

## MINUTES

### **White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 7:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present** – Suzette Alma, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Laura Chapman, Andrea Cole, Joe Demerly, Brandon Foutch, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Bill Geisler, Rodney Hall, Rodney Hornback, Joann Hoyt, Kevin Kelley, Marleta Misch, Sara Shelton, Jon Tebo, and Andrew Westfall.

**Absent** – Brandon Bell, Chad Dahlenburg, Cindy Griffin, Mark Helms, Phil Hunt, Kena Phimmassen (Junior Leader Representative), Denise Schroeder, and Baily Tanner.

**Guest Present** – Deb Foutch.

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

**Secretary's Minutes** – On a motion by Joe Demerly and seconded by Joann Hoyt, the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report – No Report Available**

**Jr. Leader Report** – Per Andrea Cole, the Junior Leaders will be meeting at Exploration Acres in October.

**4-H Enrollment Update** – Per Andrea Cole, enrollment opened on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Online enrollment will end on January 15, 2019.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Grounds – Luke Furrer**

- **Work Day** – Per Luke, a fall clean-up day will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 am, and all are welcome to help. Brandon Foutch has arranged assistance from REMC to take down trees and trim branches.
- **Topography Map** – Luke stated that work on a topography map will begin soon, and this relates to the restroom project.

- **Event – Sara Shelton**

- **Fundraising Event** – On behalf of the new fundraising committee, Sara had asked for and received approval from the Executive Committee to move forward with a dinner/dance known as “Denim and Diamonds.” It will be held at the Reynolds gym in the winter with a date to be set based upon the band’s availability. There will be

a beer garden, and the committee will obtain a liquor license and procure special event insurance. They will also seek sponsorships to offset costs.

- **Meeting with Vendors** – Sara had called a meeting of vendors to be held earlier this evening, but no one came, and no decisions have been made on pricing. She will reschedule the meeting and try again.
- **Development – Kevin Kelley – Nothing to Report**
- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma – Nothing to Report**

### **Unfinished Business**

- **Commercial Building** – Sara Shelton attended a vintage market at the Jasper County Fairgrounds and noted their buildings were ideal for that type of event. Cindy Campbell has attended several such events at other fairgrounds, and they are often held in open areas or in open-sided barns; however, those fairgrounds all have fences that allow organizers to funnel in attendees and collect admission. While our facilities could accommodate this type of event, there is no way to control access. Per Randy Freshour, the feasibility study recommended a perimeter fence for the fairgrounds. This topic will be referred to the Long-Range Planning Committee.

### **New Business**

- **Proposed Rule Changes for 2019** – The Board discussed the proposed changes and recommendations by the Executive Committee and adopted them as follows:
  - Sara Shelton moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from the beginning of the document up to Beef. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - The Beef Committee had requested some changes to mini beef lead which could not be made due to a conflict with State rules. With clarification from Jon Tebo and Rodney Hall, it was determined that the Committee's proposed changes did not accurately reflect their intentions, and amendments were proposed which would retain the stricken language and add new rules to articulate the Committee's intent. Sara Shelton moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Beef up to Dairy with the amendments mentioned above. Joe Demerly seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - Ron Byrd moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Dairy up to Mini 4-H. Luke Furrer seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - Sara Shelton moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Mini 4-H up to Poultry & Pigeon. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - Sara Shelton moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Poultry & Pigeon through Ultimate Showman Contest (end of the proposed changes). Brandon Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - Some changes to Beef and Dairy awards and the Fair Book schedule were also listed but do not require Board approval to be implemented.

- **Approval of New Directors** – Cindy Campbell listed the names of prospective board members which had been provided to her as a member of the Nominating Committee. Additional names were submitted by other directors. Ron Byrd moved to approve Vivian Hornback from Monon Township and Julie Williams from West Point Township as they were the only candidates from their respective townships. Suzette Alma seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ron Byrd moved to vote for the candidates from Prairie and Princeton Townships as there were multiple candidates from each township. Joe Demerly seconded the motion. Motion passed. The individuals listed below were chosen and will begin serving on January 1, 2019.
  - **Monon** – Vivian Hornback
  - **Prairie** – April Hall
  - **Princeton** – Trent Hall
  - **West Point** – Julie Williams
- **Election of Committee Chairs for 2019**
  - **Grounds** – On a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Luke Furrer, Brandon Foutch was elected as Chair of the Grounds Committee.
  - **Event** – On a motion by Jon Tebo and seconded by Ron Byrd, Sara Shelton was elected as Chair of the Event Committee.
  - **Development** – On a motion by Marleta Misch and seconded by Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell was elected as Chair of the Development Committee.
  - **4-H Programming** – On a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Joe Demerly, Suzette Alma was elected as Chair of the 4-H Programming Committee.
- **2018/2019 Committee Sign-Up** – A sign-up sheet for committees was passed around by Andrea Cole.
- **4-H Online Volunteer Enrollment** – Per Andrea Cole, all volunteers must reenroll every year and complete the mandatory minors training every two years.
- **Other**
  - **Attendance Issues** – Ron Byrd asked what the Executive Committee had decided about directors with attendance issues. Randy Freshour answered that letters had been mailed to all directors who had missed 3 or 4 meetings, and no one else will be removed from the Board this year. Per Suzette Alma, the Committee's intention is to give everyone a fresh start next year. Directors who miss 3 meetings in 2019 will be asked to meet with the Executive Committee to discuss their absences. Cindy Campbell noted the Executive Committee's decision was not unanimous, but there was a concern that expectations had not been clearly articulated to new directors. Randy stated the Board could vote to overrule the Committee's decision. Sara Shelton moved to uphold the Executive Committee's decision. Brandon Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - **Statement from Joann Hoyt** – As an outgoing director, Joann Hoyt read a letter about her experiences on the Board and asked directors to respect each other, embrace change while appreciating the past, and value all volunteers, projects, and vendors.

**Upcoming Date** – Randy Freshour suggested Board members attend the Extension Board Annual Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Building.

**Adjourn** – On a motion by Joe Demerly and seconded by Joann Hoyt, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.