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White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 7:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present – Suzette Alma, Brandon Bell, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Laura Chapman, Chad Dahlenburg, Brandon Foutch, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Cindy Griffin, Mark Helms, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Marleta Misch, Denise Schroeder, Sara Shelton, and Baily Tanner.

Absent – Andrea Cole, Joe Demerly, Bill Geisler, Rodney Hall, Rodney Hornback, Joann Hoyt, Kena Phimmasen (Junior Leader Representative), Jon Tebo, and Andrew Westfall.

Guests Present – Jan Faker, Deb Foutch, Scott Griffin, and Don Wright.

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

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by Luke Furrer and seconded by Brandon Bell, the minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – There was no treasurer's report due to a QuickBooks glitch. Cindy Griffin and Denise Schroeder have been working with an accountant to identify and correct the problem. The report will be emailed to the Board when available.

Jr. Leader Report – Andrea Cole was at 4-H Camp as were several junior leaders who were serving at camp counselors.

4-H Enrollment Update – Approximately 750 members are enrolled.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds – Luke Furrer**
 - **General Site Work** – Members of the committee have been filling in holes, grinding stumps, and working on drainage. They are also planning to work on the ground and drainage at the campground. Luke will follow up with Suzette Alma regarding donated stone.
 - **Goat Barn Expansion** – Work on the goat barn is progressing.
 - **New Restroom/Storm Shelter** – The initial budget estimate came in at \$425,000 due to the roof construction, impact doors, escape hatches, large lift station, distance from water lines, and overall size and location of the structure. Titan Construction is looking for ways to decrease the cost. A topography map is being created, and Luke will provide a copy to Titan to assist them in their calculations.

- **Event – Sara Shelton**

- **Vendors** – Sara has received intent from several vendors who have not submitted their paperwork yet. Johns Bakery will be taking over the Chalmers FD building and hope to be open all day, but the menu has not been established. The Homestead is definitely coming and will operate out of a trailer and pop-up tent. She has also been in contact with some implement dealers. Vendors and other organizations will be promoted through Facebook, and some 4-H'ers may be asked to help with promotion during the Fair.
- **Camping** – Kevin Kelley has taken over camping. The pre-registration period for returning campers is over, and a few new campers have registered. An open registration date will be scheduled and promoted.
- **Entertainment** – Per Samantha Foutch, entertainment on the stage has been booked. Denise Schroeder asked that the schedule be provided to the Extension Office by the end of the week, so the Fair Books can be completed.
- **Family Fun Zone** – Chad Dahlenburg reported on his conversations with A-1 For Fun, the provider of the attractions for the Family Fun Zone. They are offering a package for \$16,000 which has been discounted from the normal cost of approximately \$34,000. The attractions would be available for 6 days, an increase over last year's 5 days. A-1 can also offer a ninja warrior obstacle course for 2 days for an additional \$3000. A deposit is not required. Concerns were raised about where the funds to pay for it will come from since the Family Fun Zone lost about \$4000 last year. The committee also could not provide any data on the number of wristbands sold last year. Various pricing options and incentives were discussed. The committee will try to get sponsors to help offset the cost if approved. Brandon Foutch moved to contract with A-1 For Fun as proposed with the additional ninja warrior obstacle course. Phil Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Sound** – Randy Freshour asked if anyone on the committee had contacted the sound contractor, and it seemed no one had. Samantha said she would ask Steffanie Warren to contact him.
- **Donated Equipment** - Per Kevin Kelley, Bane-Welker is providing a tractor with loader for use during the Fair.

- **Development – Kevin Kelley – Nothing to Report**

- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma – Nothing to Report**

Unfinished Business

- **Stage Name** – The Queen Committee would like the stage named “The Queen Stage by the Bradley Tam Family.” While no one on the Board moved to name the stage as such, the signage for the stage and lack of prominence of the Queen Committee as a major donor were discussed. Cindy Griffin noted no slight was intended when the sign was created. Ron Byrd moved to leave the sign as is. Laura Chapman seconded the motion. Motion did not pass. Kevin Kelley moved to replace the existing sign and reorder the

