Minutes
Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council
May 25, 2004

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

Lisa Chaudion, Indiana Young Farmers Association
Bill Field, Purdue University
Carol Hegel, Farm Bureau
Mac Legault, Indiana State University
Dennis Meredith, Precision Alliance Group
Ernie Sheldon, Indiana State University
Patty Wood, Retired Farmer

The minutes of the April 14, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed.

Ernie Sheldon provided a verbal Treasurer's. Coloring books were paid for and the expenses related to the reflective farm machinery road signs. Mac Legault passed around the various signs being evaluated. The web site survey has received about 100 responses to date. A discussion took place on the effectiveness of each proto-type. Mac and Ernie requested that the signs be a part of the safety display at the State Fair.

A discussion took place on the State Fair safety activities that will include:

- Grain bin tug-a-war in the Farm Bureau Building
- Static grain bin safety display in the Young Farmer's Building

Bill reported that Brock/Chore-Time will be donating all of the materials to update and freshen-up the grain bin safety displays.

There will be space provided to have the reflective safety road signs for the public to examine and provide feedback on.

The state of the state's farm safety and health forum scheduled for September 15, was discussed. A more concrete agenda for the day will be available at the next meeting.

The 2003 Farm Fatality summary was reviewed and it was discussed that a ten year summary be prepared for the forum in September.

The Council will be co-hosting a one-day workshop for training those interested in conducting caregiver workshops. Anticipated attendance is about 25-30. A flier on the workshop will be included in the minutes.

The next meeting was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 8 at the Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis.

Submitted by

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Treasurer