

White County Ag. Association Meeting
Tuesday, July 18th, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
4-H Building, Reynolds

Call to Order – Jeff Campbell

Directors and Educators in Attendance: Joann Burnside, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Jeff Campbell, Chad Dahlenberg, Candis Dart, Joe Demerly, Greg DuVall, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Roger Geisler, Cindy Griffin, Mark Helms, Matt Holderly, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Marleta Misch, Kelly Provo, David Reiff, Alexie Schroeder, Denise Schroeder, Sara Shelton, Andy Stoll, Dana Tolley, Andrew Westfall

Secretary's Minutes – Kim Stockment

Ron moved to approve the minutes. Dave Rieff seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Marleta Misch

Marleta forgot the Treasurers report, so will report back next week.

Fair bucks are printed by the office, handed out at the carshow. \$5/fairbucks – vendor reports how much was actually used \$5 and under. The issues become many small amounts to several different vendors – Marleta reported that it became tedious in paying back vendors. Jeff also mentioned that the county commissioners met him and Denise and they mentioned how much work needed done in the grounds. So Jeff offered the suggestion that the HWY guys get a meal/fair bucks as well. Denise reported that it's a goodwill gesture that costs us very little. Jeff also mentioned that the county folks mentioned they could pave our roads for \$50k, and we'd like to keep them on our good side. Greg moved to offer the fairbucks to county highway employees and the car show participants. Motion was seconded and passed.

Jr. Leader Report

Alexie reported that the last meeting was held tonight. They did shift sign ups, and reported that the Madam Carroll fundraiser made \$781.

Committee Reports

Adopt-a-Building

- Randy mentioned that signs should be done by weeks end.

Annual Meeting

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Antique Tractor

- Jerry mentioned that the Garden Tractor pullers were part of the antique tractor club, and he wanted to make clear they were not, they were a club all their own.
- Everything is ready to go on that side of the grounds, weather permitting.

Arena

- No report.

Audit/Budget

Awards

- No report

Battle of the Barns

- Roger reported everything is all taken care of, and that the slides are there in the arena. Kroger was kind enough to donate oil & watermelons.

Booster Club

- Cindy reported everything was ready.

Capital Improvement

- No report.

Commercial

- Kim reported layout is set, vendor numbers are up, and addressed issues around placement of certain vendors.
- Phil addressed the Friday night event, and the thought around building the presence to honor our veterans.
 - Many showed opposition to the parade. No one is in favor of the event on Friday evening. And certainly did not agree that Friday is the first night of the fair.
 - The committee just asked that the board support our efforts, and if we flop, we flop. If we find some success, we can better improve the events for the future.

4-H Building

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Grounds

- Phil addressed the grass mowing, and Randy reported that Todd Kiesling will try to come Wednesday & Thursday if he can.
- Joann reported that there was a large extension cord from the campers to the fair office that is a huge safety issue.

Land Use & Management (Hintzman)

- Andy mentioned that they are getting costs together, and they will get them together post fair, and make a formal report.
- Dead trees were addressed. The tree in front of the stage is coming down Tuesday or Wednesday. Likely no other trees before the fair.
- Nipsco will take down any other trees we need help with after the fair.

Livestock

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Livestock Auction

- Everything is all set, and the auction will start 30 minutes early. Dave questioned why they were doing that.

Long Range Planning

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Nominating

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Parking/Security

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Program

- K105 & The River WIBR will start radio announcements this week. Dana mentioned pavers for the sound guy, and asking if they can get that done pre-fair. Randy mentioned that there will be a stump there, and suggested doing it after tree removal.
- Dana questioned about the car show timing with the shooting sports awards and David Pendelton.
- Speakers for sound will be set up Thursday.

Queen

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Sound

- Andy Tolley reported that everything works on the grounds.

Waste Handling

- Containers will be here Wednesday/Thursday, and are scheduled to be picked up at varying locations based on livestock committees. They will have a guy here all day Thursday to remove waste, taking it to Biotown Ag.

Feasibility Study

- We met on June 30th, had the first draft of the Pro Forma. Cannot be completed without more historical data.

Other

Unfinished Business

- Fair Office Sign-Up
 - Jeff mentioned that all need to continue to sign up and fill the schedule.
- Fair Cleanup Reminder – Friday, July 29th, 8 a.m. – Breakfast provided by Co-Alliance
 - All should plan to attend.

New Business

- Social Media
 - Candis reported that we would like to set a few guidelines for use during the fair, sharing representation of the fair, etc. It was suggested that Karlee & Shelbi be our go-to for posting, with a schedule in advance. Daily albums on Facebook for anyone to upload to. Sara mentioned that in regards to the photos and the photo release forms – group photos are okay, individual shots would not be advised.
 - Joann shared concerns with overfilling Shelbi & Karlee's plate, but Shelbi assured it was a doable with the two of them.
- Committee Responsibilities
 - Jeff asked Candis to bring the committee responsibilities to the board, and that if you are doing something that affects another committee, be sure to use those open lines of communication.
 - Ron asked if there is a maximum number of people on a committee. There was discussion around maximums and minimums on committees and committee responsibilities.
- Charlie Hintzman Memorial
 - Ron reported that Chuck Hintzman was a grandson of the Hintzman property. He suggested a moment of silence at the Awards ceremony, and possible future memorials can be discussed at a later time.
- Chad mentioned that he was approached by a company who would like to park their trailers in the arena through the summer months. They need water only. Many provided concerns with water lines; beef weigh in, sewage dumping, unlocked arena. Randy offered to work with Chad to check further into the issues that were presented.
- Chad brought up the future grand stand – and how NIPSCO's future project of growth, they will be hauling a bunch of soil, but need a place to dump it. Chad suggested building an amphitheater type venue with this free dirt we've been offered. Chad moved we accept the dirt and go from there. Kim seconded. Joann shared concerns of what to do with the

