

## MINUTES

### **White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present** – Chad Dahlenburg, Cindy Campbell, Rodney Hornback, Phil Hunt, Sara Shelton, Cindy Griffin, Vivian Hornback, Rodney Hall, April Hall, Joe Demerly, Trent Hall, Samantha Foutch, Baily Tanner, Brandon Bell, Suzette Alma, Luke Furrer, Jon Tebo, Kevin Kelley, Brandon Foutch, Julie Williams, Denise Schroeder and Marleta Misch

**Absent** – Mark Helms, Laura Chapman, Bill Geisler and Andrew Westfall

**Guests Present** – Scott Griffin, Deb Foutch, Don Wright and Jeff Demerly

**Call to Order** – Joe Demerly, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**Secretary's Minutes** – On a motion by Suzette Alma and seconded by Julie Williams, the minutes of the January 26, 2019, meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer's report was presented by Kevin Kelley. Kevin advised he would be meeting with the accountant on Friday of this week. On a motion by Suzette Alma and seconded by John Tebo, the Treasurer's report was approved.

**Jr. Leader Report** – Suzette reported a meeting is scheduled for the following Monday.

**4-H Enrollment Update – Nothing to Report**

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Grounds**

- Brandon reported wanting to get a work day set up to get the rest of the limbs cleaned up around the fairgrounds. Luke added that the water on the fairgrounds is shut off as that had been questioned at the prior meeting. Nothing further to report at this time.

- **Event – Sara Shelton**

- **Denim and Diamonds** – Sara encouraged everyone to invite people to the event. At the time of the meeting 55 tickets had been sold; 75 people were projected to attend the event. Tickets were on sale for \$15 and at the door would be \$25. Cindy and Laura were scheduled to take tickets until 8pm, and someone was needed to cover from 8-10pm. Phil offered to take care of monitoring trash during the event. Kevin and Chad will be checking ID's for the first hour, and security was going to be present for the event. Homemakers were going to be making some type of salty treat for the event after the food had been taken away. Set-up will be

at 5:30pm on Friday evening. WMRS donated a \$1,000 worth of ads for the Denim and Diamonds event.

- **Entertainment** – Samantha has been working on getting entertainment acts booked for the fair. Almost all days are covered and a projected amount of \$5,700 has been used at this time. Cornfield Mafia has been booked for Friday, Time Travelers have been booked for Monday, Brandt Carmichael from Logansport area has been booked for Tuesday, and Wednesday has been booked with a band from Northwest Indiana. At this time, Sunday is the last day where stage entertainment is needed. Sara has laser tag booked, Chad has been in communication with someone who will be able to provide inflatables for a few days, and Sara is still waiting to hear back from local FFA chapters regarding homemade yard games. April Hall suggested giving something back to the chapters if they are willing to help make the yard games. Sara reported needed to follow-up again with the FFA leaders.
  
- **Vendor Contracts**- Vendor contracts have been uploaded to the website. There will be a 10% pull from vendors starting this year. They will pay a \$450 fee upfront and after their first \$3,000 net profit, then 10% will be pulled of their profits. Non-for-profits will be the same, however, 15% will be pulled from their profits. Vendors who come in for only a few days (ex. Mitchell's) will have their percentage pulled from them daily, but vendors who are there throughout the week will have the percentage pulled at the end of the week. A farmer's/craft market will be held on Wednesday evening which would be a \$25-\$50 booth fee from about 5-9pm. Sara has reached out to a few of these vendors, but encouraged members to reach out to people they know who makes signs, crafts, etc. and let them know about this event. Any non-for-profit vendor that is from White Co. will have a free booth this year as long as they are not selling anything and it is purely for promotion.
  
- **Development – Cindy Campbell**
  - **Sponsor Management** – In regards to the Booster Club, from January 1, 2019 to the time of the meeting, \$28,940 has been received. This committee is meeting on Tuesday of next week to start developing a timeline of tasks.
  - **Administration** – Workers compensation audit has been completed. At this time, there were still two clubs who needed to turn in audits (Cass and Monon). Cindy C. has been in contact with both clubs and that is projected to be turned in for both clubs at the end of the week. As soon as all of that is received, Cindy will be scheduling a meeting for this committee.
  - **Long-Range Planning** – Waiting until sign-up goes around tonight at the meeting to see who signs up, and a meeting will be set up once that list is reviewed.

