

MINUTES

White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2020 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present –Cindy Campbell, Luke Furrer, Bob Oliver, Betty Kelly, Randy Freshour, April Hall, Kyle Arvin, Samantha Foutch, John Gooding, Deb Foutch, Kevin Kelley, Jon Tebo, Denise Schroeder, Suzette Alma, Jared Baer, Rodney Hall, Rodney Hornback, Vivian Hornback and Miranda Furrer

Not Present – Baily Tanner, Chad Dahlenburg, Trent Hall, Bryan Gretencord, Jeremy Lemming, Cindy Griffin, Andrew Westfall and Sam Pinkerton

Guests – none present

Call to Order – Luke Furrer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by John Gooding and seconded by Betty Kelly, the minutes from the September 2, 2020, meeting were approved as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Kelley was present to report. The treasurer's report was reviewed and current funds available were discussed. Kevin discussed a new memorial fund for the McAleer and how the total for all memorials is now \$7,500 total. There was some discussion around building deposits and those being refunded at a later time. Kevin made some changes in QuickBooks to help with tracking whether or not these deposits were returned and whether or not the deposits were paid. This brought up discussion around who is checking the building after an event. It was believed Kyburz cleaning is checking the building after each event. On a motion by Randy Freshour and seconded by Suzette Alma, the Treasurer's Report was approved. The motion passed

4-H Enrollment Update – Miranda was present to report. Miranda reminded everyone that enrollment is open. Miranda said she has started to brainstorm ideas on how to recruit new members. Miranda is working on getting a Trunk-or-Treat booth together to help with this and encouraged anyone who was willing to help to reach out to Miranda. She reported North White and Tri-County are currently allowing visitors in the schools, so she is going to look at getting to those schools to discuss 4-H. On November 21st, there will be a Leadership Summit. Last year this event was in person down in Carmel and Miranda took 3 Jr. Leaders down for this experience. This year the event will be virtual and they are looking for host sites around the state. To have a host site the cost is \$100 and Miranda would like to provide lunch to encourage more people to come. Miranda is looking to cap this event at 20 people. The event will have a lot of team building activities as well as information about how to grow as a leader. It's a good event for leaders to refresh their skills and a good event for Jr. Leaders to learn some new skills. The board agreed this would be a good event to have.

Cindy Campbell made a motion for Miranda to move forward with setting up this event and to pay for the cost out of the Bank of Wolcott Education Fund. This was seconded by Betty Kelly. The motion passed. Miranda is actively looking for club leaders as the Union Township club leader stepped down. Miranda would also like to have extra leaders to put throughout the county as well. Miranda encouraged anyone who had suggestions to please reach out to her. Miranda would like to have a volunteer training this Fall and information regarding that will be sent out at a later time.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds** – Trent Hall was not present to report. Luke was able to provide an update.
 - **Water Lines** – The individual who was supposed to be working on the water lines has not been returning any communication. Due to this, the project has not been able to move forward. Luke encouraged anyone who knows someone who can help out with this project to provide that information to anyone on the Grounds Committee.
 - **Gutters** – Another quote was received for the gutters on the extension building. The quote for Leaf Guard came back pretty high, so it was discussed to pursue the quote with Morris. Suzette said Morris is going to be retiring, so he will not be able to complete the project. Suzette has another individual who she has reached out to and is waiting to hear back with an estimate. Luke reported getting an estimate from Bone Dry Roofing. Their estimate included: taking down all the gutters, putting up new gutters, installing leaf guards, inspecting the fascia board and replacing as needed, and potentially sealing up areas around the chimney. The quote wasn't as expensive as Leaf Guard, but Luke thought the estimate was around \$13,000 to \$15,000.
 - **Adopt-A-Spot/Memorials** – Luke asked Suzette for some information regarding these projects. Suzette reported she has been working on coming up with a plan for the memorial benches. John Gooding was able to develop a form to send to families to see how they would like their money in the memorial funds spent. With this form, the hope was to send another form that included information regarding the memorial benches. Suzette said she could send out information to John. Suzette said the bench style that was selected is the recycled plastic style benches. John suggested to increase the decided price of the future benches by a small amount to help cover additional installation/work by the Ag Association, and this would help in the future if prices were to increase on the benches then you wouldn't be continually updating the form. There were questions brought up regarding who would set the benches and what we would do with the old benches on the grounds. It was determined the Ag Association/grounds committee would be in charge of setting the benches. Kevin commented that the VanMeter family would like to see their money from their memorial fund go towards benches. Suzette commented we would need to reach out to families to see what they would like done with existing benches/benches that are in bad shape moving forward. In regards to Adopt-A-

Spot locations, Suzette has an updated map with existing and available spots. Additional spots were also added/created for those who would like to maintain a spot in the future.

