

Minutes
Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council
March 7, 2007
Farm Bureau Building
Indianapolis, IN

The meeting was opened by President Lisa Chaudion with the following individuals present:

Rick Ainsworth, Farm Bureau Insurance
Anna Ariens, Executive Director, Indiana FFA
Lisa Chaudion, Indiana Young Farmers
Bill Field, Purdue University
Mac Legault, Indiana State University
Ernie Sheldon, Indiana State University

The Secretary's report was approved as distributed and a Treasurer's report is attached.

Under new business:

1. Membership mailing has yet to be done, but is being prepared. Mac was to provide either copies or a master of the endowment brochure to include with the mailing.
2. The Council website (farmsafety.org) is being slowly revised and the awards information should be up.
3. A list of officers of the Council since 1943 was circulated and reviewed. It will be added to the website.
4. The website needs biographical sketches for Mac and Lisa. This will be taken care of.
5. The problem of not being able to design, prepare, and distribute a regular newsletter was discussed. The lack of time to keep this activity going was a continuing barrier.
6. Bill Field was asked to send an e-list of all current members and interested individuals. This will be done.
7. The status of the future of the Green Ribbon Campaign was discussed. Bill will visit with Joan Hysong about her plans for this effort.
8. Rick Ainsworth reviewed the proposed legislation being considered by the General Assembly.

The remainder of the meeting focused on the 2007 Ag Safety & Health Forum scheduled for September 19, in the Columbus area. Bill had not heard back from Gene Wever about the possibility of hosting the event at Cummins. Other possible locations were discussed including the Bartholomew County REMC and Claas Headquarters.

Efforts are needed to get youth to attend the Forum. One idea was to sponsor a tractor driving event. The awards need to be worked on to make sure we have several good nominations.

A tentative agenda was laid out.

9:00 a.m.	Welcome and introductions
9:15	Farm Safety in Review – 2006 (Bill Field)
9:30	Changing Farm Labor Force (Santiago)
10:00	Distributing Risk – Farm Insurance (Jim Rink)
10:30	Project updates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ATV• Operation Lifesaver• Gearing Up for Safety• Grain bin rescue training
12:00	Lunch and Awards
1:00	Summary or Keynote

It was considered to have a parallel track for youth including ATV or tractor safety hands-on opportunities.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 26th at 10:00 a.m. at Farm Bureau.

Submitted by,

W.E. Field
Secretary