- **Budget** – Cindy Griffin presented the proposed budget for 2019. Suzette made a motion to approve the budget and Cindy Campbell seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma – Cindy Campbell reported due to Suzette being absent**
  - **Trips and Awards-** will be getting together in March due to some deadlines coming up.
  - **Auction** – Nothing new to report, but they will be having a meeting soon.

### **Unfinished Business**

- **2019 Committee Sign-Up** – Sign- up sheet was passed around the room.
- **4-H Volunteer member application** – Joe discussed green folders passed out at January meeting. The name tag on the folder indicates what still needs completed. Online enrollment is no longer open and paper forms will have to be completed; they were passed around the room at this meeting. Denise discussed any items in the green folder with a tab on the paper needed to be signed and left with her.
- **10 year 4-H member recognition** – Cindy explored options after the last meeting. Blankets were researched as this seemed to be the most popular idea and Cindy was able to find options that ranged from \$13-\$22. She looked into options at Unique Graphics in Monticello. The current amount being spent on 10 year member awards was \$20. Cindy suggested the blanket which would have a cost of \$22 which folds up nicely and has one side with a waterproof backing. This option comes in Forest Green and it will say “White County 10 year 4-H Member” with the official clover and it will have their first and last name beneath that. Chad made a motion to go with the \$22 blanket option. This was seconded by Sara Shelton. The motion passed.
- **Campground Restroom** – Joe wanted to know where we were at with this. Cindy advised it is on the list for long range planning. Luke had been in touch with Jeremy at Titan and discussed looking at a cheaper project that was not necessarily classified as a storm shelter, but Luke has not heard anything since then. Cindy questioned whether or not we were waiting on some topographical information. Luke was going to double check and make sure this information was passed along to the appropriate people.

### **New Business**

- **Stardust Circle Rental** – They contacted the office and wanted to park their equipment in the arena in March. They didn’t care that the water wasn’t going to be turned on and they just wanted to park their things. Joe called them on the day of the meeting and they actually wanted to put on a Circus on March 27, 2019, with one morning show at 10am in the area and an evening show at 7pm. Denise advised they call every year and want to do this. Joe advised they had already paid their deposit

and everything in the arena will have to be moved. It was decided we would not be allowing the circus to come and rent the arena.

- **Reefer Trailers** – The information regarding someone wanting to rent the arena brought up discussion around why we have a rental building that has stuff being stored in that can't be rented on any given day at any time. There was discussion regarding finding a permanent place for the stuff being stored in the arena, so that way the arena could be rented on any day. Phil discussed looking into getting old reefer trailers to have for storage. It was agreed that the trailers would be something worth looking into. Chad was going to look into getting quotes on some trailer options and bring to next meeting.
- **Swine Champion Project** – Jeff Demerly was present to discuss this project. He discussed how this project includes redoing the gates in both of the Swine barns. This project will allow all the gates to look the same, and will create a more safe environment for the animals and spectators. There was discussion around looking into adding an educational piece and having signs in the building talking about the pork industry. The swine committee is working on reaching out to businesses/organizations that the Ag Association does not already go to for monies in order to find donations to fund the project. The committee is working on some grants to find funds as well. There is a \$100,000 goal and the committee is a little over half way at reaching the goal. There are stopping points in place in order to secure funds. The hope is to be done with the project before the fair with all new gates in place. The committee is not asking for any money or support from the Ag Association. All swine exhibitors received a letter in order to allow them the opportunity to give if they wanted to give to this project. Kevin asked a question about where the money would be coming and Jeff advised the money will all be coming through the Ag Association.
- **Antique Tractors** – Don Wright presented information regarding the Antique Tractor Club wanting to finish out the picnic shelter by putting in a cement floor and replace a dirt floor with a cement floor. There was a total estimate for \$9,893. Don wanted to make sure it was okay to go ahead with the project and wanted to ask about getting \$2,000 from the memorial fund to help with costs. Brandon Bell made a motion to allow them to proceed with the project and Phil Hunt seconded. This motion passed. Cindy Campbell made a motion to allow the Antique Tractors to have \$2,000 for the project from the Memorial Fund. This was seconded by Cindy Griffin. The motion passed.

**Upcoming Dates –**

- Online 4-H enrollment has ended; youth and volunteers can still enroll at the Extension Office
- Beef Weigh-in: Saturday, February 23, 2019, 8:00 a.m. (snow date: March 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Denim and Diamonds: February 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Reynolds gym

**Adjourn –** On a motion by Julie Williams and seconded by Phil Hunt, the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.