

## MINUTES

### **White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, July 16, 2018, 7:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present** – Suzette Alma, Brandon Bell, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Laura Chapman, Andrea Cole, Chad Dahlenburg, Joe Demerly, Brandon Foutch, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Bill Geisler, Cindy Griffin, Rodney Hall, Mark Helms, Joann Hoyt, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Marleta Misch, Kena Phimmasen (Junior Leader Representative), Denise Schroeder, Sara Shelton, Jon Tebo, and Andrew Westfall.

**Absent** – Rodney Hornback and Baily Tanner.

**Guests Present** – Chris Alma, Elizabeth Andrews, Mike Andrews, Jeff Campbell, Deb Foutch, Mike Read, and Don Wright.

**Call to Order** – Randy Freshour, President, called the meeting to order.

**Secretary's Minutes** – On a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Joe Demerly, the minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** – The report will stand until the audit is complete. Cindy Griffin asked everyone to wear their green shirts and attend the awards program at the Fair on Saturday at 7:00 pm on the stage as all the 10-year members will be recognized, and donations from Bank of Wolcott and an anonymous donor will be received.

**Jr. Leader Report** – Per Kena Phimmasen, the junior leaders met earlier in the evening to discuss Fair duties and sign up to work at various events. They also made approximately \$1000 from the Madam Carroll outing.

**4-H Enrollment Update** – No update on enrollment, but Fair preparations are underway.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Grounds – Luke Furrer**
  - **General Site Work** – Some drainage has been repaired, and grass has been seeded where needed. There is a water leak near the arena which will be fixed before the Fair begins. Stone is coming for the campground on Tuesday, July 17th, and help will be needed to spread it.
  - **Interior of Stage** – One room with A/C, vanities, mirrors, lights, etc. will be finished by the Fair. The restroom will be completed later.
  - **Restroom Repairs** – Per Randy Freshour, the restrooms have been repaired at an approximate cost of \$3700.

- **Security Lights** – Laura Chapman noted there is a security light flickering and asked if it would be repaired. Ron Byrd answered that the bulb will be replaced before the Fair.
- **Goat Barn Expansion** – Per Jeff Campbell, work on the goat barn expansion is nearly finished with the electrical work to be complete in the next day or two.
- **Event – Sara Shelton**
  - **Tents and Locations** – All the tents have been ordered. A large tent will be placed near the woodcarver with benches inside. The Family Fun Zone and implement dealers are switching locations.
  - **Entertainment and Vendors** – All acts have been booked, and 45 vendors are signed up. Per Sara, one vendor complained when her deposit check was cashed because it caused her account to be overdrawn and asked to be refunded the overdraft fees. Sara notified explained to the vendor why the check had to be cashed, and the vendor will not be reimbursed for the fees. Sara is also trying to get photos and write-ups from a few more vendors for Facebook posts. Laura Chapman reminded everyone that Kappa Kappa Sigma will be open for breakfast on Wednesday and Thursday mornings during pre-fair judging.
  - **Camping** – 35 campsites are booked.
  - **Family Fun Zone** – Weekly passes will be sold for \$30, and daily passes will be sold for \$15. A different color band will be used each day, and weekly pass purchasers will be given an envelope with all the bands inside. Randy Freshour asked the Committee to track the number of bands sold. Joann Hoyt asked if the Committee had received any sponsorships for the Fun Zone. The Wind Farm donated \$3500 (\$1000 applies to day sponsorship per Cindy Griffin), and Heartland Feeds donated \$250.
  - **App** – An app for the Fair has been set up with Attendify at a cost of \$1000. Kevin Kelley explained how to find and download it. Kevin also said they can add push notifications to the app and to let him know if there is something to add.
  - **Interviews by 4-H'ers** – 3 older 4-H'ers have been asked to go around the Fair and do interviews and showcase projects, events, vendors, other 4-H'ers, etc.
  - **EMT's and Fire Departments** – Per Mark Helms, the EMT's will be on hand on Friday from 5:00 – 9:00 pm and on Saturday – Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Monticello FD will provide their equipment. Some fire departments have expressed an interest in coming if they can be in the area northwest of the stage from 6:00 – 10:00 pm each day and if they can get meal vouchers. Concerns were expressed about allowing them to set up in that area, and the consensus was they would have to set up by the EMS building if they came. Chad Dahlenburg stated the chiefs are not upset about not coming because it creates staffing and equipment issues for them. He also feels having an engine on site is not necessary since Honey Creek must respond to fires on the grounds. Ron Byrd moved to allow fire departments to come on a voluntary basis, but they must park by the EMS building, and there will be no food vouchers provided. Brandon Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed. Roberta Yerk of White County EMA has asked for contact info for someone on each

night watch crew, and Mark was asked to provide that information to her. Joe Demerly stated EMA also wants one main contact person in the event of an emergency, and Randy Freshour volunteered to be the contact.

