

Darke County Poultry Committee Minutes
1-2-2023

Members Present: Amy Addis, Macy Dirksen, Marlene Dirksen, Tyler Greer, Cindy Mayo, Brian Rissmiller, Dena Wuebker

Guest: Heidi May, Greg McGlinch, Dave Singer, Brian Subler, Rhonda Williams

Jr. Fair: Blake Addis

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Mayo.

Secretary's Report

- ♥ The Secretary's report was read and approved with minor changes.
 - ♥ Remove the second shade and fix spelling of breeds.
- ♥ Dena moved to approve the secretary's report with the changes. Amy seconded. MC

Treasurer's Report

- ♥ Brian R. moved to accept the November treasurers report as read. Marlene seconded. MC
- ♥ Marlene moved to accept the December treasurers report as read. Amy seconded. MC
- ♥ Brian R. moved to accept the year end treasurers report as read. Macy seconded. MC
- ♥ Basket money to be deposited this month.
 - ♥ 3% from the Poultry Sale to be paid out from fair board soon.
- ♥ Also unaware of any outstanding checks to be cashed.
- ♥ Macy moved to get cash for prize winners at the 2023 Darke County Fair. Also have a paper trail by making them sign for their money. Tyler seconded. MC.

November Balances

Checking: \$1899.41

Savings: \$6,193.73

December Balances

Checking: \$1899.41

Savings: \$6,193.79

Old Business

- ♥ Brian R. waiting on response on when Greg will come out to look at what the next step will be.
- ♥ Macy looked into it and we need roughly a 60ft on one side of the door and 40 on the other side of the door. Macy will look into prices.
- ♥ Brian R. and Tyler contacted several judges. We still do not have a third judge for the fair.
- ♥ No update on if the capacitor work for the fan.
- ♥ Jr Fair Members, Amy, Macy, and Trisha to work on the junior fair handbook so that we know what needs to be done and when
- ♥ Auctioneers will be Brett Yisnst and Bill Roll. Rhonda will be sending out contract.
- ♥ FFA and 4-H Signs will possibly be metal depending on cost, just waiting for a response back.
- ♥ Jr Fair Exhibit Rules-Review additional changes shall be:
 - ♥ Skillithon is when we do interviews for Royalty.
 - ♥ Winners announced Friday night for the Poster Contest, Photography Contest, Royalty and Scholarship.
 - ♥ Thursday night at the meeting is when Poster contest and Photography Contest entry are due.
 - ♥ Scholarship interviews Friday morning time to be scheduled by committee.
 - ♥ Make sure that it is stated that Pulatorium testing paperwork is due august 1st.

- ♥ Dena moved to have the poultry clinic on April 29th from 12pm to 3pm. Macy seconded. MC Dena to talk to coopers about sponsoring lunch. Amy to ask Stacy to talk about showmanship. The committee will go over what is on the skillathon. Greg to ask Matt Altman to talk about care and nutrition. Dena to ask Dr. Barman to talk about poultry diseases. Also members are asked to bring door prizes for the attendees.

New Business

- ♥ Davy gave us a fair board update. Davy is trying to get permission to fix the water issues with Brian R's help. Goal is to put in a better bigger drain, also cut a swell to help direct the water away from the barn. Also hoping to get a light put out front, but that will not happen until closer to the fair.
- ♥ Sale Committee update. Swine was voted down to have sale of champions. Macy updated us that it was talked about using an online bidding system to accommodate more buyers.
- ♥ Rhonda informed us about fair entry will be used as the new system for the fair. Instead of show works, Rhonda says that it should be easier and more user friendly. Rhonda looked into the possibility to able to turn in poll room testing forms online. It was also said that any class changes needed to be made at the meeting on Thursday night and that we will announce that at the meeting and also put it in the letter to people showing.
- ♥ Public Relations Committee update that we will have the fun night/ Avi-bowl on Friday night.
- ♥ Red Tags it will be made clear that the first tag will be a talk with the kids and possibly the parents. The second warning they will start to loose privileges. How we will handle this will change. We will have two people checking pens. First tag again will be stated clearly that it is a warning. The letter that is sent out to parents will be placed with the book, so that we can show them what is to be expected. We will give a recommended size of waterer to be used with the birds so that people know what to expect. This will be stated at the poultry clinic and the meeting. Also to be sent out with the letter and on Facebook. Pictures will be taken so that we can show them what the infraction was and we can show what time we were there. It was talked about to have the pens cleaned by a certain time and then the pens looked at periodically though out the day. It was never voted on.
- ♥ Tyler moved to adjourn the meeting Marlene seconded. MC

Next Meeting February, 6th 2023 7pm at Extension Office.