

MINUTES

White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 7:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present – Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Chad Dahlenburg, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Cindy Griffin, Rodney Hall, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Marleta Misch, Sara Shelton, Kim Stockment, Andy Stoll, Steffanie Warren, and Andrew Westfall.

Absent – Suzette Alma, Andrea Cole, Joe Demerly, Brandon Foutch, Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, Mark Helms, Matt Holderly, Joann Hoyt, David Reiff, Denise Schroeder, Adam Wasson, and Junior Leader Representative.

Guests Present – Deb Foutch and Don Wright.

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

Secretary's Minutes - On a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Cindy Griffin, the minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting were approved as written. On a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Marleta Misch, the minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Griffin presented the treasurer's report. The audit report has been completed but not received from the accountant. She will follow up with her. The treasurer's report will stand until that report is received. The process for establishing a new budget was discussed with Chad Dahlenburg suggesting that affected committees present their projections and needs to the Board before the final budget is adopted. Marleta Misch noted that any increases in line items will require decreases in other line items to produce a balanced budget. Jeff Campbell, former president, will be asked to email the budget spreadsheet to Cindy Griffin, who will update it and present a rough draft of the budget at the January meeting.

Jr. Leader Report – No report available.

4-H Enrollment Update – Per Andrew Westfall, enrollment is continuing, but he did not have any current numbers.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds – Chad Dahlenburg**
 - **Water** – Per Chad Dahlenburg, the Town has shut off the water, and Randy Freshour did some winterizing work recently.
 - **Camping** – Phil Hunt noted the Board may be able to capitalize on all the wind turbine and electrical tower work being done in the area. The workers must be housed somewhere, and some may want to use campers which could generate income year-round in the form of campsite and electrical fees. However, they would need connection to a sewer system. Phil provided a rough estimate of \$10,000 to install a sewer system at the campground. Several issues were identified, including the need to insulate the water lines with straw and/or heat tape, security, an on-call person, snow removal, and improved driveways. The Board agreed by consensus to authorize Phil and Chad to explore this possibility further and seek quotes. Chad also noted the Board might partner with the Antique Power Association at some point in the future to build a restroom/storm shelter on the Memorial Farm which could also be tied into this sewer system.
 - **Trash Totes** – Since the water has been shut off, Chad will bring a fire truck to provide water when the trash totes are cleaned.
 - **Drainage** – Per Chad, the County may allow the Fairgrounds to connect into the drainage system for the new county highway garage when it is constructed.

- **Event – Sara Shelton**
 - **Next Year’s Fair** – Per Sara Shelton, she is exploring a few new ideas for the Fair, including a “make-and-take” party and pop-up boutiques.

- **Development – Adam Wasson – No Report Available from the Chair**

- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma – No Report Available from the Chair**