- **Development – Kevin Kelley – Nothing to Report**
- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma – Nothing to Report**
  - **Awards Program** – Everyone was reminded to attend the awards program Saturday evening.
  - **Volunteers Needed** – Joann Hoyt noted volunteers will be needed on Friday to help set up displays in the 4-H Building and next Thursday night for check-out.
  - **Complaint on Facebook** – A complaint was posted on the Facebook page which mentioned several concerns. The complainant was invited to attend the post-fair evaluation meeting, and all agreed engaging in a debate on social media would be unwise.

### Unfinished Business

- **Fair Office Sign-Up** – Andrea Cole passed around the Fair Office sign-up sheet and asked everyone to sign up for two slots.
- **Fair Clean-Up** – Randy Freshour reminded everyone that clean-up will begin at 8:00 am on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, with breakfast provided by Co-Alliance.
- **Other**
  - **Loaned Equipment** – Randy Freshour secured a trailer for the auction and some golf carts from GT Carts, and Ron Byrd will be getting 2 golf carts from Hubbard's as well as some other equipment.
  - **Straw for Battle of the Barns** – 75 straw bales are needed. The Board will pay for any that are damaged and return all the undamaged ones. A donor who is nearby and who will deliver them is preferable. A few possible sources were mentioned.
  - **Sound** – Randy has been in contact with the sound guy from Apple Sound, and he has already hooked up the speakers in the new part of the goat barn. Randy also asked him to provide a wireless mic to use during the parade and other events. The quoted price for all is \$1059.37, and Randy is trying to get a sponsor for at least part of it. Ron Byrd moved to pay for this out of the auction account. Joe Demerly seconded the motion. Motion passed. There is a cut wire under the Fair Office, and the sound guy will have to confer with the contractor who installed the system to determine how to handle it. Andrew Westfall reported a new portable sound system has been received and could be used during the poultry show and wherever else needed.
  - **ATM** – Randy has been trying to get an ATM installed. A phone line will have to be installed and then disconnected after the Fair.
  - **Wi-Fi** – Suzette Alma stated they could not get a Wi-Fi signal in the dairy barn for check-in last year and asked if boosters have been installed and if a laptop will be available. Per Andrea Cole, boosters have not been installed, but a laptop will be

available, and they could try using one of the MiFi boxes to provide mobile internet access. Extension staff will also get the Wi-Fi password changed because it is likely many people have it who should not, and all those people are sharing the bandwidth and decreasing functionality for those who truly need it. Joann Hoyt suggested we research vendors to provide Wi-Fi service for a small fee to individual users during the Fair.

## New Business

- **Rabbit Barn** – Suzette Alma gave an update on recent upgrades to the rabbit barn. The gutters have been replaced at a cost of \$1660. Suzette moved to approve allocations of \$830 each from the rabbit and poultry barn accounts. Sara Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed. The barn has also been painted by Rodney Hornback, representing CFS Burnettsville. A family in their barn has a food vendor business and have asked Rabbit Club kids to work for them at events this fall to make money for the club, to which the Board had no objection. Suzette asked what the Rabbit Committee should do if their show must be postponed due to severe weather on Saturday morning. They can reschedule it as they see fit.
- **Film Crew for Moshers** – A film crew will be on the grounds for 2 days during the Fair to film Levi Mosher for a documentary entitled “Holy Cow! Farm Fresh.”
- **Other**
  - **Beef Barn Gutters** – Per Jon Tebo, the gutters on the south side of the beef barn are being replaced and underground tiles from the downspouts will be added to move water away from the tie-outs.
  - **Fans in the Arena** – Mark Helms, Joe Demerly and Jon Tebo have been working on the fans. Most of the fans are in, but some may have to be adjusted.
  - **Photo Backdrop in the Arena** – Moving the photo backdrop outside to free up space was discussed, and there was no objection. It is rotten on the bottom and will have to be repaired and stabilized before setting it up outside. Jon volunteered to take care of it.
  - **TV Screens in the Arena** – Per Ron Byrd, the screens will be up for the swine and beef shows and the auction. It was asked why they cannot be left up all week, but both dust and moisture are concerns. The possibility of adding Ultimate Showmanship to Walton Webcast’s broadcasts was mentioned.
  - **Food Vouchers for Highway Department Workers** – In recognition of all the assistance the Highway Department provides, Ron Byrd moved to give food vouchers worth \$7 and which can be used at any food vendor to Highway Department workers. Marleta Misch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - **Rules for Security Personnel** – A list of rules created by Mark Helms was distributed, and the Board reviewed them. If approved, Mark stated he would place laminated copies in all barns and the 4-H Building. Buckets with sand for butts will be placed in the designated smoking areas. Laura Chapman moved to approve the rules as written. Jon Tebo seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - **Adopt-A-Building Signs** – Randy will be updating the existing signs and adding a new one for the Goat Barn as it has never had one.

- **Portable Restroom** – Chad Dahlenburg confirmed a portable restroom will be located on the Memorial Farm near the campsites as it was last year.

**Upcoming Dates** – Upcoming dates were listed on the agenda.

**Adjourn** – On a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Sara Shelton, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.