

Minutes
Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council
December 13, 2011

Amy Kraft, President called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis. Those present were:

Merry Addison, ER Nurse
Anna Ariens, FFA
Bill Field, Purdue
Lindsey Jonaitis, RMS
Amy Kraft, Farm Bureau
Pat Lohman, RMS
Mike Mariner, RMS
Amy Marks, Lilly
Jim Rink, Farm Bureau
Steve Wettschurack, Purdue

No one appeared to have received the minutes from the last meeting. Bill Field, Secretary, would locate and make sure they were added to the website. (A copy of the July 7th meeting minutes is attached.)

There was no treasurer's report. Bill Field will contact Ernie Sheldon and request an annual financial summary for 2011 to add to the minutes when distributed.

There was no old business.

Bill Field reported on the proposed changes to the Agricultural Hazardous Occupations Order that would severely restrict access to farm work for non-farm youth. A copy of the response sent from Purdue was distributed and reviewed. All those on the current council mailing list were sent a copy. Key points discussed related to:

- impact the rule changes would have on FFA SAE programs
- severe restrictions on what tasks youth could perform
- expanded training requirements for student learners

Jim Rink made a motion to send a letter from the Council to Senator's Lugar and Coats in support of the letter sent by Purdue. Anna Ariens seconded. Vote passed unanimously. Bill Field and Amy Kraft will draft the letter and send it under Council letterhead with a copy of the Purdue letter attached.

Steve Wettschurack reported on the ongoing training efforts related to grain entrapment. To date 53 classes have been held involving over 1,600 emergency first responders and commercial grain elevator employees. Safety exhibits have been coordinated on the topic at the Indiana State Fair, National FFA Convention, Indiana/Illinois Farm Show, Farm Bureau Convention and other local farm events. He reported that there had been a lot of interest from FFA Chapters and county Farm Bureau organizations. Over 20 grain rescue tubes had been sold and placed with emergency rescue teams throughout the state with additional ones being ordered. Special note was made of the Randolph Southern FFA Chapter that raised the money to buy a rescue tube and conduct training for their local fire departments and Boon County Farm Bureau that has donated two rescue tubes to their local emergency response teams. It was suggested that both Farm Bureau and FFA consider doing articles on these efforts for their respective member publications.

Jim Rink reported on Farm Bureau's use of the Farm Hazard Hunt Exhibit that was used at the State Fair and has been taken out to several farm and youth safety events. They plan to use it again next year at the State Fair.

A discussion took place on the council/Purdue sponsored exhibits at the State Fair. It was noted that FFA was content with the grain safety and farming with a disability displays near the entrance of the petting zoo. The grain in the safety display in the Indiana Young Farmer's Building need to be replaced and the video updated with the new National Corn Growers Association video. Bill Field and Steve Wettschurack will take care of the State Fair details. (If the Purdue display area doesn't plan on using the new grain safety display, maybe another location can be found for it.)

Mike Mariner from RMS, an Indianapolis company providing safety consulting services, described their services and how they wanted to expand into providing safety services to agribusinesses. They were looking for ways to partner with the Council and/or Purdue to train their staff and assist with providing sound technical advice on enhancing the safety of agricultural worksites.

Amy Marks, described Elanco's interest in better training their sales and technical support staff who provide on-site services to larger farm operations. Elanco's staff conduct site visits to farms all over the U.S. and Canada and there is a corporate desire to develop employee training resources to ensure that these visits are conducted safely. She is just getting started and would appreciate any help we can provide.

Merry Addison, a Emergency Room Nurse, reported on the activities of the State Trauma Committee and the Trauma Nurse Training Courses being offered. She strongly encouraged that the Council be represented on the Trauma Committee and provide input to the committee since there is little representation from rural communities. She also encouraged that someone submit a proposal to present at the upcoming IRHA conference in June. Due date for proposal is December 15. She reported that her group was receiving support from the Christopher Reeve's Foundation to support Trauma Nurse training at various locations in the state.

Anna Ariens needs a safety ad for the next issue at the FFA magazine by January 10. She will work with Steve and Bill on the various safety exhibits at the State Fair. She also expressed

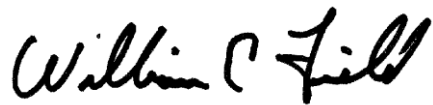
concerns about the effects that the proposed changes to the child labor laws would have on FFA programs.

It was decided that the Council would sponsor an Agricultural Safety and Health Forum during Farm Safety and Health Week, September 16-22, 2012. Jim Rink will explore the possibility of holding it at Fair Oaks Dairy. Everyone was encouraged to identify potential sponsors for the event.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Amy Kraft will arrange for the meeting room at the Farm Bureau Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William C. Field". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "W" and "F".

Bill Field
Secretary