
Attendance: 25 members present

Discussion

1. Welcome - Dean Scott – Introduce Board Members
2. 4- H Fair -Exhibit board has changed procedure of sponsorships - not sponsoring individual trophies (except at Higher levels)
 - a. Ag Association is going to try to “sponsor a day” @ \$2500- has already committed to \$500 and wants to raise additional w/proceeds for Annual Mtg (March 9). Rob Carpenter is president of Exhibit Board and can answer additional questions.
3. Beyond the Fence Award - CCAA Received the 2008 “Beyond the Fence” award at the Indiana Livestock form in December.
4. Members Should Check Names and address - The CCAA will use PO Box 62, Flora Indiana 46929 for its mailing address to take an administrative burden off the Extension Office.
5. Membership Dues for 2009 - Now due – please pay between now and March 9th- \$50/member – Membership application available from the web site.
6. Nomination of Directors for 2009 - Dean Scott (Corn) and George Mears (At Large) - terms up for nomination. Brad Burton made a motion to re-elect Dean and George for an additional term. Shawn Meek seconded the motion, which was approved by the membership.
7. Steve Nichols - was in car wreck - card passed around for him - out of intensive care, but still very bruised.
8. Guest Speaker - Jacob Maxwell - 2009 Farm Bill Presented information about “Understanding Food conservation and Energy Act of 2008”
9. FSA Meeting @ 4-H Building 10:00a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The FSA personnel will be on hand to answer questions and help to complete forms and information about the 2009 Farm program.
10. Pesticide License - certification and training - The members expressed interest in having outside training brought into county, since we don’t currently have an extension educator in Carroll County to provide this training.
 - a. CCAA bring in someone
 - b. Certification training information on website *www.btny.purdue.edu/ppp/parp/
11. 2009 General Assembly – Property Taxes - Be aware that there is a proposal to amend the Indiana Constitution to require caps on property taxes. Watch information on caps on property taxes to adversely affect farm owners /including real estate and personal property)

- a. Members urged to contract Indiana representative person to discourage property tax caps
 - b. Send letter to legislators from CCAA against constitutional amendment
12. BMP - Spill Poster (Spill response team) producer/neighbor relations to help community relations in the event of a chemical spill
- a. Something like the Livestock Response team and truck
13. Agri-business - recommendation for Ag event calendar, so agribusinesses can coordinate events and not have events on the same day or overlapping.
14. **Annual Meeting - March 9, 2009 - 4H Building**
- a. Door prizes changes to Fair donation and sponsorship
 - b. Hall of Fame
 - c. Annual Meeting - reports and election of Directors
 - d. Dues payable
 - e. Fair Sponsorship information
15. **Adjourn** – Committees to meet and discuss planning for 2009
- a. Next CCAA Board meeting - February 24, 2008 – Please contact a Board Member if you have any questions or concerns that the Board should discuss.