

## MINUTES

### **White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, May 1, 2019 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present** – Chad Dahlenburg, Cindy Campbell, Rodney Hornback, Phil Hunt, Sara Shelton, Cindy Griffin, Vivian Hornback, Rodney Hall, Joe Demerly, Trent Hall, Samantha Foutch, Baily Tanner, Brandon Bell, Suzette Alma, Luke Furrer, Kevin Kelley, Bill Geisler, Andrew Westfall, Julie Williams and Marleta Misch

**Absent** – Laura Chapman, Brandon Foutch, April Hall, Mark Helms, Jon Tebo, Denise Schroeder and Jr. Leader Representative

**Guests Present** – Scott Griffin, Deb Foutch, Don Wright, Sara Arvin and Abigail Arvin

**Call to Order** – Joe Demerly, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**Secretary's Minutes** – There were a few changes made to the April 2019 minutes. There was discussion regarding wording in the Century Link section and Beef Deadline sections of the April 2019 minutes. These recommended changes were discussed and noted. On a motion by Sara Shelton and seconded by Phil Hunt, the minutes of the April 3, 2019, meeting were approved with amendments.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer's report was presented by Kevin Kelley. On a motion by Luke Furrer and seconded by Brandon Bell, the Treasurer's report was approved.

**Jr. Leader Report** – Jr. Leader representative was not present. The Jr. Leaders last met on April 21, 2019. They planted trees on the fairgrounds and discussed having a food drive during the fair.

**4-H Enrollment Update** – Andrew Westfall reported there are 668 members enrolled at this time. Andrew shared how the enrollment numbers were around 750 members at this point last year.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Grounds** – Brandon Foutch was not present so Joe Demerly reported
  - There was discussion around some problems that were found in the restrooms east of the arena. Randy Freshour was working on this and reported on the problems found. He found a mixing valve leaking and took it to Scheurich's. Randy brought the valve back and it was observed to still be leaking some. Randy will keep an eye on it to see if the leaking increases.
  - Joe discussed tree pick up and how this is on the to do list, however, the weather hasn't been cooperating.

- Joe expressed great appreciation regarding the positive turn out for clean-up day.
  - There was a question brought up regarding stumps on the grounds and them being removed. Joe advised he would touch base with Brandon to see when they would be planning to get this done. There was some discussion regarding having one of the stumps carved. Don Wright mentioned someone who completed a log carving for Smock's farm.
  - It was asked if the restrooms could be available on Tuesday evenings for the Dog Club to use.
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- **Event – Sara Shelton**
    - **Denim and Diamonds** – Sara has tickets already made for the event. They are bagged and ready to pass out to members.
    - **Entertainment** – All dates are filled with stage entertainment. Julie Williams confirmed booking of Ray Perryman for Sunday night. It was discussed he would go on stage after completion of the Shooting Sports Awards around 5pm.
    - **Vendor Contracts**- It was discussed Pork Producers did not receive a contract and they expressed frustration with the new contract and having to pay more as they donate a lot of their money back to the fair. Sara discussed a solution to this. They will still pay the base fee of \$450. However, she discussed how they (as well as other permanent food vendors) will be able to subtract any donation to a club, project, etc. that has to do with the fair/4-H. This donation will need to occur in the calendar year. A few new food vendors have been gained: Frosty Freeze and Delicious Dips. Kona Ice will not be coming back this year and Sara has not heard anything back from Mitchell's.
    - **Other Fair Vendors** – Sara reported some struggle in finding other vendors. She encouraged members to reach out to groups, etc. that would like to come to the fair.
    - **Tents** – Cindy Griffin asked about having a tent available for the Day Sponsor. Sara said that would be available and tents will still be rented through American Party Time. Sara explored other options for tents, however, couldn't find any lower prices.
    - **Road Signs** – Sara reported April Hall is working on this project and has been developing a letter and map. Dye Lumber had been contacted and an 8ft post with green sign would be \$20.

- **Sign Making** – Date for this event is set for June 29, 2019. Sara scheduled the event from 2:30pm to around 7pm to allow enough time. Designs are still being developed.

- **Development – Cindy Campbell**

- **Booster** – There was discussion around the difficulty of getting money this year. Cindy hoped to have most of the awards sponsored. Contact has been made with committees to let them know what awards were still left. There are 4 day sponsors and 3 show sponsors in place at this time.
- **Administration** – Kevin requested an audit from Lambert and Lanoue.
- **Long-Range Planning** – Nothing new to report.
- **Marketing** – All fair book changes have been shared with the office. Cindy shared the signs that were made to display in the barns, building and arena. Cindy wants input from the arena committee, and signs will be handed out to each barn committee.

