

Darke County Junior Fair Rabbit Committee Meeting May 8,2023

The Darke County Junior Fair Rabbit Committee met May 8, 2023 at 7pm with the following members present: Dan Arling, Holly Daughtery, LuAnn Mann, Heidi May, Angie Parker, Christina Parker, Rhonda Williams, Mogan Aultman, Sophia Aultman, Katelynn Micheal, April Mendenhall, Chris Micheal, Emma Jones, and Irene Rismiller.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports were given. In checking we have \$8,438.54 and in savings \$5,735.82. Luann moved and Holly seconded to approve the reports. M/P

In the Jr. We were informed that the Heart of a Champion group is going to do a Rabbit Show for people with disabilities during the fair. There will be mentors for the participants.

We were also informed that they will be doing something different with the Small Animal sale. They will not have to participate in the Sale. They can just turn in their bid sheet to the Sales Office. Exhibitors will say at the weigh in if they will participate in the live auction or just turn in their bid sheet. Linda Foreman will be publishing more information.

Skillathon is Thursday, July 13th from 6pm to 9pm in the Youth Building. Morgan Aultman will get together the study Guide. It's been hard to get a good quality picture of the Rabbit Breeds. We will use pictures from the ARBA of the breeds. We will be checking the cover, pgs. 8-11, pgs. 13-14, and page 22 in the project books. For FFA members, we will be checked for their inventory list, expenses, and housing agreement.

The Spring Rabbit Show brought in \$5,364.29. Expenses were \$4,950.28 for a profit of \$413.61. Next year' Spring show is March 10, 2024.

Morgan informed us that she is having trouble getting good speakers for the Rabbit Clinic. After some discussion, Holly moved and April seconded to postpone the clinic until next year on April 13,2024. M/P

We now have enough money to pay for a Memorial bench in honor of Karen Bucklew. Holly moved and Chris seconded that we order and pay for the bench. M/P It was also decided to put some purple bows up in the barn during the fair since purple was Karen's favorite color.

Morgan passed out our constitution and asked everyone to look it over so we can discuss it at our next meeting.

In the Senior fairboard report we were informed that there will no longer be booths in the barn. With so many new Clubs showing rabbits we are running out of space for them to put their fair boxes. You will need to set your booth up in the Youth Building.

The huge Rabbit be the office door will be taken down. Heidi May is going to create a cleaning corner with brooms for kids to use.

All Open Show people will pay a \$10 entry fee and a one day gate pass. Jr. Fair members don't have to buy a pass to show.

Rhonda Williams reminded us that 840 tags are due soon.

Rabbit tattooing will be Saturday, July 29th from 9am to 1pm in the Youth Building. Irene brought up that it would be nice to get a new tattooer. Chris moved and April seconded to purchase a new tattoo clamp. M/P Holly will look into it.

Morgan said she would like to see some landscaping done around the Rabbit Barn. Morgan said she would take care of it.

Our judges for the fair are Tom Berger, Jucinta Taulbe, and Al Gehart. Al will also do showmanship on Sunday.

It was decided to have a Barn party on Tuesday of Fair. Heidi moved and Sophia seconded that the committee pay for the pizza. Motion was amended by Katelynn and seconded by Emma that each club bring pop and a snack. Both motions passed.

Our next meeting is Thursday, August 10,2023 at 7pm in the Youth Building. Chris moved and April seconded to adjourn the meeting. M/P

Respectfully submitted by ,

Irene Rismiller