

MINUTES
White County Agricultural Association Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 2024
4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present-Keith Altman, Molly Childers, Ashley Clark, Jon Coy, Lauren Dimmitt, Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, April Hall, Trent Hall, Scott Hood, Betty Kelly, Jeremy Lemming, Caleb McClure, Doug Morehouse, Kimberly Neuendorf, Bob Oliver, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo

Not Present- Clint Federer, Deb Foutch, Randy Freshour, Rodney Hall, Hillary Hawkins, Jr. Leader Rep – Blaine Reiff, Josh Robertson, Steve Schemerhorn

Guests- Ron Byrd, Kyle Byrd, Amanda German

Call to Order- President, Trent Hall, called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.

Secretary's Minutes-On a motion by April Hall and seconded by Betty Kelly the minutes from August 7, 2024, was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report- Keith was present to report. Funds Report – Keith moved money to bring the accounts that were negative last month, which were TAM fund and zeroed that out and Awards – took the money from education and programming. There are two accounts negative right now Keith left them negative to show what wasn't raised necessarily on the projects for the Goat Barn and Beef Barn expansions. Both are close in the big scheme of things to covering everything with their initial fundraising. There is going to be a little bit more money coming in because we haven't applied the money from the auction or anything like that yet. Next month we should know exactly where we are. Profit Loss vs Prior – Keith marked on the side all the big changes that he saw. For the most part everything is paid since fair, there are one or two little bills that come in every now and then, but all big bills are paid. Scott Hood made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Betty Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jr. Leader Report- Blaine Reiff was not present to report. Molly reported that they have their kickoff September 24th at 6:30 pm at the 4-H Building if you know anyone who would like to join the Jr. Leaders, must be in 7th-12th grade.

4-H Update- Molly Childers was present to report. 4-H enrollments start October 1st, that's for 4-h'ers and volunteers. Molly will send out instructions and preferably have your enrollment done before our next meeting in November. Rule changes are due October 1st, includes any committees that have any rule changes for the handbook. There are a few State Fair/County projects that are left in the breeze way if you know any of the names, we'd like to get them back to them.

Committee Reports

- **Development-** Jon Tebo was present to report nothing new this month.

- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse was present to report. We are close to being able to have enough funds in to get auction checks out and hopefully checks will be here next week so we can print checks. Battle of the Barn winners was announced in the newsletter.
- **Event-** April Hall was present to report nothing new this month.
- **Grounds-** Randy Freshour was not present to report.

Unfinished Business:

- **Donation prices for banners & trophies** – Jon Tebo has talked to several of the different committees, and it was brought to our attention that the triangle banners that the barns have been using, we started doing the math on that and most of the sponsorships are \$30 and the banners are \$50/piece. Several barns have inquired about switching that up anyway to a vinyl banner that is roughly half the cost. They're capable of being indoor/outdoor. The question Jon has is do we want as an Ag Association to say we are getting them all from the same place or do we want to allow the barns to go the direction they want to go, and they be responsible for their own. The office will still have to order the regular ribbons, but it will considerably change the expenditures on awards. Lauren's concern with each barn doing their own thing is will there be different wording on each barn's banners. Jon's biggest concern he wants to include in all those is who sponsored them. Some of those don't get decided until the first of June. Betty asked if it was possible to let the office order all of them, but if we go with the banners let them order through Scott. Jon told the office to hold off on ordering from the previous vendor yet, for early discount there they have to be ordered by September 20th. Either way, it will still go through the office. Horse & Pony used the vinyl banner this year (2023) and with the rain, they withheld and still looked good. Roger requested that trophies all be the same each year just in case there are leftovers, and they can just peel off the sticker. Doug Morehouse made a motion that the Ag Association goes with the vinyl banners consistent through all the species, if a barn wants something different that barn can go through somewhere else and pay the difference. Doug Morehouse withdraws his motion. Jeremy Lemming moves to accept a new vinyl generic banner across all barns and species. Roger Geisler seconds the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

- **4-H Cords for Graduates** – Doug Morehouse presented that a lot of places give out awards for graduations. Donors have generously offered to pay for green and white 4-H cords through the office to give to all the graduating seniors that have completed 4-H. April Hall said that their club has been doing this and they have been giving them to graduating seniors who have been members for at least 4 years. She recommends giving to the club members to give to the seniors.
- **New Officer Elections** – Trent Hall was nominated for 2025 President. Nominations were closed and seconded. Motion passed. Lauren Dimmitt nominated Betty Kelly to be

Vice President for 2025 Jon Tebo seconded the motion. Luke Furrer nominated Jon Tebo; Jon declined. Doug moved to close nominations. The motion passed for Betty to be the 2025 VP. Betty Kelly nominated Baily Tanner for Secretary. Doug Morehouse moved to close nominations. Motion passed for Baily Tanner for a one-year term as Secretary. Keith Altman nominated Scott Hood for the 2025 Treasurer. Doug Morehouse moved for nominations to be closed. Motion passed for Scott Hood as Treasurer. Jon Tebo nominated Ashley Clark for the 2025 Development Chair. Keith Altman moved for nominations to be closed. Motion passed for Ashley Clark is 2025 Development Committee Chair. Jon Tebo nominated Keith Altman to be 4-H Programming Chairman. Luke Furrer moved to close nominations. Motion passes for Keith Altman as the 2025 4-H Programming Chairman. Jon Tebo is nominating April Hall for the Events Committee Chairman. Doug Morehouse moved to close nominations. Motion passes to keep April Hall as the 2025 Events Committee Chairman. Ashley Clark nominates Doug Morehouse as the Grounds Chairman. April Hall seconds. Motion passed for Doug Morehouse to be the 2025 Grounds Chairman.

- **Static Judge Rate Increase** - Molly presented that we currently pay \$50 for static judges, with the increase in gas prices, asked if we could increase to \$60. Doug Morehouse made a motion to raise the static judge rate to \$70. Jon Tebo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Nominating Committee** – New board member suggestions for Cass/Liberty, Honey Creek, Monon, and Prairie Townships.

Upcoming Dates

- September 24th – 6:30 pm Jr Leader Kickoff
- October 1st – 4-H registration opens

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 7:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds

Adjourn- Jon Tebo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.