

MINUTES  
**White County Agricultural Association Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 1, 2023**  
**4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present-** Keith Altman, Molly Childers, Ashley Clark, Maddie Clark, Lauren Dimmitt, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, April Hall, Rodney Hall, Trent Hall, Scott Hood, Betty Kelly, Jeremy Lemming, Caleb McClure, Doug Morehouse, Bob Oliver, Josh Robertson, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo

**Not Present-** Lee Anderson, Kyle Arvin, Samantha Chitty, Jon Coy, Deb Foutch, Jr. Leader Rep, Roger Geisler

**Guests-** Cindy Campbell

**Call to Order-** President, Randy Freshour, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Secretary's Minutes-** On a motion by Betty Kelly and seconded by Lauren Dimmitt the minutes from the September 6, 2023, was approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report-** Keith was present to report. Funds Report – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund is negative – Keith thinks he has everything sold. It's negative \$390.00, he was going to take money from unrestricted to zero it out but wanted to let us know. Awards is negative, but we've talked about this before and there's a negative in the auction account but will be positive tomorrow as there was a \$3000.00 check come in. Not all the money has come in yet for the auction. Right now, we are waiting on about \$13,000.00 per Ashley for the auction buyers. The goat barn expansion has \$50,000.00 in it and Keith wrote a \$20,000.00 check tonight so it will be down to \$30,000.00. Profit and Loss VS Prior Year – There's a few things that are hard to compare. Building income general is where all the beef barn renovation and goat barn renovation funds are going into as an income line. So, it's not really \$90,000.00 more than last year at this time but that's what it will show. Everything else is pretty much in line.

**Jr. Leader Report-** In October they went to a corn maze – had 9 members attend, they had their completion trip with 10 members, then went to Purdue last Friday with 14 members. Numbers are holding pretty steady and hopeful that they'll be increasing. She's had a couple people reach out that they want to be in Jr. Leaders but have fall sports. They also had their kickoff meeting in September with 4 new members with quite a few interested. Their next meeting is Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Officers will be elected at this meeting.

**4-H Update-** Molly Childers was present to report. The open house that they had at the beginning of October went well. They had a little over 20 new kid enrollments. Molly forgot to write the numbers but thinks 12 4-h members and 8 mini-4-h members. She thanks everyone that helped and the Ag Association for sponsoring. The summer assistant position is open for applications. The information is in the newsletter and on our website. If you know anyone, they take a college student every summer. Normally we sign up for committees in January, but if

anyone wants to serve on the audit committee for 2024 let Molly know. Molly will need extra help this year with being on maternity leave. There was a letter from the state on information on deadline fees we talked about in September. We really need to try to get rid of the deadline fee just based on state recommendations. We are one of few counties that has a deadline fee. They will start auditing handbooks and if it doesn't go along with policies and procedures we could get in trouble down the line. There was a motion made in the last meeting to keep the deadline fees. If we are going to go with the state guidelines and suggestions Randy needs a new motion. Luke made a motion that we keep the fee in place and if they do not wish to pay the fee you can still participate in showmanship or you can only get a blue ribbon in projects for the building. Cindy Campbell gave some input on the building projects – the rules for fees has never applied to the building projects. So, when that rule was written years ago, the fee only allows late entry for live animals. Technically it doesn't allow late entry of any building projects. So, they've always just put them in, if they walk in at check in and haven't done it they do it. Most of them are mini-4-hers. It's not a group you want to penalize because as a leader I always tell parents mini-4-h is about training parents it's not really about the kids so much. It's the three years we teach the parents how to function in 4-H online and fair entry. Luke would now like to amend his motion. He would like to keep the fee in place for livestock and if an exhibitor doesn't wish to pay the fee, then they are only eligible for showmanship. Rodney Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Grounds-** Luke Furrer was present to report. Not much new. There are a couple leftover trash cans that need picked up and put away. Winterizing needs done. Randy did the rabbit barn restrooms, stage restroom, and went through the swine barn. Heaters are on in the other restrooms.
- **Events-** Lauren Dimmitt was present to report. They don't have anything to report.
- **Development-** Jon Tebo was present to report. There's nothing going on currently.
- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse was present to report. Successful auction with a few stragglers. We are meeting next week with the help of Cindy Campbell to look at going with different options and using fair entry for the auction.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Rule Changes** – There should be one rule change packet per table to look at and it's in your email. The executive committee has already met and went through these Jon Tebo wanted to bring up that we talked about at the executive meeting was on the goat committee about drenching – he did find the state fairs description of that, we were trying to find it that night, “The Indiana State Fair does not support the practice of drenching unless it is absolutely necessary for animal welfare. Should drenching need performed to support an animal's welfare it may only be done in the interior wash rack of the barn. Any exhibitor or someone supporting the exhibitor that is personally observed by show management performing drenching outside the barn wash rack will result in exhibitor disqualification.” We were trying to figure out the term for the state fair. Lauren Dimmitt made a motion to approve the rule changes up to and including

the dog rule section. Jon Tebo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jon Tebo made a motion to accept all the goat rules with the exception of the revised drenching rule. April Hall seconded the motion. Josh Robertson would like to ask a question before voting. He would like to know why other committees care if the goat committee wants to add a rule on drenching. He wouldn't like other committees to decide about the sheep barn rules. All were against the motion and motion did not pass. Josh Robertson made a motion to accept the goat rule changes. Jeremy Lemming seconded, and the motion passed. Keith noted that it's not listed as a rule change on the sheet but has had a lot of questions at the fair was if all mini swine members could show in showmanship or just the ones that finished second grade because that is how the rule reads, but people were giving all different answers. The rule states that you need to have finished second grade to do mini swine showmanship but there were different aged kids doing it. They either need to enforce the rule or get rid of it. 4-H online lets you sign up for it no matter the grade you're in even though the rules are second grade. Molly is going to look into blocking that feature for certain grades. Trent thought they made it second grade to make the classes smaller. The swine committee is going to go over this issue per Luke.

- **Other** – Cindy Campbell was present with an update on the multi arena project. The state approval was last week and building permit was issued by the county today. The check that Keith gave to her this evening is for the bleachers, they will be picked up before the end of the year. They are just waiting for FBI to give them their date to start. Before that they will dismantle the western end of the building the tree is already out, and the stump has been ground out. The interior of the building has already had its demolition of the building as well. Keith Altman made a motion to accept the rest of the rules. Jon Tebo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

- **Director Elections** – Randy is going to look through his emails to see if Lee Anderson resigned. Jon Tebo will send an email to nominating committee members to set up a meeting. Trent was going to ask Kyle Arvin about his resignation email. Last years list of people who were not nominated were: Mike Andrews – Union Township, Craig Byroad – Monon Township, Cindy Campbell – Honey Creek, Ross Clark – West Point, Alicia Hufford – Carroll County, Josh Humphries. Luke Furrer also had someone approach him about being interested. This will be tabled until December.
- **Other** – Jr. Leader Rep. has made two meetings all year. Randy doesn't think they made much more than that last year. Molly said technically they don't have a representative now. She just sends out an email or text message to them about the date and time of the meeting. Randy stated that they're actually part of the quorum count because it's a voting position. Maybe it's time to move it to an educator and have it be a non-voting position. He will leave that up to someone besides him.
- **Other** – Eugene Kyburz passed away and they put the memorials to the White County Sheep Barn. Randy would like to thank the Kyburz family in his honor that was a really nice thing to do.
- **Other** – Talk about holiday dinner at December meeting.

- **Upcoming Dates**

- November 29th – Extension Board annual meeting. Doors open at 6:15 pm.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 7:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds**

**Adjourn-** The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.