

MINUTES

White County Agricultural Association Meeting Saturday, January 20, 2018, 4:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Work Session – From 1:00 – 4:00 PM, a work session was held to focus on issues relating to the Booster Club, award sponsorship amounts, and near- and long-term infrastructural projects. Attendance was not taken during the work session.

Present – Cindy Campbell, Andrea Cole, Chad Dahlenburg, Joe Demerly, Brandon Foutch, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Cindy Griffin, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Denise Schroeder, Sara Shelton, Jon Tebo, and Andrew Westfall.

Absent – Suzette Alma, Ron Byrd, Laura Chapman, Bill Geisler, Rodney Hall, Mark Helms, Joann Hoyt, Marleta Misch, Amara Sanders, Baily Tanner, Steffanie Warren, and Junior Leader Representative.

Guests Present – None

Call to Order – Randy Freshour, President, called the meeting to order.

Lack of Quorum – As a quorum of voting members was not met, the meeting consisted of discussion only. No motions were entertained, and no votes were taken.

Secretary's Minutes – The minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting were presented but could not be approved.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report and proposed budget for 2018 were presented but could not be approved. Cindy Griffin reported that some Booster Club donations have already been received. The audit report for 2016 has still not been received. Denise Schroeder will contact the accountant regarding the report.

Jr. Leader Report – Per Andrea Cole, the Junior Leaders held a leaders' appreciation event and a meeting on January 8th. Leaders were presented with 4-H mugs and thank-you cards. The next Junior Leader meeting is February 5th.

4-H Enrollment Update – Andrea Cole reported that 525 members were enrolled with 79 in pending status. The deadline for online enrollment was January 15th, but the final deadline is May 15th.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds – Chad Dahlenburg**
 - Several issues pertaining to the Grounds Committee were discussed during the work session, so there was no further discussion during the meeting.
- **Event – Sara Shelton**
 - **Camping** – Per Sara Shelton, the Committee is considering some changes to the layout of campsites.
- **Development – (Currently No Chair) - No Report Available**
- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma – No Report Available from the Chair**
 - Cindy Campbell and Andrea Cole are working with Mandy Taulman, teacher at Tri-County Intermediate School, to develop a gateway program for new 4-H'ers. The curriculum at Tri-County is conducive to this as there is an hour of club time scheduled each Wednesday afternoon which makes completing projects, including manuals and record sheets, very feasible over the course of the spring semester. A short list of projects has been identified, and Cindy and Andrea will assist during these club hours as their schedules permit. If this pilot program is successful, it might be introduced in the other White County schools.

Unfinished Business

- **Constitution and Bylaws** – The proposed changes were tabled with a first reading to be held at the February 7th meeting.
- **4-H Volunteer Enrollment** – Andrea Cole reminder directors that all volunteers must enroll annually and complete the required minors training every two years.
- **Commercial Building** – The discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

New Business

- **Civil Rights, ADA, and EEO** – Andrew Westfall summarized these acts and how they relate to the Ag Association, Extension activities, and the 4-H program.
- **Vice President Election** – As Kim Stockment resigned from the Board, a new vice president must be elected. The election was tabled until the February meeting.
- **Election of Committee Chairs** – The election was tabled until the February meeting.
- **Open Township Position** – A position in Jackson Township must be filled due to Kim Stockment's resignation. Cindy Campbell reported that Ron Byrd has been given one name, but he asked that names of other potential directors be relayed to him or another member of the Nominating Committee in hopes of presenting one or more nominees at the February meeting.
- **Building Rental/Custodian** – Per Andrea Cole, there have been some problems with the custodian not unlocking the building for renters. Randy Freshour said he had spoken with Paul Dilling that morning, and Paul had showed him a copy of the calendar that showed no events on the days in question. Randy believes there is a communication problem which could be resolved by requiring the custodian to check the calendar more frequently. Randy plans to revise the custodian contract by adding

this requirement, an expiration date, and Paul's name as the current contract is with Angie Dilling only. Per a suggestion from Chad Dahlenburg, Joe Demerly will research a keypad system for renters.

- **Gutters on 4-H Building** – Per Randy Freshour, gutter repair/replacement and leaf guards are needed, and some fascia boards might be rotted and also in need of replacement. Bids will be solicited and presented at the February meeting.
- **Renew Mowing Contract** – The current three-year contract with Todd Keesling will expire on 4/3/2018. Randy Freshour will have the contract updated, and a request for bids will be advertised on the Board's Facebook page. An advertisement will not be placed in the Herald Journal as it is printed only twice per week now.
- **Kilmer Swine Sale** – Per Andrea Cole, the swine sale will not be held in the Goat Barn due to the pending construction. They are not requesting the return of the \$250 deposit, but they would like to borrow four sets of bleachers instead which they will transport themselves. The Board agreed by consensus.
- **White County Building Rental Fee** – Recently a White County governmental agency was charged both a rental fee and a deposit to use the 4-H Building, and the White County Auditor contacted Andrew Westfall to discuss it. He sought guidance from the Board. As allowed by the building rental contract, the Board agreed by consensus to waive the rental fee and insurance requirements for this entity, but not the deposit. Andrew will communicate this decision to the Auditor.
- **Tax Preparation in Training Room in 4-H Building** – As done in the past, the training room will be used by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) for free tax preparation services to seniors and low-income individuals
- **Other**
 - **Web Conferencing** – Andrea Cole reported that web conferencing equipment can be borrowed from the District Office, and she will get it for the February meeting.
 - **Security During the Fair** – Chad Dahlenburg suggested that security personnel be hired to handle alcohol use and other behavioral problems during the Fair. He volunteered to research this and report back at the February meeting.

Upcoming Dates – Randy Freshour reminded directors to review the upcoming dates listed on the agenda.

4-H News and Announcements – Cindy Campbell mentioned some upcoming 4-H club events and asked directors to attend club events when possible.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.