

Darke County Junior Fair Sheep Committee

August 6, 2023 6:30 PM

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Kim Amspaugh, Sarah Drew, Kobe Epperly, Gary Gehret, Amy Hanes, Denise McDade, Kierra Reichert, Jennifer Sachs, Chuck Willcox, Vickie Willcox, Emily Williams

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

Guests: Josh Sargent, Betsy Petitjean, Jackson Shellhaas, Russ Skaggs, Darrell Goodwin

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Willcox at 6:32pm.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary report: Presented by Emily Williams. Motion to approve by Vickie Willcox, seconded by Kenzey Townsend.

Motion carried

- Treasurer Report:

Checking account balance - \$1019.42

The committee has received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$1000.

Suggestions were made to spend this money on sound system improvements in the sheep barn.

Savings account balance - \$2791.14

Scholarship fund - \$3593.48

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Kenzey Townsend, seconded by Adi Schmitz.

Motion carried

Committee Reports:

- **Rules committee:** The 2023 fair book needs to be cross referenced with the rule changes the committee made this past year.
- **Scholarship:** There are 2 applicants this year. We are in need of a donated lamb for the sale for kids to hold during the scholarship auction. Gary or Sarah will have a lamb available for kids to hold during the auction.
- **Skillathon:** All sheep exhibitors have met the skillathon or essay requirement to show.
- **Tagging:** There have been only 3 re-tags so far this year.
- **Awards:** The awards for skillathon and the fitting contest have been secured.
 - We discussed attaching a thank you card to each award for the kids to turn in. Also, we discussed having a box available at fair for the winners to drop their award thank you card in. Sarah will bring a box for this purpose.
 - Gary Philipot has a sponsor for the Born & Bred banners.
 - Motion made by Vickie Willcox to have a banner made to recognize all our award sponsors. Seconded by Kenzey Townsend.
 - Motion carried

Old Business:

By-Law Amendments:

The following two motions were voted on:

- Constitution Article III: Remove the last 2 sentences which read, “Clubs of 1-20 members with sheep projects shall have one vote per club. Clubs with more than 20 members shall have two votes.”
 - Motion carried
- Strike out By-Law Article VII as it reads and replace it with the following verbiage: “Each club or organization representative in good standing shall receive one vote. Each Jr. Fair representative will receive one vote and each committee member not representing a club but are in good standing will receive one vote.”
 - Motion carried

The By-Laws will be updated with the above changes.

Barn Walkway:

- Old material has been torn out and replaced with new.

Painting of the Sale Block:

- Denise volunteered to paint the sale block. We will power wash it at barn set-up.

Grand, Reserve, & Scholarship Banners:

- All banners have been secured.

Show Ring Mulch:

- New mulch is being donated by Homestead Quality Bedding again this year. Richard Grow will be delivering the mulch between Wednesday and Friday of this week.
- A thank you card will need to be sent to Homestead and Richard Grow. Advertising banners sent by Homestead Quality Bedding will be displayed in the sheep barn.

New Business:

FFA Livestock Judging Contest:

- The FFA Judging Contest was moved to the first Friday of the fair at 5pm.
- Chuck Willcox, Josh Sargent and Kobe Epperly have agreed to supply a class of lambs with questions for the contest.

Sheep Sale:

- The Jr. Fair Board proposed a motion to the Sr. Fair Board that all Jr. Fair exhibitors have to option to opt out of participating in their barn sale auction. This motion originally included a clause that this decision would be left up to the individual barns; however, this clause was omitted when voted on by Sr. Fair Board. **Therefore, it now stands that all Jr. Fair exhibitors have the ability to opt out of their barn sale auction.**
- Before understanding that this clause was omitted a motion was made by Amy Hanes to keep our sale procedure the same. Meaning, that every Jr. Fair sheep exhibitor must go through the auction to sell. This motion was seconded by Kim Amspaugh and passed unanimously.

- It is officially noted in these minutes that the sheep committee does not agree with the decision for exhibitors to opt out of the auction and would like the opportunity to make that call as an individual barn.
- Sponsor names will not be read at auction of those exhibitors who opt out.
- If you opt out of the auction your buyer sheet must be turned in prior to the beginning of the sale.
- As decided by the Sale Committee, the sale will be kept open until Aug. 29th. All add ons must be emailed to the Sale Committee using the address – Darke.livestocksale@gmail.com. The email must include the exhibitor, species, and the amount.

Check-in & Weigh-in Procedures:

- Check-in is on Friday from 10am – 2pm. Vickie, Denise, Jennifer, and Kim will work shifts to get all exhibitors checked-in.
- **Check-in will be set up in the make-up arena this year. All exhibitors must come to the check-in table with their lambs between the hours of 10am-2pm. The sheep committee will not come and find you to check in your lambs.**
- Barn meeting and weigh-in will follow check-in at 2pm.

Wool and Lamb inspection selection:

- There will be two inspectors; one from the sheep committee and one independent person. Denise McDade will be the inspector from the committee.
- **Please refer to the updated rules regarding lamb inspection.**
- Once your lambs pass inspection you will be given a card. This card will be turned in at weigh-in. No card, no weigh-in.

Fitting Contest Rules Review:

- Change to rule #2: 10 minutes has been changed to 5 minutes.

Fitting Contest Judges:

- The 3 judges for the fitting contest will be: Kobe Epperly, Doug McCallister, & Chuck Willcox or Gary Phlipot.

Drug Use Forms:

- There was an email containing a link sent out this morning to all advisors pertaining to the Drug Use Forms.

Mandatory Barn Meeting Agenda/Notes:

- Weigh-in slip completion.
- Inspection/Weigh-in Procedure
- Thank you box for award winners.

Barn Set-up Date & Time:

- Sunday, August 13th, at 1pm.

Barn Clean-up Schedule:

Saturday:	Darke Co. Sheep & Lamb
Sunday:	Livestock & General
Monday:	Grade "A" Kids/Darke Co. Beef
Tuesday:	All Jr. Fair Clubs

Barn Tear Down:

- Sunday, August 27th, 1pm.

Announcements/Comments:

- If you would like your club penned together in the barn please notify Darrell Goodwin ASAP.
- Gary Gehret moved to hire Megan Rowell to be the photographer for the sheep barn. Her fee is \$200.00. Seconded by Kenzey Townsend.
Motion carried.
- The Cattleman's Steak Tent sign-up is posted on the Darke Co. Cattleman's Association Facebook page.

The next Sheep Committee meeting will be held on September 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Building.

Motion to adjourn by Kenzey Townsend and seconded by Adi Schmitz
Motion carried.

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