

MINUTES
White County Agricultural Association Meeting
Wednesday, April 7, 2021
4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present- Lane Blackman, Roger Geisler, Kahley Mayotte, Luke Furrer, Bob Oliver, Betty Kelly, Bryan Gretencord, Jon Tebo, Randy Freshour, Cindy Griffin, April Hall, Trent Hall, Vivian Hornback, Samantha Foutch, Baily Tanner, John Gooding, Deb Foutch, Jeremy Lemming, Murphy Misch, and Miranda Furrer

Not Present- Jared Baer, Lauren Dimmitt, Andrew Westfall, Rodney Hall, Rodney Hornback, and Kevin Kelley

Guests- Abigail Arvin

Call to Order- President, Luke Furrer, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Secretary's Minutes- On a motion by Betty Kelly and seconded by Kyle Arvin the minutes from the March 3, 2021, meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report- John Gooding was present to report. Funds reports were discussed. John applied for a nonprofit sales tax exemption from NIPSCO. A motion was made by Trent Hall to accept the Treasurers report. This was seconded by Jon Tebo. The motion passed.

Jr. Leader Report- Murphy was present to report. The last meeting was on April 5th. The Jr. Leaders made a \$100 deposit for Indiana Beach. Jr. Leader's is in the process of planning a mini 4-H day camp. It will be led by the Jr. Leaders. The goal is to be able to send them home at the end of the day with a completed project that can be turned in for the fair. The tentative date is June 3rd.

4-H Update- Miranda was present to report. All of the 4-H clubs now have safety plans in place and can meet. We have 22 kids already signed up for 4-H camp. We can only take 30 kids and then they go on a waitlist. An overnight event at Camp Tecumseh has been approved. The kids have to wear masks and have a covid test within 5 days of going to camp. There are 2 camp counselors from White County this year. The bottle calf club will be picking out calves this weekend. There are around 10-12 kids in the club currently. Enrollment is open until May 15th and animal deadline is also May 15th.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds-** Trent Hall was present to report. Leaf cleanup day went well. There will be a grounds committee meeting on April 8th at 7:00.
- **Event-** April Hall was present to report. There are a few bands lined up for entertainment. Jeff Apple will do the sound again. Vendors have emailed and said they

are sending applications. The Antique Power Association is willing to help with labor and getting the logs for the chainsaw contest. The second wave of campers have come in.

- **Development-** Samantha Foutch was present to report. Sponsor management has been getting money in for boosters. New booster forms will need to be ordered for next year. Send anything that needs to be posted on the facebook page or website to Sam.
- **4-H Programming-** Betty Kelly was present to report.
 - The trips and awards committee met in March. The committee recommends to amend the requirements to say you can only receive the volunteer of the year award once. There was a motion made by Betty to change the language to say the award can only be received by a person once. The motion was seconded by Randy Freshour. The motion passed. The Junior Leaders retreat costs \$65 per person. In the past the Ag Association has paid the full fee out of the Bank of Wolcott fund. 4-H Camp costs \$166 per camper and the committee would like the Ag Association to pay half of that for each camper plus \$12 for the White County counselors shirts. The 4-H Roadshow is replacing roundup this year. The fee is not known at this time but the committee would like the Ag Association to pay half of the registration for each White County 4-Her that attends. A motion was made by Randy Freshour to pay all of the fees requested out of the Bank of Wolcott fund. The motion was seconded by Lane Blackman. The motion passed.
 - The building and exhibits committee met back in March. They decided to use ribbon stickers for the displays in the 4-H building the week of the fair. The 4-Hers will get their ribbons in an envelope when they pick up their projects. Photos will be taken of all the projects in groups to post online. There will be two volunteers to confirm the results from each of the judges again this year. There are a couple of project displays in bad condition. The committee would like to see the doors for the storage room on the north end of the building to be completed so that the easels can be put away. Marleta Misch is going to check with her husband to see if it is a project he could get completed.
 - The auction committee met. Cindy has verbally confirmed the auctioneers. Jeff sent out the first ad that will go in the paper. The dairy bar has agreed to do milkshakes for the buyers as long as they still have supplies. Pork producers has agreed to do the dinner with Bank of Wolcott serving the meals. A1 computers will do the IT service. Christine Dahlenburg will take the spotlight photos. At this point we don't have a hog buyer. The 2021 version of the auction software is expected to be released mid April.
 - The battle of the barns committee met prior to the meeting. Vivian and Betty will work on getting a plan together.

Unfinished Business:

- **Contract Renewals-** Trent was present to report. All the contracts are now for 3 years.
 - **Mowing Contract-** We received two bids for the mowing contract. Keeslings, who have been doing the mowing for the last 3 years, bid \$5100. Twin Lakes

Landscaping put in a bid at \$4800. Their bid includes 3 applications of fertilizer, a spring cleanup, and pruning landscaping. Trent recommended that we go with Twin Lakes Landscaping due to the fact that their bid was lower and they are doing extra work. A motion was made by Samantha Foutch to contract with Twin Lakes Landscaping. The motion was seconded by Vivian Hornback. The motion passed.

- **Groundskeeper Contract-** Paul signed his contract.
- **Janitorial Contract-** Trent and John are working on revising the contract for the building. Kyburz is currently coming in after every single meeting to clean. The contract is being changed so that we can better manage when they come to clean.

New Business:

- **Volunteer of the Year-** nominations are due to the office by the end of April.
- **Junior Leader Fundraiser Open Show-**Abigail Arvin presented the idea of the Jr. Leaders hosting an open Swine show at the White County Fairgrounds on June 26th. This event would be a fundraiser for the club. The plan is for the Jr. Leaders to go out to the community to get sponsorships and to plan the event. A motion was made by Randy Freshour to waive the rental fees for the Jr. Leaders to host an open show. The motion as seconded by Jon Tebo. The motion passed.
- **St. James Church-**Cindy Griffin presented. The St. James Church would like to hold a 5k run on May 22nd. They would like to have access to the restrooms in the 4-H building. They plan to start the race by the goat barn. April Hall made a motion that we allow the church to use our facilities for their 5k and not charge them the cleaning fee. The motion was seconded by Kyle Arvin. The motion passed.

Upcoming Dates

- Online 4-H enrollment is open until May 15th.
- YQCA, April 21 and May 11 at 6:15pm
- May 8th – Goat/Sheep ID
- 4-H Camp: June 9-11

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 at 7:00pm, 4-H building, Reynolds

Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.