

MINUTES
White County Agricultural Association Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 2023
4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present- Keith Altman, Kyle Arvin, Samantha Chitty, Maddie Clark, Ashley Clark, Jon Coy, Lauren Dimmitt, Deb Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, April Hall, Betty Kelly, Jeremy Lemming, Doug Morehouse, Bob Oliver, Josh Robertson, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo,

Not Present- Lee Anderson, Molly Childers, Rodney Hall, Trent Hall, Jr. Leader Rep, Scott Hood, Caleb McClure

Guests- Hillary Hawkins, Ashby Grimes, Cindy Campbell, Jeff Campbell, Don White, Ron Byrd

Call to Order-President, Randy Freshour, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Secretary's Minutes-On a motion by Betty Kelly and seconded by Jon Tebo the minutes from the May 3, 2023, was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report- Keith was present to report. Funds Report - \$6,000.00 deposit to pay for flooring. Keith took it out of unrestricted for the time being. It should come out of the Queen Committee funds, they're paying \$5,000.00, and Honey Creek Township is paying \$1,000.00. Unrestricted is really -\$3,600.00 and the Queen Committee account is at \$11,500.00. The awards account is still negative until the rest of the booster money comes in. Profit and Loss – if there's any questions Keith will answer them. They did pay for all 4-Hers going to 4-H camp. At this point last year, it hadn't been paid, and that was a \$5,000.00 expense. Keith also passed around Thank you cards we've received from kids going to camp. Rents are a lot higher this year. REMC is renting the fairgrounds for their meeting. REMC and the Bank of Wolcott renting it this fall. They've both paid their rental fees for that.

Jr. Leader Report- Jr. Leaders have Indiana Beach and Madam Carroll Day this coming Monday. The trip is hosted by Carroll and White County Jr. Leaders. 10 have signed up so far to go Monday. For the fair, Jr. Leaders are doing what's called the Goose Chase, a virtual scavenger hunt. There will be little activities that you can sign up for on your phone either in teams or alone.

4-H Update-Molly Childers was not present to report. Hillary Hawkins and Ashby Grimes were present to report. Final enrollment numbers – 544 club members, that is 30 up from last year, 145 mini-4-H members, that is up 25 from last year. Fair Entry is open until July 1st. Summer events – there are 49 4-Her's at 4-H camp right now, 4 counselors – Murphy Misch, Ella Mattox, Hannah Alberts, Chase Pekny. Noah Scherer is going to 4-H Academy. RJ Wells is going to 4-H Roundup. Murphy Misch is going to Jr. Leaders State Conference. 5 going to 4-H Band Camp. Mini 4-H Day Camp is June 28th, 22 kids are signed up so far. Last year they had around 40. Several activities are planned. If there are any volunteers willing to help that would be

appreciated. There is a Fair Office sign up that is being passed around to sign up or check your dates.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds-** Luke was present to report. Luke is lining up dumpsters for livestock waste, the portable restroom for the campground is booked, and a porta pot in the antique tractor area. Hand sanitizers are booked too. Wires for sound system will be worked on. There will be a lot of tasks that need to be done right before fair – pressure washing stage, cleaning up the grounds, etc. Kewanas Club have a program where they collect plastic caps. They recycle them and get plastic 2x4's made. Luke has talked to Phil Vogel about this, and they have a bunch of 6' boards and was considering using those to replace some of the boards on the benches. The colors that he already has is brown and red. They're not near as stiff as a wood 2x4. Phil was trying to come up with a way to stabilize them on the benches. There are benches that has the wood slide through the concrete and those were the benches Phil was looking at because they're 6-foot benches. Right now, Luke is looking for input. Deb Foutch talked to Larry Crabb, and they charge \$500.00 if that's what we want to do for memorials. That includes the plaques. The completed benches at Twin Lakes have 3 concrete supports. Luke will talk with Phil again. There has been a branch that fell by the stage and Extension Homemakers building and broke the bench that will need repaired as well. Luke is still working on getting trees removed. The quote is around \$6,000.00 no matter who does the tree removals. He's meeting with Mike Smolek on Friday, and he was talking about tree removal, Luke wants to make sure he doesn't want to do anything different before he commits to a company. If it's about \$6,000.00, Luke would like to get the approval tonight from the board to move forward on tree removal. That would be four trees on the fairgrounds. The campground area the tree removal will be done by the committee. Doug Morehouse makes a motion to approve Luke to move forward with the removal if the quote is around \$6,000.00. The money would come from the TAM fund. The motion was seconded and passed. The flooring in the building will be started this coming Monday. It was pushed back a little because there was an open house that was already booked for the original time slot.
- **Event-** Lauren Dimmitt was present to report. The band entertainment is now figured out. They're getting vendor registrations in. The dunk tank signup has been extended to the county school cheerleaders as well. The mullet contest is coming back, they just need to figure out what day and time. The Extension Homemakers is going to sponsor some stick horses and hula hoops for the little kiddie carrel. Rural King is willing to donate carrel panels to put around the inflatables, they need to get the measurements for the inflatable area. Sheila is needing the final schedule for fair week asap.
- **Development-** Jon Tebo was present to report. Things are finally progressing except for a few. Horse and Pony look like they need a lot of help on some of their awards. Four or five of the Day Sponsors are taken care of. Hadley Dental/Trout signed up for a day. Dr. Trout was offering to take two days if we needed another day filled.
- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse was present to report. We had a quick auction meeting tonight and everything is under control.

