

MINUTES
White County Agricultural Association Meeting
Wednesday, May 5, 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, Lauren Dimmitt, Rodney Hall, Rodney Hornback, Jeremy Lemming, Murphy Misch, and Miranda Furrer

Not Present-Jared Baer, Andrew Westfall, and Kevin Kelley

Guests-none present

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

Secretary's Minutes-On a motion by April Hall and seconded by Trent Hall the minutes from the April 7, 2021, meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report-John Gooding was present to report. Funds reports were discussed. John reported that the queens purchased 3 years worth of tiaras for almost \$600. John recommended to increase their budget to cover this cost. A motion was made by Trent Hall to increase the queen's budget from \$4500 to \$5100. The motion was seconded by Jon Tebo. The motion passed. A motion was made by Jon Tebo to accept the Treasurers report. This was seconded by Cindy Griffin. The motion passed.

Jr. Leader Report-Murphy was present to report. At the last meeting the swine open show was discussed. The date has been changed to Friday, June 25th. The Jr. Leaders also worked on preparing for mini day camp which will take place on June 3rd.

4-H Update-Miranda was present to report. May 15th is the deadline for animals to be entered into 4-H online to be eligible to show at the county and state fair. It is also the drop/add deadline for projects. We just got a donation of 3500 kids mask from Waste Management. The summer assistant, Ericka Campbell, will be starting on Monday, May 10th. Most of the judges are hired for the summer and the fair book is in the works. The health department has said that we will need to do a lot of the things we did last year (hand sanitizer, providing masks, social distancing). 4-H Camp enrollment has closed. There are 29 4-Hers attending from White County. June 17th there will be a 4 county wide conservation day camp in Logansport. Enrollment is currently at 573.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds-** Trent Hall was present to report. There are large stumps that need to be removed. Andy Lanoue will start on the landscaping when it warms up. There is still

money budgeted for the water line project. We are currently waiting on a quote for that project. The bathroom project will be pushed back until next year. We are looking at having a dump station put in at the campground. Roger took a look at a few projects that need completed in the arena.

- **Event-** April Hall was present to report. Entertainment for the fair is covered. Inflatables have been ordered and we will look into how to sanitize them. The Brookston/Chalmers Rotary Club will be running them and we will split the profits 50/50. Jeff Apple's contract is signed for the stage audio. We can add the sound for the arena at any time before the fair for \$200. Camping registration for the fair will be posted online so people can begin to register. Past campers can reserve their previous spot through the end of May. The tent rental fee of approximately \$1740 will be paid out of the commercial budget. The rest of the event expenses will be covered by the event budget.
- **Development-** Samantha Foutch was present to report. Boosters have a few outstanding awards to be sponsored. The office is reaching out to those committees to see if they can get those covered. Nominating will be working to find someone to fill the West Point position that is open.
- **4-H Programming-** Betty Kelly was present to report. The committee is working on the battle of the barns plans.

Unfinished Business:

- **Volunteer of the Year-** There are 2 past (Fred Mosher and Frank James) and 2 current (Chip Shields and Jacquie Humphreys) nominees. With a vote of 9 to 8 Frank James will receive the past award. With a vote of 9 to 8 Jacquie Humphreys will receive the current award.
- **Junior Leader Open Show-** The date has been changed to Friday, June 25th.
- **Auction Money-** After looking at all of the deposits there is only a small amount that has not been paid.

New Business:

- **Grounds and Building Rental-** There was discussion about multiple renters renting parts of the fairgrounds on the same day. The current contract states that more than one renter could rent different parts the fairgrounds facilities at the same time. There was discussion about if there is more than one renter the fees for the restroom rental could be reduced and we could pay the cleaning fee instead of requiring the renters to clean. Right not if someone wants the exclusive use of the fairgrounds they have to pay the full fee to rent the fairgrounds (\$3500). We discussed adding an additional fee option for renters to lock down the whole fairgrounds in addition to the building they are renting instead of the full \$3500.
- **Indiana Fairs and Festivals Guide-** The deadline for the 2022 guide is August 31st. We paid \$425 to have an ad in the guide online and in the book in 2020 and they carried that over to 2021.

Upcoming Dates

- YQCA, May 11 and June 22 at 6:15pm
- May 8th – Goat/Sheep ID
- Mini Day Camp- June 3
- 4-H Camp: June 9-11

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 at 7:00pm, 4-H building, Reynolds

Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.