

Minutes

February 5, 2003

President Roger Tormoehlen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Those in attendance were:

Bill Field, Purdue University
Dennis Meredith, Precision Alliance Group
Rick Ainsworth, Farm Bureau Insurance
Roger Tormoehlen, Purdue University
Don Beeler, Indiana Department of Health

The minutes were approved and distributed. There was no treasurer's report.

Bill field reported on the sales of coloring books and the status of the two Purdue endowed scholarships. Approximately \$2,400 was raised since the last meeting to support scholarships. At least three will be given out this year.

Roger Tormoehlen reported on the NIOSH sponsored tractor safety curriculum. He will have Robbie Ortega, his graduate student, attend a future meeting to present some of the research findings on the educational effectiveness of the curriculum. The material will be available shortly on the web and in CD-ROM format.

Roger also summarized the two USDA funded tractor safety projects: one on using graphics and the second on developing a database for the tractor certification program. A discussion took place on the need for more training material for use with Hispanic farm workers. The number of farms that presently employ more than 11 employees is also growing.

Bill Field discussed the presentation to ICARD on the need for new resources to promote farm safety. He briefly reviewed the 2002 Summary of Farm-related Fatalities. A copy of the finished report will be distributed to all members.

Roger Tormoehlen introduced Richard Vonnegut of the Hoosier Rails to Trails Project. Mr. Vonnegut discussed the value of these trails and how these trails could contribute to the health and well-being of rural communities. He invited the Council to participate in the upcoming conference on Rails to Trails that will be held September 21–23 in Indianapolis. He would appreciate the Council's support. A motion was made and approved to table any decisions on the issue until the next meeting.

Roger then led a discussion on the Council's website. Some of the suggestions for improvements included:

1. Adding minutes to the site
2. Include upcoming events
3. Use contents of brochure for "About Us"
4. Drop 1999 Resource Directory
5. Put up all OSHA standards related to agricultural worksites
 - OSHA
 - Motor Vehicle
6. National Farm Safety Week link to N. S. C.
7. Update fatality summary
8. Change Fun Stuff to "Kids Stuff"

Dennis Meredith raised the concern over the issue of nuisance dust produced at agricultural worksites. Producers need to be aware of the potential impact that dust will have on communities with changing expectations of clean air.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 9th at 10:00 am at the Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis.

2003 Members

Donna M. Agness
Arthritis Foundation, Indiana Chapter
Donald & Patricia Beeler
Ronald G. Burgdorf
Clarian Health
Field & Associates
Spencer & Susan Grover
Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.
Indiana State Library
Vogel Popcorn
Gene E. Weaver