dirt if this doesn't fall through. She felt it seemed cart before the horse. Ron called for the question. Motion failed.

- Dave Reiff mentioned that a parent & student contacted him about Fair Entry discrepancies. They were not happy about being told they could not show at the fair. She was told it was up to the board, and the board denied it. Jeff explained that it was an executive board decision and that if the family wanted to future fight the decision, they could file another grievance, and they did not do that. Andy & Dave both felt that there needs to be an immediate confirmation. Cindy suggested that people need to know to make their own confirmation of sorts.
 - All agreed that there are issues with the system. Candis agreed there are several issues with the system, and has reported them back to Purdue. Candis said that as we get into the programming more, there are becoming more freedoms within the county, so that going forward, we can make those changes.
 - Candis suggested that if we put a negative spin on the Fair Entry to our kids, they get a bad taste in their mouth. We have to be supporters, even if we don't like the program. We have to be the positive side of things.
 - Chad commented that it's hard to back, because several 4-H families are downsizing, or finding ways to get away from the system. He also questioned how the executive board voted, and what the discussion was. Andy asked based on what evidence was the vote made. Jeff mentioned that it was based on the fact that they registered the one animal just fine, and that we had a precedent set. Dave moved to let those two kids show, because the effort was made. Motion was seconded. Ron mentioned the grievance process. Joann questioned the precedence that had been set in advance. Chad questions the intention to include kids or exclude kids. Cindy brought up the 10 year member situation that didn't complete the 5th & 8th grade years who didn't complete. How is that exception not the same, because effort could have been made. Where is the line different? Andy mentioned that the first two kids received some kind of communication before the deadline, and then no activity between notification and the deadline. Candis clarified that they had a much higher number of animals checking in before July 1st so it's not feasible to contact each who did not sign up appropriately. Andy mentioned that these children were not specifically notified that their animals were not properly registered. Andy called for the question. Jeff repeated the motion to allow the 4-Hers to show their animals for the 4-H Fair. Motion passed.
- Greg mentioned that this Thursday and did trivia for the dairy bar. Greg also went to Hoosier 103 and promo'ed items during the fair. WMRS is doing a pool party on Friday to help raise money for the new stage for the Queens.
- Joann thanked the group for coming to set up early.
- Cindy brought up an issue in the swine barn that has an ear notch on the pig and on the registration paper match, but the pig is not on the Fair Entry. Currently the swine committee has told this person they cannot show. They filed their grievance within the committee, and told them they could not show because it's not on the May 15 entry form.
 - Andy says this is a different issue than the cows – because the pig was entered into 4-H online, but Ron argued it was not. That particular pig was NOT entered in 4-H online. Their argument is that they misread the ear notch.
- Andy mentioned that Caleb Pass told him the Ag Association told him we made the decision. Ron suggested that Andy should have called Candis, then called Caleb.
 - Jeff asked if there was a conflict of interest in the request. Andy reiterated

that it was not a calf he sold, he has no stake beyond this person being his friend & neighbor.

- The discussion lingered around presenting additional discussion on behalf of the person whom is affected.
- Cindy brought up that we do not even have a grievance until something is denied.
- Kim suggested that the person wanting to greive, be the person who comes to the board. Phil moved that all greivances be brought directly to the entire ag association board. Dave seconded. Shelbi asked how she handles that as she works in the Fair Office. Greg clarified how it was handled – through the animal committee or to the entire board. Ron suggested that it is something that needs to be researched and voted on after the fair. Phil amended his motion that all grievances be brought directly to the entire ag board as long as it doesn't conflict with current state 4-H policy. Dave seconded. Kim called for question. Motion passed. Jeff mentioned that we will research this conflict.
- Andy moved to adjourn. Seconded and passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Dates

- **July 23rd – 28th: White County 4-H Fair**
- **July 29th - 4-H Fair Cleanup – Breakfast provided by Co-Alliance at 8:00 a.m.**
- **August 1st – All State Fair entries (except Garden, Flowers, Baked Products) due by 8:30 a.m. for delivery to State Fair**
- **August 3rd – All State Fair Garden, Flowers, and Baked Products due to Extension Office by 8:30 a.m. for delivery to State Fair**
- **August 4th - Area IX Tractor Driving Contest, 9 a.m., Benton County Fairgrounds**
- **August 5th – 21st: Indiana State Fair**
- **2016-2017 4-H Enrollment begins October 1st**

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016, 8:00 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
Fair Evaluation Meeting at 7:00 p.m.; Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m.