- Luke discussed that he and Randy will begin to winterize everything in the near future.
- **Event** – April Hall was present and didn't have anything new to report. She discussed how Sara Shelton is still looking to plan a Denim and Diamonds event, however, a date has not been set. Some fun ideas for the fair have been shared and April encouraged everyone to reach out if they had any other ideas to provide.
- **Development** – Cindy Campbell was present to report.
 - **Proposed By-Law Changes** – Cindy reported tonight would be the second reading of the proposed by-law changes. Seventeen members were present with Jon Tebo attending virtually/via phone. The by-law changes were discussed and reviewed. Betty Kelly made a motion to accept the changes as presented. This was seconded by Randy Freshour. The motion passed.
 - **Nominating** – An updated was provided regarding the nominating committee and their progress with finding individuals to fill vacant positions. It was determined a vote would not take place until the November meeting. As of tonight, there are vacant positions in the following: Honey Creek (1), Cass (2), and there was discussion around the possibility of members missing their 4th meeting tonight. The following individuals were presented as nominees: Lauren Dimmitt (Big Creek), Lane Blackman (Cass), Roger Giesler (Carroll County), Josh Humphreys (Princeton), Greg Duvall (Cass County), Travis VanMeter (Monon Township) and Doug Morehouse (Prairie Township). After the meeting, Cindy will look at the attendance sheet and develop any other needs for nominees.
- **4-H Programming** – Suzette Alma was present to report. Suzette did not have any new information to report.
 - **Auction** – Cindy Campbell reported on these updates. The auction committee met on September 3, 2020, with a company called Grand Champion Software. This meeting was held due to increased concerns with the current software (Show Works) company being used. The initial cost for Grand Champion Software is \$1,000 with an annual maintenance fee of \$200. Show Works had an initial cost of \$2,500, an annual fee of \$350 and an occasional update fee of \$400. Grand Champion's technician will be onsite for the 1st auction with them. Future onsite assistance can be purchased, but it will be \$100/hour. Grand Champion Software will design and format the sale bills to our specifications. The auction committee felt good about this company and they would like to recommend tonight that the Ag. Association purchase Grand Champion Software with the funds to come out of the Auction account. There was a question brought up regarding Grand Champion having the availability to have

an online auction. At this time they do not, however, they are considering it. A motion was made by April Hall to approve the purchase of Grand Champion Software. This was seconded by Randy Freshour. The motion passed.

- **Trips and Awards** – Cindy Campbell provided updates. A meeting was held recently to discuss the Volunteer Of The Year award. Cindy discussed the idea of having a living recipient and a deceased recipient for this award moving forward.

Unfinished Business:

- **Landscape/Adopt-A-Spot** – The landscaping was cleaned up around the building, and they will be here in the near future to install the concrete curbing. In the Spring, they will be putting in river rock and putting in plants. Adopt-A-Spot was discussed previously in the meeting.
- **4-H building repairs/maintenance (gutters/downspouts, janitors closet, etc.)** – Gutters were discussed previously in the meeting. Luke was unsure where Trent is at with some of the interior projects. Trent has talked with Ron McClure about fixing some of the interior needs, but new information was not available to report as Trent was not present.

New Business:

- **Proposed Rule Changes for 2020** – A copy of the proposed changes was provided for members to review. The executive committee met prior to the meeting and developed some changes which were reflected/presented tonight. John Gooding presented a question regarding Section 9 under General Auction Rules. There was some question regarding the phrase “All animals, *with the exception of Swine*, sold must be kept or turned by buyer”. It was discussed and determined the section in red would just be taken out. This then brought up discussion regarding what would happen if there was no buyer identified to purchase swine in the future. There was also a phrase in Section 9 that states **NO Animals May Be Returned To 4-H Member**. It was discussed and determined it should say **NO Animals May Be Returned To 4-H Member By Auction Buyer(s)**. There was also a question about the Swine Auction Rules section #3. It was determined the phrase would be changed to read: If a turn buyer is not provided all swine will be the responsibility of the 4-H member and must be removed from the fairgrounds by 8:00pm on Thursday of the fair. It was determined the rule changes need to be adopted tonight as individuals are enrolling and need to be able to read these rules. The board went on to approve each section (sections 1, 2 and 3). A motion was made by Rodney Hall to adopt the rule changes in Section 1. This was seconded by Deb Foutch. The motion passed. A motion was made by Randy Freshour and seconded by John Gooding to adopt rule changes in Section 2. The motion passed. Kyle Arvin opposed the vote to adopt Section 1 and Section 2. There was some question about why Kyle was opposing these votes. Kyle voiced feeling like he did not have adequate time to review the changes. It was discussed how the Executive Committee goes through the rule

changes prior to presenting them to the entire board. There was also some discussion about not wanting to change something that the individual committees made changes to themselves without knowing more about that individual project. Jared Baer said he is going to go along with the suggestions made by those committees as he may not know much about that project. It was voiced how most of the changes made tonight were grammar changes. Section 3 of the rule changes were discussed. There was discussion around Dairy Beef rules, specifically the area of #12 and grooming rules. There was discussion around this needing to match the new Beef Show rule regarding grooming and those who are grooming need to be approved by the Indiana 4-H approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. This brought up discussion around what the committee is wanting. Suzette and Betty will go back to the Dairy Committee and talk to Roger Geisler to see what they want to do. A motion was made by Cindy Campbell to adopt Section 3 with changes made to Swine and Livestock Auction with potential changes to Dairy Beef pending consultation from the Dairy committee. This was seconded by Jared Baer. The motion passed.

- **Possible Replacements for Board Members Going Off** – This was discussed previously in the meeting. You can find information regarding this under the Development discussion of the committee reports.
- **2020-2021 Committee Sign-up** – The sign-up sheet was passed around for members to begin signing.

Upcoming Dates

- 2020-2021 4-H enrollment is open
- Extension Board Annual Meeting – Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4th at 7pm, 4-H building, Reynolds

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm