

Minutes
Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council
April 25, 2006
Farm Bureau Building
Indianapolis, IN

Dennis Meredith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis. The following individuals were present:

Suzanne Bingham, Farm Bureau Insurance
Chaka Dial, Indiana State University student
Bill Field, Purdue University
Mac Legault, Indiana State University
Dennis Meredith, Precision Alliance Group
Ernie Sheldon, Indiana State University
Santiago Tijerina, Transition Resources Corporation

Chaka Dial, a student at Indiana State University gave a presentation of her work that the Council helped support presenting at a national meeting. The focus of her work was on carpal tunnel syndrome.

Minutes of the March 9, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

Ernie Sheldon provided an updated treasurer's report. He has moved the account to the Indiana State Federal Credit Union. Ernie Sheldon and Mac Legault are co-signers on the account. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Dennis led a discussion on the upcoming Ag Safety and Health Forum. The primary topic will be the hazards of flowing grain. It was also suggested that the topic of rural crime or agrosecurity be included on the agenda. The possibility of having a sheriff or prosecutor in attendance was considered.

The sale of coloring books has slowed substantially. Participants were encouraged to help promote the sales of coloring books.

Bill Field distributed a proposal to establish a permanent Council endowment. A copy is attached for review. He encouraged everyone to review it and provide feedback for the next meeting. It was discussed that it would be great to set a goal of \$20,000 to establish the endowment.

Suzanne Bingham distributed a copy of the revised Council Awards Policy. It was approved with needed editorial changes. Any editorial changes should be directed to Rick Ainsworth at rainsworth@fb.com.

No report on State Fair exhibit.

Bill Field reported on the history being put together by Ed Kirkpatrick, a retired Purdue editor. This history will be put on the Council website.

The next meeting was set for May 23rd at 9:00 a.m. at Farm Bureau.

Submitted by,

W.E. Field
Secretary