Minutes Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council March 3, 2010

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

Rick Ainsworth - Farm Bureau Insurance

Anna Ariens - Indiana FFA

Lisa Chaudion – Indiana Young Farmers

Amy Kraft - Indiana Farm Bureau

Wayne Newhart – REMC, retired

Ernie Sheldon – Indiana State University

Roger Tormoehlen – Purdue University

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor edits.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Ernie Sheldon and accepted by voice vote.

The decision was made to renew the sponsorship of the FFA newsletter for another six issues at the level of \$1,200. In addition, the Council would support the IYF summer newsletter for \$250. Motion made by Anna Ariens and seconded by Ernie Sheldon. The space purchased would be used to promote a specific safety theme. Rick Ainsworth recommended that a series of ads be prepared with a general theme. Attendees were encouraged to come to the next meeting with ideas for the ads for both publications.

Rick Ainsworth moved and it was seconded that the Council support the new flowing grain safety publication being prepared for a campaign involving several farm groups. The level of support would be \$500.00. The motion passed.

Roger Tormoehlen reported that the Beck Center at the Purdue Agronomy Research Facility had been secured for the 2010 Ag Safety and Health Forum on September 16, 2010. Ernie Sheldon indicated that there was a need for a strong youth track that would attract local FFA members. Lisa noted that it may become necessary to help pay for a substitute teacher and/or travel expenses to get schools to attend. A set amount per school would be set at the next meeting. Ideas for the youth track included:

- Tractor safety
- ATV
- Youth certification program
- Animal safety

(Other possibilities include safety-related tours of the Purdue Agricultural Research Facilities and grain bin rescue strategies at the training site.)

Lisa Chaudion raised the idea of having a youth or chapter membership.

Ernie Sheldon suggested that there may have been too many topics at the last event.

The proposed adult track at the Forum could include the following:

- Demonstration on grain rescue
- Farm-related injury panel
- Agrosecurity
- High voltage demonstration

Wayne Newhart suggested that we find a sponsor for a low cost voltage detector as a giveaway to the attendees. Potential sponsors could include: Indiana Statewide, (Lisa will contact them) and Tipmont REMC.

There was a discussion on the different types of insurance policies that the Council may explore purchasing. These include:

- General Liability to provide general coverage for the organization. It would cover most activities except for events such as tractor or ATV operation.
- Dishonesty Bond Policy to protect the organization if someone were to leave the organization with financial resources illegally.

It was decided that no action would be taken until the next meeting.

Roger Tormoehlen reported that the Council's domain name (<u>www.farmsafety.org</u>) is about to expire. He reported that a nine year renewal would cost \$73.17. This fee was paid for by Purdue University. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Purdue for the \$73.17. The motion passed.

The next meeting was set for May 6 at 3:00 p.m. at Farm Bureau.

These minutes were kept by Roger Tormoehlen who filled in for Bill Field, Secretary.

Submitted by:

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W.E. Field Secretary