

## MINUTES

### **White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 7:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present** – Suzette Alma, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Laura Chapman, Andrea Cole, Joe Demerly, Brandon Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Bill Geisler, Cindy Griffin, Joann Hoyt, Marleta Misch, and Sara Shelton.

**Absent** – Brandon Bell, Chad Dahlenburg, Samantha Foutch, Rodney Hall, Mark Helms, Rodney Hornback, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Kena Phimmasen (Junior Leader Representative), Denise Schroeder, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo, Steffanie Warren, and Andrew Westfall.

**Guests Present** – Leslie Barnes, Jeff Campbell, Jan Faker, John Gooding, Lisa Gooding, Keith Snowberger, Candy White, Don White, and Don Wright.

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

**Secretary's Minutes** – On a motion by Sara Shelton and seconded by Joe Demerly, the minutes of the April 4, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** – Cindy Griffin presented the treasurer's report and noted the goat barn and goat barn expansion accounts are not correct as listed, and she has been working to identify and correct the problem. Some awards have not been sponsored, and some project committees need directors to act as liaisons between the committees and the Board. The report will stand until audit.

**Jr. Leader Report** – Per Andrea Cole, the Jr. Leaders attended the Fun Night event at Carroll County on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and their next meeting is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**4-H Enrollment Update** – Andrea Cole reported more members have enrolled since the April meeting. She also reminded the Board about the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadlines for enrollment, animal ID, and dropping/adding projects.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Grounds – Luke Furrer**
  - **Stone at Campground** – Suzette Alma has some contacts for donated stone, but Luke stated the area will need to be graded before the stone comes in. Volunteers will be needed to help spread it once delivered.

- **Funds for Fans in the Arena** – Per Cindy Campbell, Honey Creek 4-H Club voted to request their 2017 donation of \$500 to the flagpole relocation project be reallocated to the arena fan project since there seems to be little interest in moving the flags. Joe Demerly moved to reallocate the donation as requested. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cindy also presented an additional donation of \$500 to the fan project, making Honey Creek’s total donation \$1000.
  - **Finishing the Stage** – Jan Faker, Queen Committee representative, asked for assistance from the Board in finishing the back area of the stage for queen contestants/court and entertainers. The Queen Committee does not have any more money to put toward the project; however, Cindy Griffin confirmed there are funds in the stage account which are left over from construction of the new stage last year. Joe Demerly agreed to assist with the necessary electrical work for the cost of materials only. Jan will try to locate some surplus lockers from an area school or Purdue and create a plan for the project. Jan also asked if the area right in front of the stage would be cleaned up before the Fair, which Luke confirmed.
  - **Naming the Stage** – Jan Faker has spoken to the Tam Family about naming the Stage. While they are not interested in it being named after them, they want their family to be acknowledged in some way. She asked that the Stage be named “The Queen Stage by the Bradley Tam Family.” There was no clear consensus among the directors present. Ron Byrd moved that the suggestion be published to all directors and voted upon at the June meeting. Joann Hoyt seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Event – Sara Shelton**
    - **Barn Dance** – Per Jan Faker, the barn dance will be held on Thursday after the auction. It was agreed that an 8:00 pm start time would allow the Auction Committee time to clear the arena.
    - **Vendors** – Sara continues to work on finding new food vendors. In response to a question about recordkeeping, Sara explained that she received very little information from her predecessors, so her records only go back to when she took over, but she keeps a record of all vendors and checks the amounts due. There was also a question about the stand near the horse barns, and it was noted that if the proceeds are going to anyone other than the Horse & Pony Club, the operator of the stand should pay rent.
    - **Pork Producers** – The situation with the Pork Producers was discussed at length. Members of the Pork Producers are upset because people who are not eating at their stand still sit there; however, that does not excuse them from paying the rental fee and submitting a contract along with the required insurance information. To date, no payment or documentation was received for 2017, and nothing has been received for 2018. They cannot use the excuse that the Board is behind in paying for auction dinners because the Auction Committee has requested invoices on numerous occasions with no response. There are two options: Pork Producers may pay for rental of the building only and allow anyone to sit in the dining area, or Pork Producers may pay for rental of the entire area with the responsibility of restricting the

dining area to their patrons falling on the Pork Producers. Randy Freshour volunteered to speak to Mike Smolek in person to determine their intent. Sara requested a written statement from the Pork Producers acknowledging their intent to run the stand and which rental option they want. This letter of intent must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Their past due and current rental fees, completed contract, and insurance information must be received by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Entertainment** – Per Sara, members of her committee are working to book a variety of acts that appeal to kids and adults.
- **Camping** – Per Sara, registration packets for returning campers have been mailed with a due date of May 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration for new campers will be open after that date. Camping information has also been posted on the website. She plans to hold a registration event sometime in the first half of June.
- **Insurance for Security Personnel** – Cindy Campbell reported that she and Suzette Alma had discussed potential insurance concerns with paid security personnel. Cindy solicited quotes for general liability and workers compensation coverages from both carriers. The additional premium for general liability coverage would be \$200, and the additional premium for workers compensation coverage would be \$44. If approved, Cindy will request the endorsements. Ron Byrd moved to add the coverages as described. Sara Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Development – Kevin Kelley – No Report Available from the Chair**
  - **Radio Advertising Solicitation** – Sara Shelton was contacted by a group of radio stations in Earl Park offering advertising for the Fair. The consensus was that they are not in our area, and the advertising would have little value. Sara will let them know the Board is not interested.
- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma**
  - **Tenure Award** – Per Suzette, the Trips & Awards Committee met on April 9<sup>th</sup> to choose the recipients of the 4-H Tenure Award.
  - **Award Program** – Per Suzette, the Committee also discussed the award program at the Fair. All recipients will be notified in advance, so they can be present when recognized.
  - **Tri-County 4-H Program** – Cindy Campbell gave an update on the 4-H program at Tri-County. She solicited and received a \$500 donation from Bank of Wolcott to purchase project supplies and provide funds for next year's registration fees. The kids are working on their posters, and during their last club meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, they hope to do some community service by picking up trash around Wolcott.

### Unfinished Business

- **Gutters on 4-H Building** – There was nothing new to report on this project, so the issue was tabled until the June meeting.
- **Ticket Booth from Purdue** – Per Randy Freshour, the donated ticket booth has been transported to the Fairgrounds. It was donated by Purdue Gran Prix Foundation.

## New Business

- **Antique Tractor Update** – Don Wright distributed copies of the site plan for a new picnic shelter on the Memorial Farm. The Antique Power Association received two bids from FBi and Morton, and they decided to go with Morton's bid of \$14,419. They hope to have it built by the Fair. There will be a limestone base this year with a concrete floor to be added in the future. Only one small tree will have to be removed although Luke Furrer suggested they check the arborist's assessment to see if any other trees in the area have been identified for removal. They are asking for \$7000 from the farm fund, and they will pay the balance from their own funds. Sara Shelton moved to accept the Antique Power Association's plan and allocate \$7000 from the farm fund contingent on removal of any trees identified in the assessment. Brandon Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Goat Committee** – Don White summarized the Goat Club's brick fundraiser and showed some examples of bricks already received. The brick fundraiser is meant to help fund goat barn expansion, including a new arena. The fundraiser will run indefinitely, and the use for the bricks will be determined later based on the number purchased with the intention to use all in the area around the goat barn. Joe Demerly asked why the proceeds from the fundraiser are going through the Goat Club account rather than through the Ag Association goat barn account, and he believes any group asking for money should be willing to show their books. Cindy Campbell expressed the Committee's concerns that other groups have not been subjected to this level of scrutiny, and if the Goat Club were to deposit the fundraiser proceeds into the Ag Association's goat barn account, they would need assurances from the Board that those funds could not be reallocated elsewhere.
- **Special Persons Expo – August 19th** – Per Andrea Cole, flyers have already been sent out by the host organization. The Board agreed by consensus to allow them to proceed as in the past.
- **Toilet and Shower Issues in Bathroom** – Paul Dilling, custodian, reported problems in the bathroom by the Pork Producers. Randy Freshour will call Scheurich's for repair.
- **4-H Volunteer Award** – Per Suzette Alma, only one nomination had been received to date. Nomination forms were distributed again. She asked that completed forms be submitted to her, Cindy Campbell, Marleta Misch, or Andrea Cole. Ron Byrd moved to table the issue until the June meeting. Sara Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Other**
  - **Thank You Note** – Cindy Griffin read a thank you note from Twin Lakes FFA for use of facilities for their Young McDonald's Farm event.
  - **Security Personnel** – Suzette Alma expressed concerns that if security personnel also have kids in 4-H, they will be stretched too thin during the Fair. She has emailed Mark Helms about this. The issue was tabled until the June meeting.

- **Kappa Kappa Sigma Booth** – Per Laura Chapman, KKS will open their booth on Wednesday and Thursday before the Fair from 7:30 – 9:30 am to provide breakfast during pre-fair judgings. This will be featured in an upcoming newsletter, and there will be signage during project check-ins and judgings. Laura also asked if there would be entertainment on Thursday night of the Fair because they are trying to determine how late they should remain open. Sara Shelton stated they do not know at this time, but vendors are supposed to stay open until 9:30 pm per the contract.
- **July Meeting** – Randy Freshour announced the July meeting will be held on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> rather than the first Wednesday. Building set-up will begin at 6:00 pm with the regular meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Upcoming Dates** – Randy Freshour reminded directors to review the upcoming dates listed on the agenda.

**4-H News and Announcements** – No announcements were made.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.