Entry” is the new software being used this year for all entries and for the sale.

- **Skillathon:** Suggestions were taken from the committee and guests for skillathon improvements.
  - Rhonda Williams suggested breaking each station into 3 separate age levels; 8-11; 12-14; and 15 and up.
  - It was also suggested that the length and type of questions on the test need to be better suited for each age group. Discussion was held over the length of the test and members felt it should be shorter for the younger age groups.
  - It was recommended by the members of the fair board that we publish a study guide for the skillathon. Subjects from different chapters can be selected each year.
  - Fair Board also recommended having the results for all sheep exhibitors available after fair. Rhonda can include the exhibitor's results in the end of year packets.

- Sarah Drew moved to add Emily Williams to the skillathon committee; seconded by Vickie Willcox. Motion carried.
  - This year's skillathon dates are July 15th and July 25th.
  - The skillathon committee will meet on March 16th at 4:00pm at Ansonia high school to discuss changes. All information will be forwarded to Rhonda Williams to be shared with everyone.
- **Tagging:** Reminder - sheep exhibitors are tagging their own sheep. Tags are \$3.00/tag and can be picked up from Rhonda in the 4H office as long as you contact her ahead of time.
  - **Awards:** Vickie put together a list of awards we know we will need for the awards committee.
    - A question was asked about the budget for our awards: Money from the steak tent is used for the OME awards, others are donated. We currently have \$400 in the account designated for awards.
    - The committee needs people to work at the Steak & Chop tent to earn \$ for the awards.

## **Old Business:**

### ***By-Law Amendment notices:***

Per Robert's Rules of Order the following is a notice of change to the Sheep Committee By-Laws that will be voted on at the next scheduled meeting.

- Constitution Article III: Remove the last 2 sentences which read, "Clubs of 1-20 members with sheep projects shall have one vote per club. Clubs with more than 20 members shall have two votes."
- Strike out By-Law Article VII as it reads and replace it with the following verbiage: "Each club or organization representative in good standing shall receive one vote. Each Jr. Fair representative will receive one vote and each committee member not representing a club but are in good standing will receive one vote."

### ***Judge Selection Update:***

- Judges have been selected. Names will be released after June 1st as stated in previous minutes.

### ***Barn Walkway:***

- The problem of the large stone in between the sheep and goat barn was brought to the attention of the Sr. Fair Board by Vickie Willcox. The Sr. Fairboard said they are working on a plan to make the walkway safer for the people and the animals.

## **New Business:**

- **Show Ring:** Gary Gehret has offered to secure more mulch for the sheep and cattle barns.
- Motion was made by Emily Williams to accept Kobe Epperly as a sheep committee member, seconded by Sarah Drew.  
Motion carried

- *New Barn*: Concern by the sheep committee was raised to the members of the Sr. Fair Board who were present at the meeting about the Phase 3 of the fair grounds plan. Sr. Fair Board representatives said they are not tearing down the sheep barn.

The next Sheep Committee meeting will be held on August 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Building.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Stocksdale and seconded by Gary Gehret  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Williams  
Secretary, Darke County Junior Fair Sheep Committee