

## MINUTES

### **White County Agricultural Association Meeting Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 8:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present** – Suzette Alma, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Andrea Cole, Chad Dahlenburg, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, Cindy Griffin, Mark Helms, Joann Hoyt, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Kena Phimmasen (Jr. Leader Representative), Sara Shelton, Andy Stoll, and Andrew Westfall.

**Absent** – Joe Demerly, Brandon Foutch, Rodney Hall, Matt Holderly, Marleta Misch, David Reiff, Denise Schroeder, Kim Stockment, Steffanie Warren, and Adam Wasson.

**Guests Present** – Deb Foutch, Scott Griffin, Keith Snowberger, Blayne Vandever, Meredith Vandever, and Brian Wall.

**Call to Order** – Randy Freshour, President, called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM as the all fair committees meeting had taken longer than expected.

**Recitation of the FFA Creed** – Andrea Cole introduced 4-H member Blayne Vandever who will be competing in the Creed competition at the National FFA Convention in October. To gain experience in front of a group, Blayne recited the FFA Creed.

**Secretary's Minutes** - On a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Andy Stoll, the minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting were approved as written. Joann Hoyt asked that the post-fair evaluation comments made at the August meeting be compiled and maintained with the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report** – Cindy Griffin presented the treasurer's report. To the best of her knowledge, all fair bills have been paid. The audit report has not been received, but she has been in contact with the accountant. The treasurer's report will stand until that report is received.

**Jr. Leader Report** – Per Kena Phimmasen, the Junior Leaders will hold their next meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> and will kick off the new 4-H year with a pizza party.

**4-H Enrollment Update** – Per Andrea Cole, enrollment for members and volunteers opens October 1<sup>st</sup>. She will notify all volunteers who must renew the mandatory minors training this year.

## Committee Reports

- **Grounds – Chad Dahlenburg**
  - **Water Lines** – Per Chad Dahlenburg, Segal’s will be finishing some work on the water lines, and he expects to be approximately \$5,000 under budget when done. Ron Byrd asked if the water has been turned off yet, to which Chad answered it has not, but he will ask the Town to do so. Randy Freshour also mentioned some lines must be blown out and some fixtures winterized.
  - **Splash Pad** – Per Chad, he is continuing to explore a splash pad with Gene Clark, Town of Reynolds Water Superintendent, and the two of them intend to prepare a proposal to present to the Town Board. Cindy Campbell expressed concerns about the Ag Association assuming liability for this and the necessity to transfer some of the risk onto the Town should the splash pad become a reality.
  - **Trash Totes** – The trash totes need to be pressure washed and disinfected.
  
- **Event – Sara Shelton**
  - **Campground** – Per Sara Shelton, she and Kevin Kelley have cleaned up the contract for fair-specific camping and will present it at a later meeting with a goal of making forms available in January or February for early registration. They have also issued a few refunds to campers who changed from premium to non-premium sites or who were not able to use their golf carts due to ground conditions.
  
- **Development – Adam Wasson – No Report Available from the Chair**
  - **Nominating** – Per Cindy Campbell, the Nominating Committee comprised of herself, Ron Byrd, and Phil Hunt will meet soon to discuss candidates for the positions being vacated by Roger Geisler and Andy Stoll, whose terms are expiring, and David Reiff and Matt Holderly, who are resigning. She asked outgoing directors to inform the Committee if there are people from their townships willing to fill their positions. New members should be approved at the November meeting so they can begin serving in January.
  
- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma**
  - **County Medals** – Per Suzette Alma, the 2017 county medal recipients have been chosen and will be published in the October newsletter.
  - **Tenure Award** – Cindy Campbell reported the tenure award process has been evaluated, and a short application will be developed and made available to all 10-year members in the spring.
  - **Poultry Club Resource Manual** – Per Suzette, the Poultry Club has been seeking a good resource manual like those used by other livestock projects, and they may have identified one.
  - **Horse & Pony Club** – Sara Shelton reported the Horse & Pony Club has new leaders.

## Unfinished Business

- **Constitution and Bylaws** – The Executive Board will address potential changes at its meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> with the goal of staying on track for adoption of changes in January. Whenever the vote occurs, changes will be voted on and adopted/not adopted by section.
- **Grounds Rental Contract** – The contract will also be reviewed at the October 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meeting and changes will be presented to the full board for approval at the October meeting. Sara Shelton suggested the Executive Board consider increasing fees and whether sub-leasing should be allowed.
- **Who Is Responsible for Grounds When Rented?** – Randy Freshour stated his willingness to be the contact person, but he would need some back-up. Several ways to provide coverage were discussed, such as paying a stipend to the custodian for additional duties, all directors helping, and committees from all buildings helping. The conclusion was that ultimately the Grounds Committee is responsible. Roger Geisler moved that the Grounds Committee oversee rentals of the Fairgrounds and barn committees oversee rentals of their respective barns. Suzette Alma seconded the motion. Motion passed. This decision will be incorporated into the revised grounds rental contract.
- **Web Conferencing** – Ron Byrd moved to take this issue off the table. Joann Hoyt seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Other**
  - **Memorial Farm** – Keith Snowberger reported harvest will begin soon.
  - **Separation into Two Boards** – Phil Hunt stated he and Chad Dahlenburg have been talking with individuals from Jasper County where there are two separate boards: one to manage the Fairgrounds and one to act as the 4-H Council. Phil asked if this is something we should consider in White County. Various factors were discussed such as cooperation between boards, focus on 4-H, new fundraising opportunities, division of funds, annual allocation from the county, streamlining efforts, better utilization of volunteers' talents, etc. It was suggested a committee be formed to research separation into two boards, and the issue was tabled until January.

## New Business

- **Auction Money** – Per Cindy Griffin, there is about \$6,500 outstanding from auction buyers. The Auction Committee will reach out to these buyers if necessary.
- **Kilmer Swine Sale** – The swine sale is scheduled for March 31, 2018. Any changes to the conditions of the rental will be addressed through the revised grounds rental contract.

- **Other**

- **Indiana Association of Fairs & Festivals Convention** – The annual convention will be held on January 4–7, 2018. This is a great opportunity for Boards to contact vendors and entertainers and attend workshops. More information is available at [www.indianafairsandfestivals.org](http://www.indianafairsandfestivals.org). Cindy Griffin will make sure the Ag Association's membership fee is renewed by then.
- **Mowing** – The current mowing contract expires on April 3, 2018. Bids will be solicited in January, and a choice will be made in March.
- **Monsanto Donation** – Andrea Cole read a letter from Meredith Vandever from Monsanto. Monsanto donated \$1,500 earlier this year which was deposited into the general fund. They would like it disbursed to the four White County FFA Chapters to be used to update the FFA Building at the Fairgrounds. A task force comprised of the Frontier FFA advisor and FFA members who are also Junior Leaders will be formed to coordinate the efforts. Ron Byrd moved to disburse Monsanto's donation to the FFA Chapters. Cindy Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Alcohol at the Fair** – Randy Freshour stated it had been brought to his attention by several people that some directors were alleged to have been drinking alcohol at the Fair. An animated discussion ensued about directors who might have allowed it even if they did not drink themselves and how that and other activities relate to the Adult Behavioral Expectations agreed to by all 4-H volunteers.

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

**Adjourn** – Ron Byrd moved to adjourn, and Sara Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 10:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.