Unfinished Business:

- **75th Anniversary of Fairgrounds/ 4-H Fair** – Cindy Campbell was present to report. Cindy presented the picture of the mini rosette that will be given to each exhibitor. They are currently working on a looped video that will be in the 4-H building and it will be posted online when it's done. Anyone with memorabilia that would be willing to let us use to display, it will be given back right after the fair. Photos are being scanned in immediately and being returned to the owner. The online shop will be open again during the fair and we will have a limited supply of items at the fair. We'd like two alumni teams for The Battle of the Barns. The Battle of the Barns committee will be altering the course for the alumni team.
- **Volunteer of the Year** – There are 4 current volunteer nominations and 2 post humous volunteer nominations. Post humous has been picked and Betty Kelly will get ahold of the family. The present volunteer of the year has been picked. All nominations that were not picked will be saved for next year.
- **Fair Office Signup** – There's a sheet going around, and you can sign up online if you haven't yet.
- **Other** – Cindy Campbell is the Union Township Leader. Her club would like to get two livestock water troughs that are 2'x4'. They will plant flowers in them and there will be a sign that says Union Township 4-H Club and their motto. "Alone you can do so little, together we can do so much" by Helen Keller. They will be out all year long and be covered with tarps in the winter. They'd like to place one by the stage where grass won't grow and the other one on the east side of the goat arena to the south of the sliding door. Betty Kelly made a motion to approve the two areas.

New Business:

- **Goat Committee Request-** Jeff Campbell, Don White and Cindy Campbell were here to ask for permission to start their barn expansion this fall. They'd like to start after the fair. There will be tree removal and landscape removal just southwest of the existing building. They will relandscape once completed. They're hoping it will be completed sometime in September. They have an updated quote from FBI in order to do the work. They will need to get it locked in, to get correct pricing. They need permission from the Ag Association to go forward. Cindy reported that she reached out to EDP Renewables after the permission was granted in January. They are giving the Goat Barn \$50,000.00 for this project. They have more than enough money to do the shell and the rest of the work they will raise the money for. Plus, the Goat Club has a lot of money in their account. The structure will be fully completed by next summer. EDP Renewables has naming rights as well to the new expansion, which will be called The EDP Renewables Multipurpose Arena. They were very keen on this arena being used for several different programs throughout the year. They also want to contribute during the auction. The current building space is 54'x60' and with the addition it will be 86'x60'. The new arena will be 34'x36', that leaves concrete for bleachers. EDP is wanting to give much more in the future. Bleachers will be the next fundraiser project for the arena. Jon Tebo made a

motion to let the Goat Committee proceed in the building expansion. Kyle Arvin seconded the motion, the motion passed.

- **County Highway Employee Meals During Fair** – Previous years we've thanked the county employees by giving them a meal via food vouchers. The Highway Department will give us a number of employees and we will print out that many tickets. Betty Kelly makes a motion to give them food vouchers for either Pork Producers or Bob Oliver's Catering. \$15.00 vouchers will be made. The motion has been passed. Bob Oliver and Pork Producers will turn the tickets in to be reimbursed.
- **Other** – There will be two or three golf carts available if any handicap needs to be transported on the grounds. No other golf carts are permitted on the premises. Luke will talk to the reserves for security and Deb will reach out to EMS. On Thursday night for the barn dance, there will be a couple of reserves on the grounds. We need to make sure Band-Aids, and first aid kits are in the fair office.

Upcoming Dates

- June 28th – Mini 4-H Day Camp
- July 1st – Fair Entry Deadline
- July 5th – All Fair Committees meeting at 7pm
- July 10th – Setup building at 6pm

Next Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023, 7:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds

Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.