

## MINUTES

### **White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, October 2, 2019 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present** – Suzette Alma, Brandon Bell, Vivian Hornback, Luke Furrer, Jon Tebo, Chad Dahlenburg, Rodney Hornback, Marleta Misch, Rodney Hall, April Hall, Joe Demerly, Trent Hall, Miranda Furrer, Cindy Campbell, Sara Shelton, Samantha Foutch, Andrew Westfall and Baily Tanner.

**Absent** – Bill Geisler, Laura Chapman, Cindy Griffin, Kevin Kelley, Mark Helms, Phil Hunt, Julie Williams, Brandon Foutch, Jr. Leader President, and Denise Schroeder

**Guests Present** – Deb Foutch, Randy Freshour, Wendy Kleist and Tom Kleist

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

**Secretary's Minutes** – On a motion by Trent Hall and seconded by Jon Tebo, the minutes of the September 4, 2019, meeting were approved as written. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Kevin Kelley was not present to report, but the Treasurer's report was provided for members to review. Sara discussed how she is still getting notices from the tent rental company regarding payment. Sara has been in discussion with Kevin regarding this. There was a motion from Suzette Alma to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Cindy Campbell. The motion passed.

**4-H Enrollment Update** – Miranda was present to report. Enrollment is now open and will close January 15, 2020. Miranda and April Hall will be recruiting new members at Frontier next week, and Miranda has plans to get to Tri-County, Twin Lakes and North White. The first enrollment night will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Jr. Leaders will be having a trip to Exploration Acres over the weekend with Carroll County Jr. Leaders. Miranda reports the Jr. Leaders will be working more with Carroll County Jr. Leaders this year. Twenty-five kids attended the call out for Jr. Leaders and five more students expressed interest.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Grounds** – Brandon Foutch was not present to report. There was no new information provided.
- **Event** – Sara Shelton was present to report. The event committee is pretty stagnant at this point. Sara is continuing to work with April Hall to transition April into taking over the event committee. Kevin is still taking in money from food vendors. A sign making party with the Cluttered Owl will be held at the fairgrounds on November 16, 2019, as another fundraising opportunity.

- **Development** – Cindy Campbell was present to report.
  - **Sponsor Management:** Conversation was had last year regarding getting the Booster Club process started earlier. One of the first phases developed with the timeline of tasks is confirming all of the prices of the awards and ensuring that there is no undercutting happening with sponsor prices. Lists from the extension office were obtained and will be sent to vendors. Cindy will work on getting updated prices developed.
  - **Administration:** Nothing to report at this time.
  - **Nominating:** Information regarding nominating updates was discussed later in the meeting under New Business.
  - **Marketing:** Nothing to report at this time.
  
- **4-H Programming** – Suzette Alma was present to report.
  - **Trips and Awards:** This committee met and chose county medal winners and this will be published in the November newsletter.
  - **Auction:** Nothing new to report at this time.
  - **Ultimate Showmanship:** Nothing new to report at this time.
  - **Exhibit Building:** Nothing new to report at this time.

### **Unfinished Business**

- **Drainage Project with the County** – Luke Furrer reported on this and spoke with Mike Kyburz some more. As part of their project with the County Garage, they will not be bringing any tile onto the fairgrounds. They will leave a hook up available to be used at some point, but there was a decision to not bring anything onto the fairgrounds at this time. Mike is talking with Brad Ward regarding available options to bring tile down different roads at a later time, but this is not a part of the Highway Garage project.
- **Landscaping/Adopt-a-spot** – Suzette Alma reported no new information on this project, and she will continue to work on the project. Joe reported talking to Adam Wasson and he is interested in landscaping around the building.
- **Grounds Survey/Campground restrooms** – Luke reported on this topic. He has been in communication with Titan Construction and there is a sight meeting planned with them to look at the whole project again to develop possible options. Luke encouraged anyone who has interest in this project to reach out to him.
- **4-H Building Repairs/Maintenance (gutters/downspouts, south door, janitor's closet, etc.)** – Joe has reached out to someone, Ron McClure, who is willing to donate everything except for cost of materials. Ron hasn't been over to look at the janitor's closet, but he suggested around \$500 to fix everything. Ron was going to look at the gutters, and there is a possibility that an additional person will have to be contacted regarding fixing these. Suzette mentioned providing contact information for

the individual who replaced the gutters on the Rabbit Barn. There was discussion from Cindy Campbell regarding heightening the opening all the way to the ceiling for the storage room to allow easy access to store the easels. Joe was going to check with Ron to see if he would be willing to fix this as well. Ron was going to let Joe know whether or not he would be willing to fix the gutters.

- **Hiring of year-round groundskeeper** – Chad had no new information to discuss on this topic. Randy Freshour was present to provide more insight. Randy mentioned that Peru has a year round groundskeeper. There was no other discussion.
- **Usage of arena(s) year-round for 4-H practice** – Miranda discussed more on this topic. She has reached out to a few educators and hasn't been able to get a clear answer. She was going to reach out to the State office to see what else she could figure out. There was discussion regarding the concern for liability issues and being able to regulate who uses the arena at what time, etc. There was discussion about getting something in writing regarding a rule. Joe suggested opening this up to the Horse Committee regarding developing a rule. Miranda was going to reach out to someone on the Horse Committee about this.

### **New Business**

- **Proposed Rule Changes for 2020** – Proposed rule changes were reviewed and voted on. The executive committee reviewed the changes prior to this Ag Association meeting. A motion was made by Sara Shelton to approve changes through Dairy Beef with added banners for Beef. This motion passed. A motion was made by Sara Shelton to approve changes for Dairy, Goat and through Horse and Pony. There was discussion from Suzette regarding a weight limit for auction animals for steers due to complaints of some steers being too light. It was discussed that this idea be tabled and discuss it at a later point when it becomes more of a problem. This motion passed. A motion was made by Sara Shelton and seconded by Chad Dahlenburg to accept changes from Music through verbal communications. This motion passed. Sara Shelton made a motion to approve changes from 4-H Livestock Auction to Fair Book Schedule Changes. This motion passed. There was a motion by Luke Furrer to accept changes to Fair Book and Fair Schedule. There was some discussion regarding what changes were made. There was discussion regarding the time change for Tuesday evening project check-in for certain projects and having a time available in the morning for those specific projects to check in as well. It was discussed that an addition would be made for Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 8-8:30am for those specific projects. No further discussion. This motion passed.
- **Possible Replacements for Board Members going off** – Cindy Campbell reported on this. Prior to tonight's meeting the following townships had openings: Liberty, Lincoln, Jackson, Union, and West Point (2). There was discussion regarding additional vacancies after tonight's meeting. The nominating committee has been working to find individuals to fill these vacancies. Some of the townships already have confirmed nominees. Joe announced he will be stepping off of the

board, but is still willing to help out. Joe discussed having someone in line to replace his position in Princeton Township.

- **2019-2020 Committee Sign Up** – Sheets for sign-up were passed around the room with updated committee chairs. Ag Association members are required to sign up for three committees in two different categories.
- **4-H Online Volunteer Enrollment** – Enrollment is now open and members need to get this completed.

#### **Upcoming Dates –**

- **2019-2020 4-H Enrollment Begins October 1st**
- **Open Enrollment Nights – October 9<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**
- **Extension Board Annual Meeting – Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm 4-H Building, Reynolds**

**Adjourn** – On a motion by Suzette Alma and seconded by Chad Dahlenburg, the meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.