

MINUTES

White County Agricultural Association Meeting Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 7:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present – Suzette Alma, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Andrea Cole, Brandon Foutch, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, Cindy Griffin, Rodney Hall, Mark Helms, Matt Holderly, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Marleta Misch, Kena Phimmasen (Jr. Leader Representative), David Reiff, Denise Schroeder, Sara Shelton, Kim Stockment, Adam Wasson, and Andrew Westfall.

Absent – Chad Dahlenburg, Joe Demerly, Joann Hoyt, Andy Stoll, and Steffanie Warren.

Guests Present – Effie Campbell, Jan Faker, Deb Foutch, Scott Griffin, Keith Snowberger, and Brian Wall.

Welcome and Call to Order – Randy Freshour, President

Secretary's Minutes - On a motion by Cindy Griffin and seconded by Luke Furrer, the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Griffin presented the treasurer's report. The audit has been conducted, but the report has not been received yet. The auditor combined some accounts and is trying to determine how negative balances occur and how they may be corrected. It may require research into past minutes to determine if funds should have been moved from some accounts. The treasurer's report will stand until the audit report is received. Cindy also reported the Ag Association cannot use a debit card any longer per Purdue rules. Denise Schroeder explained the database being used by Extension is being changed with the goal of eventually being able to accept debit/credit cards; however, it may be a couple years before this process is complete. E-checks may be used to pay for expenses online, and cash may be accepted although it is recommended that two people count all cash.

Jr. Leader Report – Per Kena Phimmasen, in June the Jr. Leaders went to Indiana Beach and a dance on the Madam Carroll. They held their meeting before the dance and signed up for Fair committees. Their next meeting is July 17th at 6:00 PM.

4-H Enrollment Update – Andrea Cole reported FairEntry opened on June 1st.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds**

- **Water Upgrades** – Per Phil Hunt, this project is at a standstill pending drier weather. In response to concerns about the project not being done by the Fair, Phil answered he still expects it to be done. The campground will be connected by cutting through the Fairgrounds and 25 East.
- **Campground** – Phil Hunt reported that NIPSCO will be installing the main line to the campground very soon.
- **Stage** – Luke Furrer provided an update on the project. The old stage has been demolished, and concrete blocks will be delivered the next day. The new stage will be moved back farther to the east than the old one. Volunteers are doing most of the labor on the platform. FBi should be able to begin construction of the building portion around July 1st, and they anticipate about 4 days for construction. Building codes require an ADA-compliant ramp, and there was some discussion about the pros and cons of a permanent ramp vs. a portable ramp. Luke believes a permanent ramp can be built since money has been saved on labor and materials. Jan Faker asked if the dressing area and restroom will be finished to which Luke answered it will not be unless volunteers are able to finish it before the Fair as finishing the space was not included in FBi's quote. In response to a question from Jan, Luke responded that there will be stone around the base.
- **Dumpster from House Demolition** – Per Phil Hunt, Advanced Disposal has not picked up the remaining dumpster because it was overloaded and weighs approximately 60,000 lbs. Advanced will bring another dumpster so half of the debris can be moved to the second one, and then they will remove both dumpsters.
- **Waste Management** – Randy Freshour has spoken to Katie at Waste Management regarding disposal needs during the Fair, including two additional small dumpsters for the campground.

- **Event – Sara Shelton**

- **King Contest** – Plans for the contest are progressing.
- **Commercial** – There are approximately 13 vendors registered, and the Committee is working on a new layout for vendors.
- **Entertainment** – The acts are all booked. A model of the USS *Indiana* submarine will come in on Sunday. More donations are still expected for the 911 Exhibit.
- **Advertising** – The mobile app is being updated, and the website includes links to acts.
- **Hotel Rooms** – Rooms will be needed for the people who run the 911 Exhibit and the woodcarver. Someone from the Committee will book the rooms, and Cindy Griffin will pay for them.

- **Development – Adam Wasson – Nothing to Report**
- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma**
 - **Goat Barn/Beef Barn Expansion** – The joint committee met again, and FBi will be asked to provide quotes for some options. Fairgrounds Road will have to be straightened where it meets 25 East. Ron Byrd stated it is the Ag Association’s responsibility to pay for straightening the road and not the responsibility of either barn. Suzette Alma also noted the Beef Committee say they need more tie-outs.

