

MINUTES

White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, March 7, 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, Rodney Hornback, Joann Hoyt, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Marleta Misch, Denise Schroeder, Sara Shelton, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo, Steffanie Warren, and Andrew Westfall. (Brandon Bell and Rodney Hornback were approved as new directors during the meeting.)

Absent – Kena Phimmassen (Junior Leader Representative)

Guests Present – Deb Foutch, Scott Griffin, Keith Snowberger, Ashley Steuer, and an unidentified mowing contractor.

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

Approval of New Board Members – Suzette Alma moved to approve the following new board members. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Big Creek** – Brandon Bell
- **Jackson** – Rodney Hornback

Antique Power Association Report – Per Keith Snowberger, the Antique Power Association is moving ahead with updates to the barn (siding, doors, etc.) and will continue to mow as they have in the past.

Twin Lakes FFA – Request to Use Arena – Ashley Steuer, Twin Lakes ag teacher and FFA advisor, asked if they could use the arena for their Young McDonald's Farm event on April 26th and 27th. This is an educational event for preschoolers. Chad Dahlenburg moved to approve this request at no cost to Twin Lakes FFA. Suzette Alma seconded the motion. Motion passed. Twin Lakes School Corporation will request a certificate of insurance naming the Ag Association as an additional insured.

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Joe Demerly, the minutes of the February 7, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Griffin reported that Booster Club donations are coming in. The treasurer's report will stand until the next audit report is received.

Jr. Leader Report – Per Andrea Cole, there was a good turnout at the February meeting, and she conducted a cell phone etiquette activity. In March, there is no regular meeting as the members are working at the Food Pantry on Monday evenings. In April, they will attend the Jr. Leader Fun Night in Carroll County.

4-H Enrollment Update – Andrea Cole reported there are 632 active members enrolled with approximately 50 more pending for payment. There are also 133 active volunteers enrolled.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds – Luke Furrer**

- **New Restroom** – Chad Dahlenburg has received prices for the grinder and lift station. After a brief discussion about plans and capacity of the new restroom, Cindy Campbell volunteered to reach out to some commercial contractors regarding design, engineering, and building services.
- **Mowing Contract** – Luke summarized the 10 bids received, with Keesling being the lowest again. There were some questions about the timing of mowing before the fair and the height of the grass. Ron Byrd moved to accept Keesling's bid of \$4800 per year for 3 years. Steffanie Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Goat Barn Expansion** – Luke provided an update on the expansion project. FBI is working on the local building permit, but Area Plan wants a survey to verify the locations of the property lines in relation to the new structure. A survey of the entire Fairgrounds will cost approximately \$2500 - \$3000. Cindy Campbell noted a full survey has never been done, and if recorded with the County once complete, it will be on record for future projects. Luke moved to have a survey conducted at a maximum cost of \$3000 to come from the Tam Fund. Joann Hoyt seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Gutters on 4-H Building** – No bids have been received. Per Luke, the Committee will determine how in-depth the project will be and develop bid specs. Potential bidders may be referred to Luke.

- **Event – Sara Shelton**

- **Entertainment** – Per Sara, the Committee is considering some type of Family Fun Zone and more activities for older kids. They are also working on entertainment acts and would appreciate suggestions.
- **Camping** – Sara hopes to have camping materials out in late March. Letters will be sent to past campers with an option to keep the same spots. They will probably schedule a day to receive registrations as they did last year.
- **Amusement Permit** – Mark Helms was told by County officials that the Ag Association has never applied for an Amusement Permit from Homeland Security. Denise Schroeder and Andrea Cole believe that is an error, and they will follow up on it. Denise noted the fees have always been waived.

- **Development – Kevin Kelley**
 - Kevin Kelley will get a list of committee members from Andrea Cole and begin working on Development issues.

- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma**
 - **Trips and Awards Committee** – Per Suzette, the Trips and Awards Committee is meeting on March 19th.
 - **Tri-County 4-H Program** – Cindy Campbell provided an update on the new program. There are 17 members in the club, and all meetings begin with attendance, the 4-H Pledge, and a team-building activity in which all adult helpers also participate. Then the members break into groups for veterinary science and photography, and the adults assist them with completing their educational activities. Once all the activities are complete, the members will begin working on their projects.

Unfinished Business

- **Constitution and Bylaws** – Suzette Alma moved to finalize the second reading and move to adoption. Cindy Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sara Shelton moved to adopt Articles I – VII. Suzette Alma seconded the motion. Motion passed. Joe Demerly moved to adopt Article VIII – Section IX (remainder of the document). Cindy Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cindy Campbell will update the document and forward it to Andrea Cole.
- **Commercial Building** – The discussion was tabled until after the Fair.
- **Security During Fair** – Per Mark Helms, there are individuals interested in providing security, but they will not be off-duty officers. The rules/behaviors to be enforced must be identified so appropriate fees can be set. Directors were asked to email lists of items to be enforced to Mark before the April meeting.
- **Fans in Arena** – Mark Helms and Joe Demerly are still working on this. The discussion was tabled until the April meeting.
- **Ticket Booth from Purdue** – Randy Freshour has not heard back from Adam Gooding. The discussion was tabled until the April meeting.
- **Contact List and Committee Sign-up Sheet** – Andrea Cole asked the new directors to complete their contact information on the list and passed around the committee sign-up sheet again.

New Business

- **Other**
 - **Separation into Two Boards** – A committee comprised of Chad Dahlenburg, Cindy Campbell, Joann Hoyt, and Steffanie Warren was formed to research separation into two boards. The issue will be tabled until after the Fair.

- **Thank You Note** – Andrea Cole read a thank you note from Parker Robertson for the Ag Association’s sponsorship of his trip to 4-H Academy last year.
- **Elephant Ear Stand** – The Chalmers Volunteer Fire Department is vacating the stand. The vacancy will be advertised on Facebook.
- **Landscaping** – Brandon Foutch was approached by a landscaper who is willing to do some landscaping on the grounds but is unsure how to go about it. Several agreed that assistance from landscapers would be welcome, but they should present a proposal. Participating landscapers could be allowed to put up signage for advertising if they maintain the areas they improve. Luke Furrer stated the Grounds Committee will take up this issue.
- **Refrigerator in the 4-H Building** – Per Randy Freshour, the refrigerator is on its last legs and needs to be replaced. Ron Byrd moved to allow Randy to buy a new refrigeration at his discretion out of auction funds. Joe Demerly seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Additional Tables and Chairs** – Randy Freshour will research costs of additional tables and chairs and report back at the April meeting. Joann Hoyt also noted several of the small, narrow tables need repair. Randy will make the necessary repairs.

Upcoming Dates – Randy Freshour reminded directors to review the upcoming dates listed on the agenda. Per Luke Furrer, he will schedule a work day prior to the spring clean-up on April 21st. More information to follow.

4-H News and Announcements – Cindy Campbell mentioned the following 4-H events.

- Cass County 4-H Fish & Tenderloin Supper, Cass County Fairgrounds, Saturday 3/10, 4:00 – 7:30 pm
- Farm Bureau Tenure Award Applications Due, Monday 4/2 by 4:00 pm
- Goat Club Tip Night, Pizza Hut, Monday 4/2, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Adjourn – Ron Byrd moved to adjourn, and Sara Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.