

Minutes

Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council

December 14, 2005
Farm Bureau Building
Indianapolis, IN

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Meredith with the following individuals present:

Rick Ainsworth, Farm Bureau Insurance
Suzanne Bingham, Farm Bureau Insurance
Lisa Chaudion, Indiana Young Farmers
Bill Field, Purdue University
Mac Legault, Indiana State University
Dennis Meredith, Precision Soya
Cliff Racz, Purdue University, IN
Bob Sunman, Indiana Department of Health
Roger Tormoehlen, Purdue University

The minutes of the October 28, 2005 meeting were approved as distributed.

There was no treasurer's report.

The site for the Ag Safety and Health Forum scheduled for September 13, 2006 was discussed, but not decided upon. There was still additional information needed and it was decided that a selection would be made at the next meeting.

Rick Ainsworth announced that he could have a little more time to spend with the Council due to a change in his job description. He is looking forward to an expanded role.

A variety of topics for the agenda of the Forum were considered. The primary issue considered was what would draw stakeholders to the meeting. Part of the topic selection decision rested with the site selection which will be determined at the next meeting.

Topics to be addressed at the 2006 Indiana State Fair were also considered. These included in rank order:

1. Flowing grain safety
2. Impact of meth production on farm families
3. Traffic safety (tied in with new video being produced by Farm Bureau)
4. State map of farm-related fatalities over the past 25 year

Dennis provided a brief summary of how meth use was impacting its company and how important it was not to assume that rural families are immune from the dangers of this drug.

Cliff Racz demonstrated the updated IRSHC website that he has been working on (farmsafety.org). This is a joint site with Purdue's Ag Safety & Health Program. Some of the areas of improvement suggested by the group were:

- Providing a collection of high quality farm safety related photos for users to download to enhance their materials
- Provide a summary of ongoing research and education efforts
- Provide a listing of upcoming events
- Develop a partners page of other organizations that the Council is collaborating with

The goal was to have the revisions up and running by January 12, 2006. It was also suggested that information on the Forum needed to be highlighted.

Bill Field recommended that the Council Awards Program be activated and that we plan on presenting several awards at the Forum next September. It has been several years since we have recognized anyone. Rick Ainsworth and Suzanne Bingham agreed to review the Awards file and determine how we can proceed.

Mac Legault made a motion to provide financial support of up to \$300 to Chakalon Dial to help cover the cost of her participation in an international safety conference where she is presenting a paper. She is a safety student at ISU. The motion passed by voice vote.

The next meeting was schedule for January 26, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

W.E. Field
Secretary