

Darke County Junior Fair Sheep Committee

December 4, 2022 4:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Kim Amspaugh, Sarah Drew, Gary Gehret, Denice McDade, Kierra Reichert, Chuck Willcox, Vickie Willcox, Emily Williams, Rhonda Williams

Jr. Fair Board Representatives Present: Adi, Schmitz, Kenzey Townsend

Guests: Jennifer Sachs

Absent: Morgan Aultman, Amy Hanes, Bill Stocksdales, Mora Menzie

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Willcox at 4:02 pm.

Jr. Fair Board representative introductions by Kenzey Townsend and Adi Schmitz. Both representatives mentioned that the Friendly Farmers 4H club is losing their advisors and those members would be looking for another club to join or another advisor to take over. 4H advisors at the meeting gave information on other clubs that had sheep exhibitors to possibly join. Clubs mentioned were: Livestock & General, Grade A Kids, and Darke Co. Sheep & Lamb.

- Secretary report: Presented by Emily Williams. Motion to approve by Gary Gehret, seconded by Sarah Drew.
Motion carried
- Treasurer Report: The committee will receive scholarship money and other funds in January. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Kim Amspaugh, seconded by Kierra Reichert.
Motion carried

Committee Reports:

- Rules – No report
- Sale – Still some outstanding buyers for some of the kids.
- Scholarship – Have received 4 thank you notes out of 6 from scholarship recipients.
Motion made by Vickie Willcox to adopt a sliding scale to award scholarship recipients based on the years of sheep showing.

3-4 years	\$500
5-6 years	\$600
7-8 years	\$700
9-above	\$800

Awards are given based on availability of funds.
Motion seconded by Kierra Reichert, motion carried.
- Skillathon – A minimum of 50% of the skillathon must be hands on, but it can be more.
Skillathon concerns – most kids do not take the skillathon seriously.
If we don't have a written test what can be used as a tie breaker?
Motion made by Vickie Willcox to add Sara Drew to the skillathon committee.
Seconded by Kim Amspaugh.
Motion carries.

- Tagging – sheep tagging is now done by the students. No new report.
- Awards – Motion made by Vickie Willcox to add Gary Gehret to the awards committee. Seconded by Sarah Drew, motion carried.

Old Business:

Judge Selection Update:

- We need to know how much we have to pay for judges.
- Gary Gehret moved to make available the secured judges names to the sheep committee after June 1st. Seconded by Kenzey Townsend.
Motion carried

Re-evaluate by-laws in regards to the voting privileges of members:

- Additions to the by-laws recommendations: Attend 2 consecutive meeting within a 12 month period before joining the committee.
- Voting privileges for members recommendations: Jr. Fair representatives each get one vote; each club representative gets one vote; each individual not representing a club gets one vote.

New Business:

Wool and Lamb inspection at weigh-in:

- Sarah Drew moved to select two people for wool & lamb inspection; 1 from the committee and 1 other person. Seconded by Kenzey Townsend.
Motion carried

Auctioneer:

- Motion was made by Sarah Drew to select Bret Yingst as our first choice for auctioneer. Seconded by Gary Gehret.
Motion carried

Sign Boards:

- The large signs in the sheep barn were originally supposed to be up for 10 years. That time has lapsed. After discussion Gary Gehret moved to keep the sign boards up in the sheep barn. Seconded by Sarah Drew.
Motion carried

New Members:

- Kim Amspaugh moved to elect Jennifer Sachs & Kierra Reichert as new members of the sheep committee. Seconded by Kenzey Townsend.
Motion carried

Other Business:

- Gary Gehret and Sarah Drew will introduce the problem of the stone between the goat and sheep barn at the January Sr. Fair Board meeting.

The next Sheep Committee meeting will be held on March 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the extension office.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Drew and seconded by Kenzey Townsend.

Motion carried; meeting was adjourned.

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