

March 16,2024 Rabbit Committee Minutes

The Darke County Rabbit Committee met March 16, 2024 at 6:30 in the Youth Building with the following members present: Morgan Aultman, Amanda Behee, Holly Daugherty, April Mendenhall, Angie Parker, Christina Parker, Mollie Case, Carmen Hartzell, Sophia Aultman, Emma Jones, Doug Jones, Heather Jones, Monica Goubeaux, and Irene Rismiller.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were given. We have \$10,059.21 in our checking account and \$6,778.10 in our Scholarship Savings account. Morgan moved and Holly seconded to accept Officer's reports. M/P

In the Junior Fairboard report, we were asked to help support 4-H Camp. They are also having "Stock the Trailer " again this year during the fair. You can also bring a case of water for it during the Skillathon.

In the Senior fairboard report, Heidi May asked if we wanted holes put in the side of the building or better ventilation on top. It would cost around \$2,700 to put holes in the sides. We decided we would prefer the holes. It was asked if we could put sliding doors on the windows.

It was discussed to replace the rotating fans for better ones. Angie will look into it.

Morgan has most of the cages labeled. The flats and legs are not labeled. The stickers won't stick to the wood.

We still haven't received a bill from the Fairboard for the rent of the Youth building to figure what our profit was on the spring show. At the last meeting we discussed looking into using a food truck. We have already made over \$700 with our food stand some years. It varies from year to year. With a food truck we don't know if we would make anything. It was decided to drop the food truck idea.

We discussed the rotation of jobs at the Show. Maybe we can have the Junior Fairboard help with entries. It was tabled until later. Showman of Showmen will be held on Wednesday of fair. Each barn will have 15 minutes for the Celebration of Achievement. There will no longer be a Scholarship Auction.

Angie asked about using new pictures from the Updated Rabbit Resource book for Skillaton. After some discussion, Sophia moved and April seconded to keep the breed pictures the same as last year. Pictures of the diseases will also be the same.

The National California Committee put new carpet on our tables and wires on the bottoms of our holding cages. It was discussed whether we charge them rent for the use of our equipment or do we trade the cost of the improvements for the rent. Holly moved and Amanda seconded to trade the rent for the cost of repairing our equipment for us.

M/P

Rabbit skillathon on July 16 from 4:00 to 8:00. In the swine barn. Helpers are needed.

Rabbit tattooing is Saturday, July 27,2024 from 9am until 1pm in the Youth building.
Our next meeting is July 11,2024 at 6:30 in the Youth Building.

Respectfully submitted by;

Irene Rismiller