

MINUTES
White County Agricultural Association Meeting
Wednesday, September 6, 2023
4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present- Keith Altman, Kyle Arvin, Molly Childers, Samantha Chitty, Ashley Clark, Jon Coy, Lauren Dimmitt, Deb Foutch, Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, April Hall, Rodney Hall, Trent Hall, Betty Kelly, Jeremy Lemming, Caleb McClure, Doug Morehouse, Bob Oliver, Josh Robertson, Jon Tebo

Not Present- Lee Anderson, Maddie Clark, Randy Freshour, Jr. Leader Rep, Scott Hood, Baily Tanner

Guests- Ron Byrd

Call to Order- Vice President, Trent Hall, called the meeting to order at 8:15pm.

Secretary's Minutes- On a motion by Betty Kelly and seconded by Jon Tebo the minutes from the August 2, 2023, was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report- Keith was present to report. Funds Report – 75th Anniversary funds after they paid all the expenses from Unique Graphics, they ended up spending \$420 over what they budgeted. They budgeted \$3000.00; we will have to pull money from somewhere. Keith figured from the unrestricted funds, but he didn't do it yet incase he needed permission to do so. Awards are still negative. The one big difference compared to in the past is the Auction account, it has \$303,163.26 in it. We received a little bit more tonight, about \$11,000.00 more. \$314,000.00 in from the auction out of \$416,000.00. So just over 75% of the auction money is in, which is good at this point. Unrestricted has \$11,000.00 in it, it was running low before, but we received our \$15,000.00 from the county we were waiting on. Profit and Loss vs Prior Year – the numbers look a lot different just based on we haven't paid out the auction yet and last year John had put it in QuickBooks before the meeting so that's a big difference of about \$375,000.00. There should be \$50,000.00 coming from either the landfill or Liberty Township; \$25,000.00 of it going to the swine barn and \$25,000.00 of it going to the beef barn according to Mike Smolek. Ron Byrd will be getting ahold of Mike since Keith hasn't received it yet.

Jr. Leader Report- Kickoff September 18th. Grades 7-12. April Hall suggested that the Jr. Leader and an adult help at each school get the word out and recruit.

4-H Update- Molly Childers was present to report. Enrollment openings begin October 1st for 4-H members and volunteers. Molly would like to have everyone to be enrolled by the November meeting because technically you're not supposed to be voting members if you are not enrolled in 4-H online. Open house will be on October 2nd, last year there was a good number of 20 people total come enroll that night. Molly would like to know if we would like to do a sponsorship again – last year we sponsored new enrollments that came that night or would we

like to do something different. Samantha Chitty made a motion to pay for any new members that come in that night to enroll. Jeremy Lemming seconded the motion. The money can come from The Bank of Wolcott. The motion passed. Molly is also hosting two volunteer training sessions on October 18th and 30th, it'll be directed more towards club leaders, but anyone is welcome to come. Rule changes are due September 18th, anything that you want changed needs to be turned in by then.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds-** Luke Furrer was present to report. Things have been a little slow. The Fire Marshal showed back up and we passed everything. No fines this year. Luke is going to stay in communication with him and try to keep him happy. The county attorney received the report. Bob Oliver is going to call the fire marshal to meet with him to see what he must do to make his area work. The concert went well on the grounds. Luke moved the bleachers off the grass so mowing could get done and he'll bring his gator in to put them away. This winter he plans to start grinding stumps and try to get a plan on the sound system. If anyone is interested in either of those two; see Luke.
- **Events-** Lauren Dimmitt was present to report. They've been talking about some events for next year and getting ahold of people now and try to secure better options.
- **Development-** Jon Tebo was present to report. There's nothing going on currently.
- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse was present to report. We are close to 75% of getting our auction money in. Checks will start going out by species as we can cover those checks. Other than that, there's not a whole lot going on.

Unfinished Business:

- **Other** – None

New Business:

- **Officer Elections** – President: Keith Altman nominated Trent Hall, Samantha Chitty seconded the motion. The motion passed that Trent Hall will be the President starting in 2024. Vice President: Betty Kelly was nominated and seconded by Lauren Dimmitt. The motion passed that Betty Kelly will be the Vice President starting in 2024. Events: April Hall was nominated by Samantha Chitty and seconded by Deb Foutch. The motion passed that April Hall will be the Chairman of Events starting in 2024. Grounds: Randy Freshour was nominated by April Hall and the motion passed. Randy will be the Chairman of Grounds starting in 2024.
- **July Pre-fair Dates** – July 1st falls on a Monday – the fair committees meeting would logically be July 3rd is everyone okay with it being on July 3rd? The office will be closed on the 4th and the 5th. Keep the July 3rd date.
- **Missed Deadline Fees** – The State really wants to do away with missed deadline fees. Currently we charge \$50/project/kid if they missed the July 1st deadline. They really want consistency across the state and it's only a matter of time before somebody complains to the state and they come back on us. They would like to enforce deadlines

by saying you can't show, or you can show for participation only. It's usually the same families each year paying the late fees. There was a grievance filed in another county this year due to this. Josh Robertson made a motion to keep the late fee. Roger Geisler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Twin Lakes FFA** – They're wanting to host an open goat show in the arena. Molly gave them the prices on renting the buildings, but she didn't know if we could give them any sort of discounted rates for being a youth organization. They're asking to use the show arena, swine barn, and bathrooms. It would be a spring show. There would be a chance that the swine wash racks wouldn't be available in the springtime. In total the rent for the three buildings would be \$1,000.00. Luke Furrer made the motion to waive the fee since it's an FFA organization putting on the open show. They would still need to put the deposit down and if everything is cleaned up at the end, they'll get the deposit back. The motion was seconded by Jon Tebo and the passed to waive the \$1,000.00 fee. Molly will double check that this is a fundraiser and proceeds will be going to the FFA.
- **Other-** Rule changes: we voted to not have a meeting in October. The executive committee will need to get together after September 18th to go over rule changes and approve them. One rule that is in the general rule book that was brought up by the Swine Committee is – Substitute Showman rule – if you have a sick showman or can't be there for a reason, if you fill out a form 24 hours prior to the show that you can have another 4-h member show your animal. It doesn't have in that rule any consequences if someone doesn't fill out the form and still has someone show their animal. Cross out 24 hours. Add discretion of committees and up to disqualification.
- **Ag Association Meetings** – Betty would like to see all Ag Association meetings start at 7pm and any other meetings be before. Luke Furrer seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Upcoming Dates

- September 18th – Rule changes are due
- September 18th – Jr. Leader Kick Off
- October 1st – Open Enrollment
- October 2nd – Enrollment Open House
- October 18th – Volunteer Training Sessions
- October 30th – Volunteer Training Sessions

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 7:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds

Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.