



Minutes of April 9, 2015 General Membership meeting

- 1) Call to Order -Alan Heatherwick
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:4PM.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance -Alan Heatherwick
- 3) Roll Call -Alan Heatherwick
10 directors present with 16 members and guests in attendance.
- 4) Secretary's Report -Joe Martin
No comments or corrections to the minutes as presented. Russ Hossbach moved to accept the minutes. Pat Noonan seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion passed.
- 5) Treasure's Report -Fred Lestina
Income highlights for the past month include a \$100 donation, \$100 banner, \$200 farm banners, \$20 dues, \$65 magnets, \$55 miscellaneous income, \$508 pedal tractor raffle. Expenses included \$261 for printing fliers, \$268.32 for insurance, \$100.23 for postage, \$100 to Thee Olde Tyme Farm Show, and \$800 deposit for show tents. Fred said that he did not remember to bring the checkbook but that our balance stands at about \$2000. Ron Shubbe moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Charles Kestel. Motion passed with all present in approval.
- 6) Old Business

Advertising update -Erin Gallagher
This topic was presented out of sequence at the request of Erin Gallagher and granted by Al Heatherwick. Erin opened her section with a mention of a news article that was published in the Farmers Weekly Review on April 10 regarding the cancellation of our agreement with the Manhattan Park District. Editor Nick Reiher initiated the contact so it was best for us to get in front of the story and talk with the editor. She felt that the article was written in a very neutral, unbiased, but accurate manner. She also felt that this article helped promote our show and cleared the air about our cancellation at the same time. Al offered to have Nick come and cover the show as well. Erin presented new forms for all members to use in order to seek donations to

our organization in either money or in-kind (support other than money). With these forms all members can easily ask for support anywhere they spend money. Monetary donations can be as little as \$50 and as much as \$3000 or more. Forms are available at meetings or from Erin. Much detail was presented regarding these forms. For more information, please contact Erin Gallagher at 815-641-7760. Banner price structure has been revised. New 3x6 banners will be \$300 for the first year and \$150 each subsequent year for rehanging. New 2x4 banners \$250 and \$150 each following year. All banners purchased prior to this year can be rehung for \$100. Erin mentioned that the sponsorship forms were printed for free.

Auto museum update

-Lane

Lane thanked all who participated in this very successful club event. About 35 people came out even though the weather was not as nice as it could have been. 1-1/2 hours were spent at the Fritz collection. Mr. Fritz was happy to share his family history and guide the tour of his prized items. Since this portion of the event took less time than anticipated, an unscheduled visit to the Rt 66 museum was added to the itinerary. After lunch, Mr. Polly received the group for a tour of his museum. He was so pleased that he invited our club back to visit again in the future.

Christmas party update

- Connie Schuler

This presentation is postponed to next month.

Serena toy show report

-Brad

See Brad's remarks below.

7) New Business

Show committee chairs

-Alan

Details to be presented at a later date.

Water/Electric

-Alan

Water and electric resources have been set up.

Weekly Review Article

-Alan

This topic was addressed in the advertising update by Erin Gallagher. See above.

8) Show Business

Show Permit

-Alan Heatherwick

Al is still working on getting the permit. McDonalds will be using the food tray fliers throughout June and into July. They have allowed that a coupon for 1 child free with full paid adult admission be presented on flier. No one could say for sure that Tom Runty received the pictures he needed to produce the plaques and buttons. Al Heatherwick will follow up.

Trophies -Fred
Trophies have been handled by Fred.

Portapotties -Fred
Portapotties have been locked in. Deposit has been made.

Food vendor update -Carol
Everything looks good. All vendors have responded. She is still looking for a kettle corn vendor.

Parking lot assistance/ Boy Scouts -Lane Heatherwick
FFA will be handling the parking. We will provide a tent for an FFA display at the show. Their group will split time between manning the display tent and parking. We still need an adult person to head up the parking supervision.

FFA Update -Ron Crawford
Ron was not available. See notes above.

Garden sled update -Ron Schubbe
Garden sled rehabilitation is complete but still need to pour some concrete weights. He is looking for volunteers to get this accomplished.

Miscellaneous
Al noted that anyone bringing equipment to our show will need to present proof of insurance. This has become a fact of life at all shows today.

9) Brad's Remark's

Brad expressed thanks to Lane for setting up the museum tour. The Sublette and Serena shows were both good shows for us this year with 291 tickets sold at Sublette and 140 at Serena. Thank you to Alan and Fred for their help at the shows.

Brad saw an item that he thought would be good to entertain the kids. It is a plywood cutout of a cow that kids could put their faces through for photos.

9) Open forum

Tractor drive will leave from our show at 10AM and be back by 2PM on Saturday of the show. The drive will tentatively stop at the Chicagoland Raceway for lunch and possible track drive. They are still working out the details with the race track. The entry fee for the drive is \$65 which includes lunch. The proceeds benefit the Peotone Education Foundation. A question was presented whether we would want to postpone the parade that day to accommodate the drive participants. Decision was made to leave the parade at its normally scheduled time.

Lane has looked at generators and determined that we could have as many as 4. Steve Spiess Construction will bring them and set them up for us.

Fred mentioned that we received a thank you note from Koomsma Cottage for our donation that was sent in memory of Terry Anderson.

10) Adjourn Meeting

Pat Noonan offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Corey B. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM

Upcoming activities:

May 14, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting

May 13-16, 2015 – Tristate Swap meet, Portland, IN

May 22-23, 2015 – Mt. Pleasant Swap Meet, Mt. Pleasant, IA

June 6-7, 2015 – Pontiac Steam School (see enclosed flier)

June 11, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting

June 13-14, 2015 – Marshall/Putman show, Lacon, IL

July 3-5, 2015 – Thee Olde Tyme Farm Show, Kankakee, IL

June 27-28, 2015 – Sandwich Show, Sandwich, IL

July 9, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting

July 16-19 - Will County Threshermen's Association Annual Show

August 6, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting

September 20, 2015 – 1PM WCTA Picnic & Election– Dellwood Park, Lockport

October 8, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting

November 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting

December 10, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting

January 17, 2016 – 1:00 PM Christmas party at Wilton Center town hall

Note: Christmas party will be scheduled for January 2016 to eliminate scheduling challenges for members and allow for greater attendance.

Membership meetings are held in the lower level of the First Bank of Manhattan, 55 W North St., Manhattan, IL. Please be prompt because the doors are tended until 7:15 and then locked per agreement with bank officials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sadly, I am bringing news to you all of the passing of two individuals that are significant to the history of the Will County Threshermen.

On 5/2, Hazel Heatherwick left this earthly home to be welcomed by her loving Lord. She was an active member of the WCTA in years past. Hazel is the mother of members Lane and Alan as well as grandmother of member Grant.

On 5/5, Fred Wilhelmi expired after enduring a long period of illness. He had a long and joyful life and will be missed by many members. He was still an active member of the WCTA to the end.

May they both rest in peace!!