

MINUTES

White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, March 6, 2019 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present – Cindy Campbell, Rodney Hornback, Phil Hunt, Sara Shelton, Cindy Griffin, Vivian Hornback, Rodney Hall, April Hall, Joe Demerly, Trent Hall, Samantha Foutch, Baily Tanner, Suzette Alma, Luke Furrer, Kevin Kelley, Brandon Foutch, Marleta Misch, Mark Helms, Laura Chapman, Bill Geisler and Andrew Westfall

Absent – Brandon Bell, Chad Dahlenburg, Julie Williams, Denise Schroeder and Jon Tebo

Guests Present – Scott Griffin and Randy Freshour

Call to Order – Joe Demerly, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by Sara Shelton and seconded by Luke Furrer, the minutes of the February 6, 2019, meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report was sent to everyone from Kevin Kelley via email.

Jr. Leader Report – Jillian Schroeder, President of Jr. Leaders, was present at the meeting to give their report. The meeting for the month was held at the Food Pantry and they will continue to volunteer on Mondays at the Food Pantry. They have Ag Day coming up in April.

4-H Enrollment Update – Andrew reported there being 614 members enrolled.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds – Brandon Foutch**

- Joe worked on the security lights outside. They have been disconnected or repaired and there are plans to continue to repair them. Brandon and Joe report a plan to have further discussion regarding the lights. The previous lights were replaced with LED lights by NIPSCO. Joe discussed how all of the lights have needed to be replaced since NIPSCO put them in. There will be some expense with this project, but Joe is only going to be charging for the price of the new bulbs. Joe suggested looking at another option if these current lights continue to burn out.
- With Ag day coming up, Joe discussed having a clean-up day prior to Ag Day to remove all the trees, etc. from the fairgrounds. Randy shared information regarding the bathrooms needing turned on for Ag Day.

- **Event – Sara Shelton**

- **Denim and Diamonds** – According to Treasurer’s Report, the event made \$646, but there is still \$200 coming back from Nick Green as well as money from purchases of extra beer. The event had about 80 people in attendance and Sara has received good feedback. Sara has been in contact with a DJ who has already agreed to offer his services for the event next year. Sara is going to print tickets for next year’s event and is going to ask each member of the Ag. Association to sell 5 tickets and tickets will be sold at \$20/ticket. Sara shared the date for next year’s event will be on March 7, 2020.
- **Entertainment** – Julie Williams emailed Sara and suggested having Ray Perryman at this year’s fair. He is described to provide inspirational services and has been seen at Livestock shows. He is willing to come in the evening and it will be a free will donation. He will be on the stage on Sunday in the evening.
- **Sign making** – Sara has been in contact with Cluttered Owl and they have been developing farm designs for signs. They are looking at having a sign making party on June 29th at the Fairgrounds if it is available. They are looking at charging a flat fee or an additional \$10 to the sign fee. This will be an evening/early afternoon event.
- **Vendor Contracts-** Had someone complain about change in costs of booth. They had a representative at the Saturday meeting when the new vendor contracts were discussed. There was discussion regarding them not wanting to come to the fair.

- **Development – Cindy Campbell**

- **Sponsor Management** – This group met February 12th, and a timeline of tasks was developed at this meeting. A few things will be tweaked including beginning tasks earlier in the fall as well as doing a better job of reading/proofreading the Fair Book and how the Sponsors are listed. Next meeting is March 19, 2019.
- **Administration** – The last club audit forms have been received. A meeting was held on March 11, 2019, and they are currently working on developing a timeline of tasks. Cindy reported the insurance renewal process has also begun.
- **Long-Range Planning** – The last meeting was held on Feb. 25th. Luke was elected chair of this committee. They discussed setting priorities. It was agreed that the drainage issues on the grounds are the number one priority. Restrooms in the campground are also a high priority.
- **Marketing** – First meeting scheduled for March 12, 2019.
- **Nominating** – Nothing going on currently with nominating. Going to work on developing a timeline of tasks.

- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma**

- **Trips and Awards-** Awards and Trips meeting was held on this night prior to the meeting. There were two applicants for 4-H trips, and it was decided they would be fully funded with money donated by the Bank of Wolcott last year. Suzette also discussed 4-H camp. Last year, the cost of camp was \$160/camper and 30 spots were filled. The committee decided last year to help pay for half of the cost of the camp. It is not yet known whether camp costs will be the same this year or if they will go up. The committee is reported to be asking if \$3,000 could be taken out of the remit fees to help pay for 4-H camp. A motion was made by Suzette to take \$3,000 out of the remit fees to pay half of the cost for 30 campers to attend 4H camp. This was seconded by Cindy Griffin. The motion passed.
- **Auction/Building Exhibits/Ulimate Showmanship/Battle of the Barns –** Nothing new to report.

Unfinished Business

- **Campground Restrooms** – Nothing new to report, but as discussed earlier in the Development report, the restrooms are on the list of priority for the Long-Range Planning committee.
- **Semi Trailers** – Chad was working on this, but was not present at this meeting. Joe has been in contact with Chad and knew he was continuing to work on this, but he didn't have any new details.

New Business

- **Rabbit Club request to use 4-H Building** – Suzette reported on this topic. Rabbit club had meeting a week ago and they want to have a workshop. The workshop will be on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Rabbit club members will be invited and they will also try to use the workshop as a recruitment opportunity. The club is asking to have the workshop because rental agreement for the building says no animals in the building. Suzette reports the rabbits will be in cages, but will be out at periods of time to help with demonstrating grooming, how to trim nails, etc. Sara Shelton made a motion to allow the Rabbit Club to use the 4-H building as long as they clean up after the animals. Seconded by Cindy Cambell. Motion Passed.
- **Custodial services** – It was brought to Joe's attention regarding concerns of the building not being taken care of like it should be. Contract was discussed/passed around and it was determined there are no actual duties listed in the contract. Joe feels standards need to be set, put in place and specified if we are going to expect them to do something. Cindy Griffin discussed a recent rental of the building and shared how the mops were filthy, the room was disgusting and a lot of the cleaning items were filthy. There was also discussion regarding the kitchen being filthy. Joe asked to have a little meeting after the Ag. Association meeting regarding the contract. Anyone interested was asked to stay to discuss and give input regarding expectations.

It was discussed how the contract would also include how it would be up to the Ag. Association's discretion that termination could be at any time if duties are not being fulfilled, etc.

- **Fairgrounds clean up** – Current date is April 20, 2019, however, this is Easter weekend. Suzette made a motion to move the date of the fairgrounds cleanup to April 13, 2019, beginning at 8am. A rain date of April 27, 2019, was also set. This was seconded by Cindy Campbell. The motion passed.
- **YQCA Coupons** – Andrew is in charge of setting up YQCA trainings this year due to 4-H educator absence. This is a program members have to attend prior to showing any animals at the fair. There are two options to take the training: an online option which costs \$12 and an in person training with one meeting being held in the months of April, May and June. The cost of the in person training is \$3. Last year the State Department of Agriculture provided most county offices with coupons where kids didn't have to pay the \$3 and could obtain a coupon. They are not donating the coupons this year and most counties are asking Ag. Associations or Fair boards to see if they would be interested in providing coupons. Andrew reported 80 coupons were redeemed last year. Cindy Griffin made a motion to use money from the Day Sponsor fund to help pay for the \$3 coupons. The motion specified the coupons would be provided for those who attend the in person training and for those who request the coupon. This was seconded by Suzette Alma. The motion passed.
- **Security** – Mark Helms brought up how the Sheriff approached him about having the Reserve Deputy program provide security at the fairgrounds this year. We would not be able to pay them as individuals, but we could make a donation to their general fund. Mark wanted to know if this was something we would be interested in doing. It was asked how much we would donate and Mark suggested coming up with a number close to what we charged last year. Mark suggested \$1,000 to \$1,250. Mark made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Reserve Deputy program to have them be security at the fair for this year. This was seconded by Sara Shelton. Upon discussion, it was determined the money for this would come out of the Parking and Security fund if available. The motion passed.

Upcoming Dates –

- White County Ag Day: Friday, April 5th
- First YQCA training: April 10th at 6:30pm
- Fairgrounds clean up: April 13th with a rain date of April 27th
- Goat/Sheep ID: Saturday, May 11th

Adjourn – On a motion by Phil Hunt and seconded by Mark Helms, the meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