donors from high to low with a larger, bold font for the Queen Committee. Sara Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Finishing the Back of the Stage** – Jan Faker presented a list of items needed to finish the back of the stage and which would be beneficial to the Court. There is still more than enough money left in the stage account to do this before the Fair. Luke Furrer will coordinate the project.
- **Gutters on 4-H Building** – Per Luke Furrer, the full scope of the project has not been determined, so it will be tabled until after the Fair. The ones that have fallen will be reattached or taken down before the Fair to tidy up the area.
- **4-H Volunteer Award** – Suzette Alma asked that the meeting be closed to the public while the nominees were discussed. All guests left the building temporarily. There were 2 nominees, both of whom have contributed significantly to the White County 4-H Program and Fairgrounds. A vote was taken, and a recipient was chosen. This individual will be recognized during the Award Program on Saturday evening of the Fair. The guests returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this item.
- **Security During Fair** – Per Mark Helms, the county fire department chiefs have voted to not help during the Fair. Honey Creek FD cannot be on hand all week even though it is their region, and immediate care is the biggest concern. EMT's can be hired through the Monticello FD for approximately \$20/hour, and their insurance would be provided by the Monticello FD. The total cost for 12-hour shifts on Saturday - Wednesday and shorter shifts on Friday and Thursday would be approximately \$1500. Kevin Kelley moved to contract with Monticello FD for up to \$1500. Marleta Misch seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ron Byrd moved to pay for this service out of the 4-H Remit Fees account. Mark Helms seconded the motion. Motion passed. The list of behaviors to be enforced by security personnel has not been developed yet.
- **Golf Carts** – In relation to the previous item, Sara Shelton noted the Commercial Committee is working on golf carts for use during the Fair. It was noted that a total of 3 will be needed for Extension staff, security personnel, and the EMT.

New Business

- **Fair Office Sign-Up** – Denise Schroeder passed around the sign-up sheet for Fair Office shifts.
- **Fair Clean-Up** – Post Fair clean-up will begin at 8:00 am on Friday, July 27th with breakfast provided by Co-Alliance.
- **Other**
 - **Antique Power Association Update** – Don Wright reported that the first check for the picnic shelter has been given to the contractor, and work on the barn siding continues.
 - **Garage Sale at Extension Homemakers Building** – Per Randy Freshour, the Extension Office learned a multi-family garage sale at the Extension Homemakers building was being advertised for the weekend of June 8th – 10th. Since there was no mention of it at the most recent Extension Homemakers county meeting per Denise Schroeder, it was believed to be an event for the benefit of individuals rather than a

fundraiser for the organization. Deb Foutch, county vice president, stated she knew very little about it but confirmed it was individuals and not an organizational fundraiser. Concerns were raised that the building had not been rented through the proper channels, and proof of insurance had not been provided. Cindy Campbell noted that even 4-H clubs must pay a deposit to use the 4-H Building for meetings, and the Extension Homemakers pay a deposit when they use the 4-H Building for their bingo fundraiser, so individuals should not be able to use a building for personal gain without renting it. It was suggested that a letter be sent to all building users letting them know how they can and cannot use Ag Association property. This letter could be followed up with a meeting in the fall with designated occupants to go over appropriate building use, maintenance, etc. Chad Dahlenburg moved to consider this event a fundraiser for the Extension Homemakers, not charge them, and clarify the issue after the Fair. Phil Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Horse & Pony Club Concession Stand** – Sara Shelton reported the Horse & Pony Club has hired a woman to run the concession stand, and the proceeds will go to the Club.
- **Pork Producers** – Randy Freshour spoke to Mike Smolek of the Pork Producers, and they agreed the Pork Producers would be billed for 2 years for the food prep area only and not the dining area, and the dining area would be an open food court. The Pork Producers will still provide tables and chairs for the area. Cindy Campbell met with Mike Smolek, delivered the contract, and explained how the total amount due was calculated. She asked him to submit the completed contract, payment, and insurance information no later than July 1st. She also discussed the bills for the auction dinners, and he said he would provide an invoice soon.
- **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals** – The last YQCA workshop will be held on June 16th at 9:00 am at the 4-H Building. Pre-registration is required. The certification can also be completed online.
- **Un-sponsored Booster Club Awards** – A list of un-sponsored awards by category was distributed.

Upcoming Dates – Denise Schroeder reviewed the upcoming dates listed on the agenda.

4-H News and Announcements

- Rabbit Club Tip Night - Monday, June 25th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, Pizza Hut in Monticello

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.