Unfinished Business

- **Constitution and Bylaws** – On November 2, 2017, the Executive Committee met and discussed potential changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. These proposed changes were emailed to the full Board on November 3rd in anticipation of a first reading at the November 15th meeting. The proposed changes were discussed, compromises were made, and some sections were amended further. Cindy Campbell will compile all the changes, and another version will be emailed to the Board in anticipation of a new first reading at the next meeting on January 20, 2018.
- **Building and Grounds Rental Contracts** – Andy Stoll moved to approve the revised 4-H Community Building rental contract as presented. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Fairgrounds facilities rental contract was discussed, and several changes were identified. Kim Stockment moved to approve the Fairgrounds facilities rental contact as amended. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Proposed Rule Changes for 2018** – The Board discussed the proposed changes and recommendations by the Executive Committee and adopted them as follows:
 - Sara Shelton moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from the beginning of the document up to Dairy. Kevin Kelley seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Sara Shelton moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Dairy up to Robotics. Samantha Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Sara Shelton moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Robotics up to Goat. Samantha Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Under Horse & Pony, Class #40, Stakes Speed & Action, Sara Shelton noted the word “only” should not be stricken as proposed. Ron Byrd moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Goat up to Poultry with the above amendment identified by Sara Shelton. Kim Stockment seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Sara Shelton moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Poultry up to Fairbook/Fair Schedule Changes. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Ron Byrd moved to adopt all changes/recommendations in Fairbook/Fair Schedule Changes. Steffanie Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Ron Byrd moved to adopt all changes/recommendations in Rule Changes. Cindy Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Under Silent Auction of Exhibit Hall Projects, several members expressed concerns about the legitimacy of buyers and suggested adding a rule that all buyers must be adults. Ron Byrd moved to adopt all changes/recommendations in Silent Auction of Exhibit Hall projects with the addition of Rule #17, “All buyers must be at least 18 years old.” Sara Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **2017/2018 Committee Sign-Up** – Andrew Westfall passed around the committee sign-up sheet.
- **Other**
 - **Commercial Building** – Chad Dahlenburg expressed his concerns that the commercial building project has stalled, and he would like to see it moving forward again. He believes the Board needs to clarify its intentions for this structure in regard to form, function, location, maintenance, etc. Randy Freshour offered to set up a meeting for him, Chad and Brian Furrer to discuss how Brian can assist with the process, whether that be fundraising, transportation to tour buildings at other fairgrounds, or general guidance. Randy and Chad will get some dates to visit other fairgrounds and present them to the Board to see who would be available for this tour. Randy will also contact FBI regarding the refund of the permit fee which was paid earlier this year.

New Business

- **2018 Officer Elections** – The following officers were elected:
 - President – Randy Freshour
 - Vice President – Kim Stockment
 - Secretary – Cindy Campbell
 - Treasurer – Cindy Griffin
 - Executive Committee – Phil Hunt
 - Executive Committee – Kevin Kelley
- **Approval of New Directors** – The Nominating Committee presented a slate of recommended new directors. The individuals listed below were chosen. As there was only one nominee in each of the first four positions listed below, and each of these nominees resides in the township which he/she will represent, they were approved on a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Phil Hunt. For the last position listed below, there were several candidates, none of whom live in Lincoln Township. A written ballot was used to choose the new director for this position.
 - Big Creek – Baily Tanner
 - Big Creek – Amara Sanders
 - Jackson – Bill Geisler
 - Lincoln – Jon Tebo
 - Lincoln – Laura Chapman
- **Annual Meeting** – Kim Stockment proposed a work session and meeting on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 1:00 PM with dinner to follow at 6:00 PM at a location to be determined. Each director may bring a guest to dinner. The Board agreed by consensus. Kim asked Board members to suggest topics for the work session.
- **Other**
 - **Barn at Memorial Farm** - Per Don Wright, the Antique Power Association is hoping to begin work on the barn on December 10th.
 - **Regular Meeting Night** – Randy Freshour and Cindy Griffin reported that Board member Joe Demerly has a previous commitment to a church committee which meets on the third Wednesday of every month. If the Board's regular meeting remains on the third Wednesday, he may have to resign. After a brief discussion, Phil Hunt moved to change the Board's regular meeting to the first Wednesday of the month beginning on February 7, 2018. Chad Dahlenburg seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sara Shelton offered to set up meeting reminders through the Remind app and briefly instructed members on how to get signed up for them.
 - **Government Paperwork for Memorial Farm** – Andy Stoll stated he has signed the papers for the Memorial Farm in the past, but since he is going off the Board, another farmer on the Board should do it. Ron Byrd moved that Phil Hunt assume this responsibility and be authorized to sign on behalf of the Ag Association. Cindy Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Per Andy, a copy of these minutes will provide the required proof of Phil's authority in this regard.

- **Fair App** – Kim Stockment reported that the price for the app will be increasing significantly. The app can be switched to another vendor for approximately \$1000. The Board agreed by consensus to authorize Kim to handle the change to another vendor.

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

Adjourn – Kim Stockment moved to adjourn, and Kevin Kelley seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 10:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.