Unfinished Business

- **Camping Registration**
 - Sara Shelton has built an area on the website for camping information which was still hidden to the public as of the meeting date. There will be 100 numbered sites, and Kevin Kelley is developing a map. On Saturday, July 8th from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the 4-H Building, Mark Helms and Sara will take reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. A second reservation time will be added on a weeknight if they do not reserve all of the sites on the 8th. No email or phone reservations will be accepted, and all payments must be made by check. The registration paperwork will be on the website, so registrants can fill it out in advance and bring it with them, or they may fill it out at the 4-H Building. Sara will draft an email with links which Andrea Cole will send out to all White County 4-H families through 4HOnline.
 - At the May meeting, camping prices were set at \$250 for premium sites and \$200 for non-premium sites for the week of the Fair. Sara Shelton moved to reduce the prices to \$200 for premium sites and \$150 for non-premium sites. Mark Helms seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Per Mark Helms, Godlove’s will provide dumping services on Monday and Thursday for \$40 per dumping. In response to a question from Cindy Campbell, he answered that Godlove’s is not requiring a minimum number of units.
 - Sara Shelton and Mark Helms explained the policies for golf carts. The Town of Reynolds’s rules for golf carts will provide a basis for the Board’s rules. Golf carts will be tagged, and each tag will connect the cart to a campsite. Only adults (no 4-H’ers of any age) will be allowed to drive carts. There will be designated parking spots, and carts will be allowed only on Fairgrounds Road and Main Street. Exceptions will be granted to law enforcement and emergency personnel and Board members to have carts within the Fairgrounds. Sara Shelton moved to allow the Committee to update the Town of Reynolds’s golf cart rules and charge a \$30 fee per cart for the week of the Fair. Mark Helms seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Sara Shelton set up a Google Voice account for the campground so messages will automatically go to several people on the Committee. Mark Helms will oversee the campground.

- Luke Furrer stated he spoke to Chad Dahlenburg about stone from the new power towers for the campground. Stone should be available by the Fair, but the Board must arrange transportation. Suzette Alma offered to solicit donations of stone from area quarries for the campground and other areas on the Fairgrounds.

New Business

- **Ag Association Website** – Per Kevin Kelley and Sara Shelton, \$100 was paid to remove “weebly” from the web address and lock down the domain name for the Ag Association. This will be a recurring cost every year unless the Board decides it is not necessary, and if so, it would just revert to the old name. The new address is www.whitecoag.org, but if someone uses the old address with “weebly,” it will still go to our site. Sara will provide a receipt for reimbursement of this fee.
- **Antique Tractor Update** – Keith Snowberger reported they have continued to clean up the house site and will put stone on the drive. They are also planning to begin work on the barn after the Fair.
- **Fair Office Sign-up** – Andrea Cole distributed a sign-up sheet for Fair Office duty and asked each member to sign up for a minimum of 2 two-hour shifts.
- **Money Prioritization** – As the County Extension Director (CED), Denise Schroeder submits a letter to the County Commissioners every year requesting a \$55,000 annual allocation for the Ag Association. This year the Commissioners asked for a list of prioritized projects along with this letter because they do not like surprise requests for large amounts of money outside the budget hearing process. Even though the Commissioners have asked for a 10% cut from all departments, they instructed Denise to request the full amount, and they will make a cut later if required. To that end, Denise asked members to make recommendations for projects. The following suggestions were noted: paving of roadways and walkways, straightening of Fairgrounds Road, drainage, multi-purpose building, tree removal, burying of electrical lines, and restrooms with showers at the campground. Denise asked that any other suggestions be sent to her by June 23rd.
- **Denise** – Beginning July 1st, the current Northwest District Director is going back to being an Extension Educator, so Denise Schroeder has been appointed as the Acting Director for Area X which includes 8 counties in the northwestern part of the state. In general, her workweek will be divided into 3 days as the director and 2 days as an educator. Andrew Westfall will act as the CED at least until the end of this year.
- **Fair Clean-Up, July 28th, 8:00 AM** – Andrea Cole reminded everyone about clean-up the morning after the Fair. As usual, Co-Alliance will provide breakfast.
- **Other**
 - **Overnight Security** – Roger Geisler asked that no barns be locked and no tents block entries into barns during the Fair so the people on overnight security duty can get in and check for fires, sick animals, etc. An announcement will be made to this effect at the meeting of all Fair committees on July 6th.

- **Sound System Repairs and Lights for Stage** – Kim Stockment has been in contact with Jeff Apple of Apple Sound and clarified the repairs to be made. Apple will also provide front and side lights for the stage.
- **Queen Contest** – Jan Faker reported there are 9 candidates for Queen this year, and most are 10-year 4-H members. Two Queen Committee members have sisters in the contest, so those two members will not be directly involved in any functions or duties with the candidates. There are 4 Junior Miss candidates. Little Miss/Mister forms are available in the Extension Office, and Jan will also send a pdf of the Little Miss/Mister forms to Sara Shelton to post on the website. She asked everyone to share the Facebook post with the link to the form.

Upcoming Events – Randy Freshour reminded members to review the upcoming 4-H events and deadlines listed on the agenda.

4-H News and Announcements – Randy Freshour congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stoll on their 25th anniversary and thanked Cindy and Scott Griffin for all their efforts on the stage project and for cleaning up the leaves around the Fairgrounds.

Adjourn – Kim Stockment moved to adjourn, and Sara Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.