

MINUTES
White County Agricultural Association Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2020
Virtual meeting via Zoom due to COVID-19

Present – Baily Tanner, Chad Dahlenburg, Suzette Alma, Cindy Campbell, Luke Furrer, Bob Oliver, Rodney Hornback, Betty Kelly, Bryan Gretencord, Randy Freshour, Cindy Griffin, Vivian Hornback, Rodney Hall, April Hall, Kyle Arvin, Trent Hall, Samantha Foutch, Kevin Kelley, John Gooding, Deb Foutch, Jon Tebo, Andrew Westfall, Denise Schroeder, Jeremy Lemming, Sam Pinkerton, Jared Baer and Miranda Furrer

Guests Present: Ron Byrd, Taylor Lehe, Andrew Tolley, Todd Pekny, Jan Faker, Joe Demerly, Kim Stockment, Molly Bull (summer intern), Claire Davis (summer intern), Talaina Pinkerton and Adam Wasson

Call to Order – Luke Furrer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Secretary's Minutes – Minutes from the March 4th, May 20th and May 26th meetings were reviewed and approved. On a motion by Cindy Campbell and seconded by Suzette Alma, the minutes from the March 4, 2020, meeting were approved as written. The motion passed. On a motion by John Gooding and seconded by April Hall, the minutes from the May 20, 2020, meeting were approved as written. The motion passed. On a motion by Trent Hall and seconded by Suzette Alma, the minutes from the May 26, 2020, meeting were approved as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Kelley was not present at the beginning of the meeting to report on this. The report was later emailed out to all members. A motion was later made by Trent Hall to approve the Treasurer's report. This was seconded by Cindy Campbell. The motion passed.

Jr. Leader Report – Miranda reported on this. The Jr. Leaders are continuing to meet monthly. They are willing to help out wherever needed during the fair.

4-H Enrollment Update – Miranda shared information regarding 4-H enrollment. At this time, 4-H camp was being held virtually. Miranda reported there being about 650 members enrolled in 4-H. Checks have been received for the Food Pantry from a grant and Miranda is working to get those delivered. Miranda introduced the summer interns for 2020. Yard signs were purchased for 10 year 4-H members and those will be delivered. Luke asked a question regarding current numbers enrolled in each livestock species. Miranda did not have this data in front of her, but it could be easily obtained later.

Prior to Committee Reports the 4-H fair plan was discussed with all individuals present.

4-H Fair Plan:

- Miranda reported reaching out to each livestock committee to see what their needs would be during the fair. Miranda presented a document during the Zoom meeting which discussed items livestock committees shared with her.
- John Gooding reported on behalf of the Goat club. John's wife, Lisa, spent time reaching out to each 4-Her in their project to see what option (virtual or in person) they would be most comfortable in completing. They are still working on final details and timing of the shows.
- Suzette Alma reported on behalf of the Rabbit club. They discussed limiting the number of animals each 4-Her can bring. They are continuing to look for volunteers and are continuing to finalize details. The Rabbit club discussed wanting to use some of their money in their funds because they were unable to have their regular yearly fundraisers. It was determined the Rabbit Barn has enough money in their funds in order to complete wanted projects.
- Suzette Alma spoke with Roger Geisler regarding the Dairy project. They still want to keep their show on the same day.
- Luke reported speaking to Courtney Stierwalt from Purdue. Courtney helps make decisions/has a say in the decisions for livestock at the fairs. She shared how animals staying overnight will not be an option for any county. Her recommendation for the virtual fair participants was to essentially have two different shows (one for virtual participants and one for in person participants). She discouraged the idea of mixing the two together. She suggested having virtual participants announced during the live show, etc. Luke said he has Courtney's contact information and would be willing to reach out to her with any other livestock questions.
- Andy Tolley was present on behalf of the sheep committee. They are willing to help out wherever needed with any other livestock shows, etc.
- Building projects will still be checked in physically and the judges will sit with the physical project. The 4-Her will not be able to attend the judging. The building project committee will work on developing a video or slideshow of some sort to display all the projects.
- Taylor Lehe was present to report on the Queen contest. The queen committee decided to not hold a pageant this year. They could have the contest virtually, however, they didn't feel that would allow the court to get the full fair experience. They also didn't feel the participants would be able to gain all of the skills, such as interviewing skills, through a Zoom pageant. The committee is still working on ways to keep everyone engaged over the summer. They will ask the 2019 queen to come back next year to give her farewell speech, etc.
- Ron Byrd made a comment about putting a virtual option in place for the species and wanted to make sure that that was included in each species' plan. He asked what time the beef show would begin on Wednesday and if the arena would be available on

Thursday. These questions were asked to determine availability if the swine committee decided to have a two day show.

- The auction committee reached out to the top buyers about their opinions moving forward. The auction committee came up with recommendations for the 2020 auction. The recommendations were as follows:
 - A virtual auction will be held from 8:00 am on Thursday, July 23, 2020 to 5:00 pm on Friday, July 24, 2020.
 - This auction will be premium only, and no animals will change hands.
 - 4-H members must declare participation and enter/upload all other required information on FairEntry by the July 6th deadline.
 - Changes to declared animals may be made after each livestock show in accordance with current auction rules.
 - Declared animals may not be shown elsewhere.

There was some discussion regarding the ability to show at an open show. It was determined they would still be able to show at an open show. Those individuals who complete a poster or complete the project virtually will also be able to participate in the auction.

