

## MINUTES

### **White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, November 6, 2019 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present** – Suzette Alma, Cindy Campbell, Samantha Foutch, Luke Furrer, Miranda Furrer, Cindy Griffin, April Hall, Rodney Hornback, Vivian Hornback, Kevin Kelly, Marleta Misch, Denise Schroeder, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo, and Andrew Westfall.

**Absent** – Brandon Bell, Rodney Hall, Trent Hall, Sara Shelton, Chad Dahlenburg, and Jr. Leader Representative.

**Guests Present:** Don Wright, Randy Freshour, Chris Alma, Wendy Kleist and Tom Kleist

**Call to Order** – Luke Furrer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**Secretary's Minutes** – On a motion by Suzette Alma and seconded by Jon Tebo, the minutes of the October 2, 2019, meeting were approved as written. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Kevin Kelley was present to report. The Treasurer's report was given to show numbers from last year (2018) compared to this year (2019). There was discussion regarding Memorial funds. It was asked if a line item would be added for Andy Humphreys and this was confirmed. It was discussed and agreed that each Memorial Fund should be kept separate in order to keep track of where the money is spent exactly. Denise commented that historically, families want to know exactly where the money is being spent. Cindy Campbell suggested having discussion in the future regarding good projects where the different Memorial Fund money can be spent. Brian Lanoue took the information from the Quickbooks date and made a financial report for the year end of 2018. This was passed out for to the board members to review. There was discussion regarding the reports being done quarterly instead of semi-annually. Kevin discussed having Brian come in January to explain what everything means in the report. A motion was made by Suzette Alma to approve the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Cindy Griffin. The motion passed.

**4-H Enrollment Update** – Miranda Furrer was present to report. Enrollment is open and closes January 15, 2020. An opportunity came up for a leadership summit on November 16, 2019. Miranda was able to get approval to take three Jr. Leader members: Tyler Vandever, Leah Schneider and Gabby Hoover. Miranda is working on scheduling some workshops for the Spring, and she is working on getting YQCA workshops dates set. Planning for the leader recognition meeting for January is also going on. Camp Counselor applications will begin in December so Miranda encouraged members to spread the word about this. Jr. Leader elections were held this week. A Jr. Leader representative to attend all Ag Association meetings was not determined, however, Miranda is planning on having different

members attend the Ag. Association Meetings so that way multiple individuals can have an opportunity to attend a meeting and discuss events going on with Jr. Leaders.

### Committee Reports

- **Grounds** – Trent Hall was not present to report. Luke was able to give some information although there was not much to report. The water for the grounds has been shut off and Randy Freshour drained the bathrooms. There was question regarding the water being shut off at the Fairgrounds. Luke discussed how the town is usually in charge of this and he was going to reach out to them to confirm it has been shut off. Luke is currently talking to one company about the water line project and possibly continuing that. There was discussion regarding some trash cans that still need cleaned up and put away. Cindy mentioned light bulbs that were left in the Goat Barn from a recent wedding.
  - **Antique Tractors** – Don Wright was present to report for the Antique Tractors. The corn has been picked and a check will be given to Kevin. Don discussed a show “Small Town Big Deal” who, very likely, will be at the 2020 Fair. It is unknown how many days they will be here at this time. The Dancing Tractors will be back on July 19, 2020. Don spoke with Mike Kyburz and they are going to work with the Antique Tractors to get everything where it was prior to their construction for the Highway Garage. If for some reason it is not back to normal, then they would potentially need an area of the parking lot for the dancing tractors. Wheat was planted and the plan is to harvest that during the Fair to allow for demonstrations. The Antique Tractors will keep in communication regarding their plans for the 2020 Fair.
  
- **Event** – Sara Shelton was not present to report. April Hall reported the committee being stagnant at this point. She reminded the members of the sign painting party/fundraiser on November 16, 2019.
  
- **Development** – Cindy Campbell was present to report.
  - **Sponsor Management:** All vendors have been contacted who provide rewards to make sure there is no price undercutting. The next step will be reviewing these and identifying what sponsors need updated. A meeting is planned to be held before the end of the year.
  - **Administration:** This committee will be meeting before the end of the year to review the budget.
  - **Nominating:** The nominating committee has been working diligently to find individuals to fill vacancies on the board. It was asked that guests leave for the nominating portion of the meeting and could return at the conclusion of nominations. The following positions were reported to need filled: Liberty (2), Lincoln, Jackson, Union (2), West Point (2) and Princeton. The committee did their best to fill those positions with someone who resides in those Townships. The Nominating Committee had 6 of the 9 positions filled prior to the meeting.

The Ag Association voted to fill three of the remaining vacancies (1 for Jackson, 1 for Liberty and West Point).

