

Minutes
Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council
May 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Kraft at 2:00 p.m. Those present were as follows:

- Lisa Chaudion – FFA Foundation
- Bill Field – Purdue University
- Amy Kraft – IFB
- John Nagel – IFB
- Wayne Newhart – Retired REMC
- Ernie Sheldon – ISU

The minutes of the last meeting were not reviewed. Bill Field apologized for the time it has taken to schedule a meeting due to everyone’s busy schedule.

A list of email addresses no longer functioning was circulated and it was determined that the names should be removed due to retirements and change in employment.

The slate of officers were approved for the remainder of 2015. They were as follows:

- President – Amy Kraft
- Vice President – Lisa Chaudion
- Treasurer – Ernie Sheldon
- Secretary – Bill Field

Ernie Sheldon provided a Treasurer’s Report, including balances for each of the three accounts:

Savings	\$ 32,988.36
Checking	2,783.77
Money Market	<u>7,525.36</u>
TOTAL	\$ 43,297.49

There have been two disbursements since the last meeting:

- \$2,000 for FFA and Young Farmers
- \$200 for ISU Golf Scramble for student safety activities

A discussion took place on how the Council could best support FFA safety activities. Ernie Sheldon moved that the Council commit to paying for a safety ad in the FFA Impact magazine over the next 2 years. Checks would be paid to the FFA Foundation. Motion passed.

Lisa Chaudion moved that the Council contribute \$200 to the ISU Golf Scramble with proceeds used to send students to safety conferences. Motion passed.

There was a verbal agreement for the Council to continue supporting the Young Farmer Safety Award’s Program.

Ernie Sheldon and Amy Kraft will follow up on the status of the Council's registration with the Indiana Secretary of State. They were given authority to expend the needed funds to ensure that the Council's non-profit status is current.

Ernie Sheldon would check on signature status for the council's banking accounts. He wanted to update the names of those with signature authority. It was decided to explore the possibility of moving Council funds to the Hoosier United Credit Union located in the Farm Bureau Building. This would allow for the Treasurer to conduct banking business while attending the meetings. Amy Kraft and Ernie would explore this possibility.

A discussion took place on the Council presence at the 2015 Indiana State Fair. It was decided that the Council's two exhibits on grain safety would stay in the Young Farmer and FFA Buildings. Bill Field would check on the condition of both prior to the fair. Bill would explore moving the AgrAbility Exhibit to the new Purdue location in the Horticultural Building. Lisa Chaudion would provide needed passes and tickets for volunteers to work the different exhibits.

Bill Field reported on the new website – www.agconfinedspaces.org which contains considerable information on the hazards associated with agricultural confined spaces. The development of the site was made possible through a grant from OSHA.

Bill Field also discussed the fact that the Council is 70 years old this year and that we should have a celebration. It was decided to schedule an event during Farm Safety and Health Week in September. Amy Kraft would explore a special logo to celebrate this mile marker event.

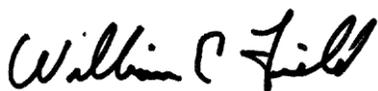
Ernie Sheldon discussed the upcoming Riley Sutherlin Memorial Safety Day scheduled for June 23 in Putnam County. There will be 15-18 safety presentations at the Fair Grounds. It was agreed that the Council should help sponsor the event. Ernie will provide details later.

Wayne Newhart discussed some recent cases of electrocutions involving poorly grounded circuits. The need for continued attention to electrical safety was discussed.

Bill Field reported that to date over 1,000 youth between the ages of 16-21 have taken a grain safety class sponsored by Purdue and OSHA. Amy Kraft mentioned that Dean Paign was interested in continuing to provide safety helmets for participants.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis.

Submitted by:



Bill Field
Secretary