Randy Freshour made a motion to follow through with the auction committee's recommendations. This was seconded by Betty Kelly. The motion passed.

- Miranda discussed the safety plan that would need to be developed prior to the fair. The safety plan needs to be completed 3 weeks prior to the event. She discussed the need to begin looking for hand sanitizer, animal safe products, etc. Talaina Pinkerton suggested reaching out to White County EMA about supplies that would be available. Miranda asked for help from individuals who would like to be a part of the committee to get this safety plan completed. She also asked that anyone with information regarding supplies to please let her know.
- Adam Wasson presented some questions regarding the number of masks needed for members/kids. The number was unknown at this time since deadlines are not until July. Adam asked if this could be determined historically since the fair will not be open to the public. Adam also had some questions about Stage 5 and what rules would be in place. Luke reported reaching out to the White County Health Department and spoke with the Doctor's nurse. She spoke to the doctor regarding the fair and at this point in time Dr. Tribbett is not willing to provide input since it is unknown how things will look at that point due to the ongoing change. The White County Health Department has continued to be on track with Governor Holcomb's plan and they suggested moving forward as though we will be in Stage 5. Adam also presented some other open, vague questions. He shared how there is a lot of opportunity for the fair to be more traditional than it is planned right now. He brought up how other amenities will be open with social distancing guidelines. Adam asked about the ability to develop a detailed plan to discuss with the Health Department. Luke commented how he has not seen any documentation from Purdue regarding animals or individuals having the ability to stay the night. Luke referenced his recent conversation with Courtney Stierwalt and how no overnight stays are an option. Luke said at this time

we are only able to continue with the information we have been provided. Miranda commented how having a normal fair this year is not an option. She asked to be thankful we are able to have any type of fair as the state of Ohio cancelled everything. Adam reported having an email from Jason Henderson and how there is conflicting information. He reports having documentation stating to work with the CDC and the local Health Department to make decisions/plans moving forward. Luke made a final comment stating how the Ag Association is acting on current information. Luke said he would like to follow up with Adam regarding his questions and information.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds** – Trent Hall was present to report. The grounds committee received a bid from Morris Home Improvement to replace the gutters, rain covers, etc. around the extension building. The total cost presented in the quote was \$3,825. Luke suggested getting a second bid. There was discussion regarding this project being continually discussed and no other bids have been brought forward. Rodney Hall made a motion to hire Morris Home Improvement to complete the project. This was seconded by Sam Pinkerton. The motion failed. There was some discussion regarding items not being installed properly. Randy questioned whether or not caps would prevent stems of the leaves getting caught. Randy said when the building was re-roofed, the screens were not put back on properly to prevent leaves from clogging the gutters. Cindy Campbell made an amended motion for Morris Home Improvement to complete the project with appropriate leaf guards, and the funds for this project would come out of the Tam fund. This was seconded by Jeremy Lemming. The motion passed.
 - Trent extended a sincere thank you to everyone who helped with getting the leaves raked and cleaned up around the grounds. Trent suggested sending a Thank You card to Wolcott for allowing the use of their leaf vac.
- **Event** – April Hall was present to report.
 - **Vendors:** April sent out an email to all vendors regarding this year's fair. She is going to be sending deposit money back to individuals. There was some discussion regarding having a few vendors present during the fair to allow availability for someone to have something to eat so they didn't have to pack coolers. Bob Oliver asked some questions regarding what hours people would be allowed on the grounds, how many people would be allowed in the arena, and what hours the vendors would be open. There was suggestion for the event/commercial committee to get together to come up with a recommendation for the board regarding vendors.
 - **Signs:** April discussed getting signs made to place around the fairgrounds. Unique Graphics volunteered previously to help with making signs. Denise said signs will be needed as that is part of the safety plan stipulations. Denise said it is unsure what exactly will be needed at this time. Luke suggested developing a committee to focus on signage.

- **Development** – Cindy Campbell was present to report. Cindy discussed the ad being placed in the Indiana Fairs and Festivals magazine. She asked that they remove the listing for the online guide due to the circumstances for this year's fair. Our fair will be listed in the 2021 guide. The nominating committee will begin meeting after the fair.
- **4-H Programming** – Suzette Alma was present to report. Suzette brought up previous discussion from the March meeting regarding raising the insurance umbrella for the fair. It was decided this item would be tabled until a later date as it was not a necessity and only something brought up in discussion.

Other:

- **Custodial Services** – There was discussion regarding the need to determine whether or not the board wants to move forward with splitting up the duties of the building and the week of the fair. Trent reported reaching out to Paul Dilling, but he was unable to get a response. Luke reported talking to Paul and his wife at one point and they wanted to continue moving forward with having both responsibilities of the building and the week of the fair. Trent reported speaking with someone who was interested in cleaning the building. There was also discussion about reaching out to Kyburz cleaning about cleaning the building as well. It was decided to have ongoing discussion regarding this topic at the next meeting. Trent will have custodial contracts available to review.
- **Volunteer of the Year** – Volunteer of the year was discussed and voted on.
- **Memorials** – Kevin brought up discussion regarding reaching out to families about what they would want to see down with memorial fund monies. This brought up other discussion regarding the benches around the fairgrounds and plans for them moving forward.

Luke encouraged committees to meet next week regarding needs for the fair.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7pm

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm