

**Minutes**  
**Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council**  
**February 29, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Chaudion at 9:30 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis. Those present were:

- Rick Ainsworth, Farm Bureau Insurance
- Anna Ariens, Executive Director, Indiana FFA
- Bill Campbell, Indiana State University
- Lisa Chaudion, Indiana Young Farmers
- Isabella Chism, Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.
- Bill Field, Purdue University
- Ernie Sheldon, Indiana State University

Lisa opened the floor for nominations to replace Mac Legault as Vice President who resigned due to his change in employment. Anna Ariens was nominated, the motion was seconded and she was elected by unanimous ballot. The rest of the current officers would remain in place for the 2008 fiscal year.

Ernie Sheldon provided a summary of the Treasurer's Report which is as follows:

Treasurer's Report Summary February 29, 2008	
Council Share Draft Account (Checking)	4,409.73
Regular Share (Savings)	8,757.58
Council CD	20,000.00
Council Endowment	10,429.52

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Rick Ainsworth presented the 2007 Audit Report which is attached. The Audit Committee consisted of himself and Roger Tormoehlen. Bill Field moved to accept the Audit Report and it was seconded by Anna Ariens. Motion passed.

Anna Ariens moved to provide financial support of \$400 for the Annual Conference of The Indiana Young Farmer's Association. The motion was seconded by Ernie Sheldon and passed. Lisa Chaudion described the three winning safety entries and indicated that videos were produced for each entry. It was suggested that the videos be added to the Council's website to encourage others to conduct similar activities.

Anna Ariens moved to support a scholarship at Indiana State to help students to attend the Annual Meeting of ASSE. Bill Field seconded the motion and it was passed.

A discussion took place on the safety exhibit at the 2008 Indiana State Fair. The grain bin safety display will remain in the Indiana Young Farmer's Building. Bill Field reported that there will hopefully be a new grain bin safety DVD completed by that time. The grain bin tug-a-war will remain in the FFA Building with FFA members helping to staff it. Bill Field will coordinate with Farm Bureau on the exhibit in the Farm Bureau Building. The focus will likely be on farming with arthritis and a summary of farm-related fatalities.

The Annual Agricultural Safety and Health Forum was discussed and potential dates considered. The tentative date set was September 10, 2008 and the location would be the Indiana FFA Center.

Bill Field agreed to get the 2008 Membership materials sent out by March 20, 2008.

There were no updates on the Council website since the last meeting.

Several recent ATV incidents were discussed. Bill Campbell is working on a paper to summarize farm-related ATV injuries for an NIFS paper. He is gathering data from several states.

Isabella Chism reported that Farm Bureau is conducting an assessment of their safety and health activities and is trying to refocus attention on the most significant problems. One topic they want to address is ATV safety.

Rick Ainsworth reported on relevant legislative issues being considered by the legislature. One issue that may have an impact on farm safety is the attempt to reform immigration policy. Someone mentioned also the Deboy Bill that would toughen up penalties for impaired operation of a vehicle that leads to injury or death.

Bill Field reported that farm-related fatalities for 2007 were three times greater than during the previous year. It appears that the total will exceed 24, up from 8 in 2006. A final report will be issued in about a month and the totals will be used to develop a display for the State Fair.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 11, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Farm Bureau in Indianapolis.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William C. Field". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

W.E. Field  
Secretary