

## MINUTES

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

**Present** --Cindy Griffin, Vivian Hornback, Luke Furrer, Kevin Kelley, Jon Tebo, Chad Dahlenburg, Rodney Hornback, Rodney Hall, April Hall, Joe Demerly, Trent Hall, Miranda Furrer, Cindy Campbell, Sara Shelton, Samantha Foutch, Brandon Foutch and Baily Tanner.

**Absent** – Bill Geisler, Laura Chapman, Brandon Bell, Mark Helms, Phil Hunt, Julie Williams, Marleta Misch, Jr. Leader President, Andrew Westfall, Suzette Alma and Denise Schroeder

**Guests Present** – Deb Foutch, Scott Griffin and Tom Kleist

**Call to Order** – Joe Demerly, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

**Secretary's Minutes** – A change was needed for the minutes from the August meeting. Under discussion on voting for new officers it was reported November should be changed to September. On a motion by Luke Furrer and seconded by Cindy Griffin, the minutes of the August 20, 2019, meeting were approved with the changed mentioned above. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer's report was presented by Kevin Kelley. There was a motion from April Hall to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Sara Shelton. The motion passed.

**4-H Enrollment Update** – Miranda was present to report. She discussed open enrollment starting back up again on October 1<sup>st</sup>. There was discussion regarding the upcoming Jr. Leader call-out. Miranda plans to focus on recruiting kids and will be going to schools in the county. Open enrollment nights will be coming up in October and November, and these will help individuals with enrolling in 4-H online successfully.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Grounds** – Brandon Foutch was present to report. The grounds committee is still working on obtaining quotes for the water lines. It was encouraged for members to let the grounds committee know if they know of anyone who might be able to help with this project.
- **Event** – Sara Shelton was present to report. Sara has been in contact with Cluttered Owl to hold another fundraiser. A date of November 16, 2019, from 1-4pm was decided. Sara announced her dismissal from the board, but will still be helping April Hall with next year's fair. There was discussion regarding finding another way to police vendors leaving early. Discussion was also had regarding the hours of

operation for the vendors. Sara advised the hours of operation in the contract state 4pm to 9pm or hours close to those times. Sara is also planning on continuing to lead the Denim and Diamonds fundraiser. Sara and April are working on updating contracts for next year's fair. They are also working on developing a price list for the yard games so they can be added to the rental contract.

- **Development** – Cindy Campbell was present to report.
  - **Sponsor Management:** This group will be working in the upcoming months of October and November on determining prices and types of awards, updating sponsorship cost sheets and ordering booster forms if needed.
  - **Admininstration:** There had been previous discussion about this group meeting with Brian Lanoue. They will be working on the 2020 budget in October.
  - **Nominating:** There have been some recent vacancies with Marleta (West Point Township) finishing her term of 8 years and Sara's announcement of leaving the board. There was also discussion regarding members obtaining their 4<sup>th</sup> absence tonight. There were hopes of coming to the October and November meeting with candited for these vancanies.
  - **Marketing:** If there are any updates for the website or Facebook page, it was encouraged to let Joe or Cindy Campbell know.
  
- **4-H Programming** – Suzette Alma was present to report.
  - **Trips and Awards:** This committee is planning to meet soon.
  - **Auction:** Auction committee has met a couple of times since conclusion of the 2019 fair. Meetings included proofing checks and there was discussion of processes. This committee has already submitted their rule changes.
  - **Ultimate Showmanship:** This committee is planning to meet on Monday.
  - **Exhibit Building:** This committee will be meeting over the weekend.

### **Unfinished Business**

- **Fair Evaluation Meeting** – Joe provided a list of comments and suggestions given at the post fair evaluation meeting. It was encouraged for committees to address things that fall under their committee.
- **Water Lines** – As mentioned under the grounds committee report, the grounds committee is still working on coming up with quotes for this project.
- **Drainage Project with the County** – This idea was discussed at the August meeting. Mark Helms was planning on reaching out to County Commissioners. There was discussion about reaching out to Mike Kyburz. Luke reported he and Brandon would try and meet with Mike to discuss this idea.

- **Landscaping/Adopt-a-spot** – Joe has been in communication with two landscapers who are working on providing a quote to maintain the building year-round. Joe has been discussing with them donating most of the labor, etc.
- **Grounds Survey/Campground restrooms** – Luke reported on this and he mentioned needing to follow-up with a few individuals. There was also discussion regarding prior discussion about getting a grant for the restrooms. Cindy Campbell reported on this and how a few things were still needed in order to move forward with this.
- **4-H Building Repairs/Maintenance (gutters/downspouts, south door, janitor's closet, etc.)** – Joe has not been able to get quotes on these items. Joe was going to talk with Andrew about going ahead and getting the door fixed.
- **Hiring of year-round groundskeeper** – There was discussion around there being enough work year-round to be able to pay someone \$12,000, etc. There was discussion around talking with the county about covering benefits, etc. for a potential year-round groundskeeper. Chad discussed another county having a year-round groundskeeper and it was encouraged that someone get more information/research regarding this.
- **Usage of arena(s) year-round for 4-H practice** – Cindy reported on this. She had received a text message about the ability of the horse arena being open for more practice opportunities for individuals who may not have available practice space at home. There was discussion regarding the liability aspect and who would be present, etc. If it is not a 4-H event, there was discussion regarding there being no insurance coverage. Tom Kleist was present and reported not having the availability to practice with their horse and not being able to attend the workshops. There was discussion regarding finding more research on what would be allowed, etc.
- **Piano Repair** – Miranda spoke with someone who specializes with pianos. Miranda was told it would be \$95 to assess the problems with the pianos. Miranda plans to reach out to check about getting a used piano and work out some kind of trade with the existing pianos.
- **Outstanding Checks:** Kevin reported having three outstanding checks from 2018. The following individuals still had outstanding checks: Cody Scheurich, Macara Austin and Rhett Howard.

### **New Business**

- **New Officers** – Nominations and elections were completed for new officers and committee chairs. The elections yielded as follows:
  - **President:** Luke Furrer
  - **Vice President:** Joe Demerly
  - **Secretary:** Samantha Foutch
  - **Treasurer:** Kevin Kelley
  - **Event Committee Chair:** April Hall
  - **Grounds Committee Chair:** Trent Hall
  - **4-H Programming Committee Chair:** Suzette Alma

- **Development Committee Chair:** Cindy Campbell

**Upcoming Dates –**

- **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Junior Leader Call Out at 6:30pm**
- **2019-2020 4-H Enrollment Begins October 1st**
- **Open Enrollment Nights – October 9<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

**Adjourn** – On a motion by Chad Dahlenburg and seconded by April Hall, the meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.