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- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma**

- **Trips and Awards**- This committee met at the conclusion of the last meeting.
- **Building Exhibits/Ulimate Showmanship/Battle of the Barns** – Nothing new to report. Suzette reported wanting to get with committees to develop a timeline of tasks. There was discussion regarding needing straw bales for battle of the barns. Whitakers donated the straw bales last year and they would be reached out to again this year regarding donating the bales.
- **Other** – Suzette brought up discussion from the March meeting regarding money for 4-H camp. There are currently 6 campers on the wait list. The total for each camper is \$160 plus a \$5 shirt. Trips and Awards is going to help pay half which would be \$85/camper. If the 6 campers on the wait list get approved, that would be a total of 36 campers. From the March meeting, there was a total of \$3,000 voted on to help pay for these fees for 30 campers. With the 6 extra campers at \$85/camper, the total would be \$3,060. There was discussion around where the extra money would come from. It was discussed that some money should still be coming in for remit fees. Cindy Campbell made a motion to take the extra money needed for campers out of the Bank of Wolcott fund. This was seconded by Sara Shelton. The motion passed.

## Unfinished Business

- **Selecting consistent week for fair** – There was open discussion regarding what week to have the fair occur. Trent Hall made a motion to have the fair start on the third Friday in July for the next 5 years. This was seconded by Julie Williams. The motion passed. For the year 2020, the fair will begin on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

## New Business

- **Fairgrounds Sound System-** Pro Audio came out to the fairgrounds on Monday prior to the meeting to look at the sound system. They gave a proposal to make appropriate repairs and additions. The total for the proposal came out to be \$3,554.40. A motion was made by Phil Hunt to have Pro Audio continue with their work. This was seconded by Cindy Campbell. The motion passed. A motion was made by Cindy Griffin to have \$3,423.62 to come from Fairgrounds Other fund and \$130.78 to come from commercial other. This was seconded by Sara Shelton. The motion passed.
- **Landscaping-** There was discussion around the need for the landscaping to be maintained throughout the year. It was discussed to reach out to landscaping companies for ideas and make sure they are aware that they are responsible for supplies/materials. We will be able to set parameters as needed. Joe reported he and Brandon will come up with ideas moving forward.
- **Arena Backdrop-** Sara and Abigail Arvin were present at the meeting to report on behalf of the Princeton Township 4-H Club. They would like to pursue making a new photo backdrop. This will be placed outside of the arena somewhere between the cattle and swine barn. Placement could be somewhere on the north side or north east corner of the arena. The proposed cost would be \$3,200 and James Wamsley will be building the back drop. A drawing of the potential design with dimensions and details was passed around the room. Sara Shelton made a motion to have profits from the sign making project go towards the backdrop project. This was seconded by Julie Williams. The motion passed. Sara Shelton also made a motion to allow the 4-H club to move forward with fundraising for the project. This was seconded by Julie Williams. The motion passed. Joe suggested reaching out to other barns about their input/suggestions. Joe advised them to fundraise for the project and then talk with the grounds committee or come back to the Ag. Association regarding other details.
- **Renting Photography easels-** A photography project member who is graduating high school asked about borrowing an easel to display photography projects at open house. There was discussion around allowing this to occur as long as they pay the deposit, bring back the easel, etc. A motion was made by Phil Hunt to allow the easels to be used. This was seconded by Cindy Griffin.

- **Volunteer of the year** – Suzette Alma reported on this. There were four nominations for this award, which the board voted on. The winner(s) will be announced at the 4-H Awards Program at this years fair.
- **Letter from Luc Sproles** – Joe reported on the Ag. Association receiving a letter from Luc Sproles who is a member of the FCCLA club at Frontier. Luc is a Junior and completed a project through FCCLA and will be attending an event in California this summer. He was reaching out to the Ag. Association for potential help with funds. A motion was made by Sara Shelton to give \$250 to Luc out of the Discretionary Funds. The motion did not pass. There was discussion around Luc participating in other fundraising opportunities to help raise the money he needs. Joe was going to reach out to Luc to have him come to the June meeting to discuss how much money he still needed.

#### **Other:**

- **Antique Tractors** – Don Wright was present to report. The cement has been poured and once things get dried out they will be putting out dirt. There will be corn in the field this year.
- **Fair Entrance** – Cindy Campbell and Cindy Griffin brought up a proposal for a new fair entrance. They met last week with Adam Wasson to develop an idea. Pictures/handouts of the proposal were passed around to everyone in the room. The money to pay for this will come from the Day Sponsor fund. The project will be completed by the fair and it is supposed to be easy to maintain. The white sign that is present at the entrance now will be moved to the west entrance. Cindy Campbell reported that Cives was not committed to helping with the sign. Adam said he would pour based for the flag poles as well. In discussion, it was brought up that a more rustic like look might go better when the theme of the fair. Cindy Campbell reported coming back to the June meeting with new/other ideas.

#### **Upcoming Dates –**

- **YQCA – May 9<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**
- **Goat ID – May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**
- **Sheep ID – May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**
- **Add/Drop date deadline – May 15th**

**Adjourn** – On a motion by Trent Hall and seconded by Julie Williams, the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.