

MINUTES
White County Agricultural Association Meeting
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present- Keith Altman, Lee Anderson, Kyle Arvin, Molly Childers, Samantha Chitty, Maddie Clark, Ashley Clark, Jon Coy, Deb Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, April Hall, Rodney Hall, Trent Hall, Betty Kelly, Jeremy Lemming, Caleb McClure, Doug Morehouse, Josh Robertson, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo

Not Present- Lauren Dimmitt, Jr. Leader Rep, Scott Hood, Bob Oliver, Andrew Westfall, Denise Schroeder

Guests-

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

Secretary's Minutes-On a motion by April Hall and seconded by Jon Tebo the minutes from the February 1, 2023, meeting was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report- Keith was present to report. QuickBooks file was corrupted on Monday when Keith went to print reports. He's almost caught back up. Right now, we have about \$330,00.00 in total funds in our accounts. Awards and Entertainment from last meeting – funds were negative, in the past it looks like we left awards negative until money came in to pay for the awards. After booster money comes in, it should be positive. Entertainment was negative because he had not moved money yet from vendors to offset the entertainment funds. In the past we talked about fees from the state we paid for the kids. He just received a check for \$750.00. The water expense from last meeting from the toilet leak came out to be \$2, 074.29. Luke said insurance did issue the credit, he wasn't sure how long it takes to get that portion. Keith had a paper with amounts written on and there was \$1,000.00 taken off. Keith suggested since our money is sitting in really low rate accounts and we aren't using all of the money we move a portion into a CD. Total expenses last year were \$540,000.00, the auction expenses were \$370,000.00 of the total expense. To run the fair, it was actually \$170,000.00. With \$330,000.00 sitting in the account, he's asking for permission to open a CD for \$100,000.00. He received quotes from Fountain Trust, Alliance, and The Bank of Wolcott. Alliance has a 17 month CD for 4%, we'd make \$4,000.00, The Bank of Wolcott had a 12 month CD for 4.05% or a 19 month for 3.6%, Fountain Trust had 12 months at 3% and 18 months at 3.5%. The minimum at Bank of Wolcott was \$100,000.00 at 4.05%, Alliance minimum was \$5,000.00. Doug Morehouse made the motion to open a CD for \$100,000.00. The motion was seconded by Luke Furrer. The motion passed.

Jr. Leader Report- They have a fundraiser on March 9th at Roots.

4-H Update-Molly Childers was present to report. We have 472 members and 126 mini-4-h members. As far as Molly can tell that's really been average based on the reports she's ran over the last few years. The handbook is now available online. If you'd like a copy, you may get one at the extension office. Please call ahead as they must print them. There's an optional volunteer training on Saturday, it is free from 10-noon in Reynolds. It's a Child Abuse Training for anyone who works with children. Learning how to recognize signs and how to prevent or react to abuse.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds-** Luke was present to report. Luke has gotten flooring quotes for our area and a separate one for the extension office entryway. They would pay for their portion. Professional Interiors in Monticello and Miller's Flooring America are the two quotes he's received back. Miller's Flooring is lower in cost at around \$12,000.00 and Professional Interior's is closer to \$14,000.00. He's also waiting on a quote from DeMotte Carpet. From the extension side, he's required to get three quotes. If we do want to do this, where would the funds come from and if we want to get it done before the fair we'd need to move fairly quick once he gets the third quote. Our portion would be \$9,678.00 vs \$11,154.00. This would include the kitchen, all four bathrooms, and everything in between minus the storage rooms. Luke is going to check with Honey Creek 4-H Club to see if they want to donate money to cover flooring and the Queen Committee. April Hall made a motion to let Luke use his discretion on flooring and get it done and take the money out of the TAM fund if needed. Maddie Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed. Roger Geisler spoke with someone at REMC and he offered his labor and use of his bucket truck if we had the material to replace any security lights.
- **Event-** Lauren Dimmitt was not present to report. April Hall reported. People are already acquiring about campsites. There is a little change up for the vendors. Our website is through Weebly and Square owns Weebly. We can now put payment on our website. There is a transaction fee – we could pass that on to the fair goers, campers, vendors, at 2.9% + \$.30/transaction. For a \$150.00 camping spot, it would be \$4.75. It was suggested to increase camping fee to \$155.00. Adventure Family Circus has been looked into.
- **Development-** Jon Tebo was present to report. All booster packets were mailed out, one was returned. Hopefully those are starting to come back into the office. We won't know until after March 16th on who still needs to send theirs back in. If you sponsor a show, that money goes to the barn that is putting on that show. If you sponsor a day, those funds go to the Ag Association to our general fund. The day sponsor gets announced on the main sound system through the whole grounds. They're also supposed to be announced at any shows going on that day. The show sponsors are only getting announced at that particular show.
- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse present to report. Cindy Campbell is stepping down from the Auction Committee due to having taking over a 4-h club. Starting on auction and person of the year. Other than that, it's pretty quiet. Roger Geisler said the guys working on the tubs for battle of the barns has the materials, but hasn't started working on them just yet.

Unfinished Business:

- **Committee Signup** – Being passed around one more time and being set in stone.
- **75th Anniversary of Fairgrounds/ 4-H Fair** – Randy and April met. They found the booklet from the 25th Anniversary. If you know a videographer, contact April. If you'd like to be on the Anniversary Committee, contact Randy or April.
- **Other** -

New Business:

- **State Event Fee Sponsorship** – Last year we sponsored half of each state event. (4-h round-up, 4-h academy, State Jr Leaders Conference) Band - \$225/person the other two events were \$180/person. Betty made a motion that we pay for half of the State Event Fee Sponsorships out of The Bank of Wolcott Education Fund. The motion was seconded by Doug Morehouse. The motion passed.
- **Area 9 Middle School fun night sponsorship** – We are hosting a fun night for middle schoolers at Seeger High School on April 22nd. They are asking each county fair board in Area 9 to sponsor \$100. Luke Furrer made a motion to sponsor the \$100 and was seconded by Trent Hall. The motion passed. Funds can come out of Education or Bank of Wolcott.
- **Small Animal Workshop Sponsorship** – April 29th if she can get enough kids signed up. Asking if the Ag Association would be willing to sponsor any part of the it. The full budget is \$500 but even if she could get \$200-\$250 she could charge the kids less. Luke made a motion to use the \$150 out of the Small Animal fund towards the workshop and Ag Association will cover the remaining of the \$500 through The Bank of Wolcott. Jon Tebo seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- **July 1st Deadline** – July 1st is a Saturday; the office will be closed. Move the deadline to July 3rd just for paperwork. Molly would be the only one to come in and she wouldn't change it in the handbooks, but she's willing to come in for everyone to drop their stuff off on July 3rd. Kyle Arvin made a motion to make the deadline July 3rd for the paperwork. The motion passed.
- **Other** – Lauren Dimmitt is the director of the Queen Committee. Luke may need to get a group together to pick leaves up before April 1st if there's a good Saturday.

Upcoming Dates

- March 4th – Beef Weigh In
- March 4th – 10 A.M. – Noon Volunteer training – 4-H building (optional)
- April 1st – Cleanup Day
- April 15th – Alternate Cleanup Day
- April 21st – Ag Day

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 7:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds
Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.