

November 13, 2023 Meeting of the Darke County Rabbit Committee

The Darke County Rabbit Committee met November 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office with the following members present: Amanda Behee, Holly Daugherty, Pat Carrol, LuAnn Mann, Heidi May, Angie Parker, Christina Parker, Morgan Aultman, April Mendenhall, Emma Jones, and Irene Rismiller.

The Secretary and treasurer's reports were given. In checking we have \$7,987.84 and in savings we have \$4,814.90. LuAnn moved and April seconded to accept the reports . M/P

In the Junior Fairboard report the Junior Fairboard needs to pick topics for the skillathon essays.

In Senior fairboard reports, Heidi May is the new Vice President of the Senior Fairboard.

Morgan informed us that we are receiving \$1,400 from the Steak and Chop Tent. Cathy Bruns and her family donated quite a bit of money to our department from working. It was discussed to use part of the money to have four racks built to hold our cages. Pat moved and Morgan seconded to have four racks built. M/P.

It was discussed to get a building or trailer to store our equipment during the fair.

Morgan has not heard back from Laura about the status of the Fairboard Insurance Policy and if we are covered under it.

Morgan has received the stickers to put on our equipment . Not for sure if they will stick to the wood so we may have to put paint on the bottom of the flats. Morgan presented a bill for \$73.46 for the stickers. Holly moved and Pat seconded to pay Morgan. M/P.

The Rabbit Clinic is April 13, 2023. Morgan is lining up speakers.

Heidi said she was working on getting the Rabbit Barn painted this year.

The shades over the big door on the east side of the barn need to be adapted so they can be lowered and raised when the sun shines in.

We need new scales to weigh meat pens with. Something that will go up to 20-25 pounds. Heidi will take it to the senior Fairboard . She needs some recommendations.

Morgan said she has to submit to the Steak and Chop Committee what we are going to use the \$1,400 for. After some discussion it was decided to use it for

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| Equipment | \$400 |
| Increase Skillathon awards to a rosette and \$10 for first to Fifth place for all three age divisions | \$150 |
| Increase Outstanding Exhibitor Award | \$150 |
| Spirit of the Barn Award | \$250 |
| Drinks and Snacks for Barn | \$150 |
| Barn Party | <u>\$300</u> |
| | \$1400 |

Morgan brought up adding roasters and stewers to our Junior Fair Rabbit Show. Roasters are under 5 months and weigh 5 ½ to 9 lbs. Stewers are over 5 months and 8 lbs. and over. After some discussion Morgan moved and Amanda seconded to add roasters and stewers to the Junior Fair Rabbit Show. M/failed.

We need to have Mercedes put out that pet rabbits do not show at the fair.

March 10, 2024 is our Spring Rabbit Show.

April 20, 2024 is the Californian Specialty Show . It was asked if we have enough cages. We could rent some from Miami County if we need more. We have 646 cages, 32 double wide flats , 11 half flats , 30 A frames, and 85 saw horses.

Our next meeting is February 12, 2024 at 7pm at the Extension Office.

Pat moved and Emma seconded to adjourn the meeting. M/P

Respectfully submitted by

Irene Rismiller