The nominating committee had the following positions filled prior to this meeting:

Liberty: Betty Kelly and \_\_\_\_\_

Lincoln: Randy Freshour

Jackson: \_\_\_\_\_

Union: John Gooding and Deb Foutch

West Point: Jeremy Lemming and \_\_\_\_\_

Princeton: Kyle Arvin

Other potential candidates included: Brian Gretencord, Sam Pinkerton, Jared Baer, Bob Oliver, Tom Kleist and Wendy Kleist. There was discussion regarding choosing individuals who reside in the county and/or individuals who reside in those Townships. Bob Oliver was discussed and he technically lives in Carroll County with a Burnettsville address and is bordering the Jackson Township line. Bob has been invested in the White County Fair for many years and contributes in many areas. It was discussed that Bob fill the position for Jackson Township. A motion was made by Samantha Foutch to approve the listed individuals provided by the Nominating Committee and to approve Bob Oliver for the Jackson Township position. This was seconded by Suzette Alma. The motion passed.

The next positions needing filled were one for Liberty and one for West Point. Five potential individuals remained to fill two positions. A vote was held and Brian Gretencord was voted to fill the Liberty position and Jared Baer for the West Point position. At the conclusion of this meeting, there will be another vacancy for Big Creek Township. There was discussion that Brandon Bell was working to find someone to fill his vacancy. It was discussed if a potential nominee was not found by December 1, 2019, then the remaining potential candidate (Sam Pinkerton) would fill that vacancy.

Nominations for township vacancies brought up discussion to fill the position for Vice President. A motion was made by April Hall to elect Rodney Freshour as the Vice President and seconded by Vivian Hornback. The motion passed.

- **4-H Programming** – Suzette Alma had nothing new to report.
  - **Ultimate Showmanship:** Cindy Campbell discussed signage in the arena for past and future winners of Ultimate Showmanship. Cindy and Jon have been in touch with Unique Graphics and the cost for signage will be \$350. They are currently searching for a Sponsor to cover the cost.

### Unfinished Business

- **2019-2020 Committee Sign-Up** – The sign-up sheet was passed around during the meeting.
- **4-H Online Volunteer Enrollment** – This is now open and needs to be completed by January 15, 2019.
- **Grounds Survey/Campground Restrooms** – Luke reported on this topic. Trent Hall and Luke met with individuals from Titan construction and they are looking at different building designs and construction materials to provide potential options/pricing. They thought by the January meeting they would have some information to share. Cindy Griffin discussed having contact with someone who had trouble during the fair finding a place to help her husband in the restroom as the 4-H building is not open until later in the day. This brought up discussion about having a family restroom available at all hours during the fair. Cindy Campbell suggested locking the doors to the exhibit areas, but leaving the restrooms in the foyer open/available. There was no vote needed to approve, but there was discussion about needing to order new signs/plaques for the 2020 Fair to show available family restrooms.
- **4-H Building Repairs/Maintenance (gutters/downspouts, south door, janitor's closet, etc.)** – There was nothing new to report on this topic. Luke planned to reach out to Joe regarding the status of these projects as he was working on them at the previous meeting.
- **Usage of arena(s) year-round for 4-H practice** – Miranda reached out to the Horse and Pony Committee, however, did not hear anything back from them. This topic could be discussed in the next year if needed.

### New Business

- **January Meeting** – Discussion was had regarding a date for the January meeting. It was determined the January meeting would be held on January 11, 2020, at 9am with a meal at 11am followed by the Ag Association Meeting. This meeting will allow us to “onboard” the new members in the morning and then have the regular meeting later in the day. January 25, 2019, was set as an available make-up date.
- **Landscaping** – There was discussion/questions regarding landscaping/adopt-a-spots around the fairgrounds. It was again discussed that no clubs would be in charge of any areas around the building. It was encouraged to promote Adopt-A-Spot areas to clubs. Miranda suggested discussing this at the Leaders meeting in January and introducing the map of the available Adopt-A-Spot areas around the fairgrounds.
- **Marleta's Fairwell** – Marleta wanted to thank the board for a great 8 years. She talked about all the changes she has seen while being on the board. Marleta said she would be more than happy to sit in the fair office during the fair for any member who didn't want to 😊

**Upcoming Dates –**

- **2019-2020 4-H Enrollment Begins October 1st**
- **Open Enrollment Nights – November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**
- **Extension Board Annual Meeting – Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**
- **January 15, 2020, -- Online enrollment window ends; youth and volunteers can still enroll at the Extension Office after this date.**

**Next Meeting: TBD**

**Adjourn** – On a motion by Jon Tebo and seconded by Suzette Alma, the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.