

Minutes
Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council
January 26, 2006
Farm Bureau Building
Indianapolis, IN

Mac Legault opened the meeting in place of Dennis Meredith, who was unable to attend. Those in attendance were:

Rick Ainsworth, Farm Bureau Insurance
Dawn Davis, Indiana Young Farmers
Bill Field, Purdue University
Mac Legault, Indiana State University
Ernie Sheldon, Indiana State University
Bob Sunman, Indiana Department of Health
Michelle Wallpe, Member

The minutes of December 14, 2005 meeting were approved as distributed.

Ernie Sheldon provided a treasurer's report which is attached. Ernie reported that the bank was requiring new information on those with signature authority. He has paid the annual non-profit registration to the Secretary of State. The current Council bank has had difficulty in maintaining the Council's account. A discussion took place on possibly changing the bank current being used. It was agreed to leave the decision up to Ernie. Ernie was also charged to move excess funds into higher yielding savings accounts or C.D.s.

A note was read from Chaka Dial, Indiana State University safety major, thanking the Council for the grant of \$300 to support her presentation at a national meeting.

A discussion took place on the 2006 Ag Safety and Health Forum. Potential conflicts were discussed with the September 13 date. It was uncertain whether Dennis Meredith had confirmed a site in the Milford area. Bill Field indicated that the site in Shipshewana was still available. Bill would contact Dennis and a site would be selected within two weeks.

Rick Ainsworth led a discussion concerning the Council's Awards Program. There is a need to revise the program's policy. Bill Field made a motion to establish an award's committee to update the documents and come back with a draft for the next meeting.

Bill Field proposed that the Council establish a permanent endowment to support the awards program. The Council has a C.D. that comes due in August that could be used as

the initial endowment base. It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting. There was no report on State Fair safety exhibits.

Bill Field discussed the Council website which should be up and running shortly. The site would be located at Purdue and would be expanded as information becomes available. Bill also indicated that the Council's stationary will be updated.

Michelle Wallpe agreed to work with Bill Field to begin working on a regular publication of the Council newsletter. The goal will be to publish four seasonal issues per year.

Mac discussed the proposal that he and Ernie Sheldon have submitted to enhance the farm equipment road signs. Signs are already being put up across the state and if a new sign is needed, it will have to be introduced soon.

The next meeting was schedule for March 9, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis.

Submitted by,

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Secretary