



Minutes of May 14, 2015 General Membership meeting

- 1) Call to Order -Alan Heatherwick
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance -Alan Heatherwick
- 3) Roll Call -Alan Heatherwick
9 directors present with 16 members and guests in attendance.
- 4) Secretary's Report -Joe Martin
No comments or corrections to the minutes as presented. Pat Noonan moved to accept the minutes. Eric Reibenstein 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 \$295 flea market registration, \$56 donation, \$10 pedal tractor raffle. Expenses included \$362 for trailer expenses, \$136 for postage, \$580.50 for MacDonald's placemats (Erin Gallagher requested that this come from her budget), and \$100 memorial gift. Our bank balance stands at \$955.27. Lane Heatherwick moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Ron Schubbe. Motion passed with all present in approval.
- 6) Old Business

Advertising update -Erin Gallagher
**Grant Heatherwick started this segment with information that the MacDonald's placemats were printed and are scheduled to be placed on trays throughout June and into July while supply lasts. MacDonald's has made an offer to allow presentation of a banner and placement of a tractor at each location if we choose. After some discussion, Erin felt that money that would be needed to print banners for this purpose could be better spent in other ways. Ultimately the membership agreed.
Erin asked that any completed sponsorship forms could be given to her at that time. None were presented. Erin had spoken with Citgo regarding a \$3000 sponsorship and feels that there is a 50% chance that it may be granted. Erin displayed a mockup of a business card sized advertising piece that would cost less than \$100 for 10,000 pieces. These would be given to the membership to**

give to everyone they see to flood the area with personal sized advertizing. She also suggested small fliers to be created for dispersal just before the show along with some limited radio advertising. Put to a vote, Ron Schubbe moved that we accept Erin's proposals to which Eric Reibenstein offered a second and carried by all present.

Christmas party update - Connie Schuler
Connie said that the Wilton Center hall has been reserved for January 17 for our (post)Christmas party. At a later date we will need to decide whether we want to continue with our regular potluck dinner or have it catered.

Crawford/Show Agreement -Alan
Al mentioned that the agreement with the Crawford's had been finalized and that it will be a cash rent agreement and that the Crawford's will carry crop insurance for the wheat.

7) New Business

Show committee chairs -Alan
Alan mentioned that there will be a meeting soon for all the show chairmen to go over duty assignments and needs.

Water/Electric -Alan
Larry Jacobs has made his commitment to provide the potable water. The Manhattan Fire Department which is adjacent to the show grounds will provide water for dust control and steam water. Lane mentioned that we are all set for electric.

Tractor drive update -Alan
Lunch will be at the show grounds and not at the race track as had previously proposed.

Office trailer rehab
Joe Martin offered his carpentry skills so time was scheduled for a work day in about 2 weeks from the meeting. Ron Schubbe has hooked up electric to the trailer. The electric functions fine and the Air conditioning seems to be operational as well.

Storage trailers cleanout
Alan suggested that we clean out the storage trailers prior to the show. The majority of the membership felt that it would be better if we waited until we have unpacked at the show grounds and evaluated the usefulness of any remaining items that were left. Also, we would have use of a dumpster already at the show grounds for our use.

8) Show Business

Show Permit

-Alan Heatherwick

Fair notice has been sent to the 17 surrounding land owners. 13 have already responded that they had no objections. Alan will continue to pursue the permit process.

Trophies

-Fred

Trophies are under control. Fred suggested that we offer plaques instead which was received positively by the membership. It was suggested that the kids would still find more value in trophies.

Portapotties

-Fred

Arrangements for portapotties is complete.

Parking lot attendant assistance

-Lane Heatherwick

Lane said that for now, he will provide the supervision but an unnamed individual has tentatively offered their services. At this point, the plan is to have 4 attendants park cars and take admissions.

FFA Update

-Ron Crawford

FFA is making plans to have a booth where they will promote the FFA and have a live chicken display.

Miscellaneous

Bill Freis donated 2 tents for use as we see fit.

Lane is lining up drivers for the people movers and also needs someone to drive the barrel train for the kids. See Lane to offer your time.

The Historical Society has plans to set up a tent at the show, too. They ave a display window at their building in Manhattan with they will set up to promote the show.

9) Brad's Remark's

Brad also mentioned that the club gave a \$100 memorial to honor Fred Wilhelm's passing.

Heritage FS has once again sponsored the trophies with an \$800 donation.

Steiner Tractor Parts has renewed their website sponsorship and sent a lot of goodies for distribution.

Plainfield Signs has signed on as a website sponsor. There is a third potential website sponsorship in the wings from an insurance agency.

Brad showed the membership a flier for the NIBA (Northern Illinois Bluegrass Association). He said that they showed some interest in our show and may like to offer some entertainment.

9) Open forum

No additional discussion.

10) Adjourn Meeting

Alan Heatherwick requested a motion to adjourn the meeting which was provided by Pat Noonan, seconded by Charles Kestel, and carried by all present. The May meeting of the Will County Threshermen was adjourned at 7:52PM

Upcoming activities:

June 11, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting

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

June 20, 2015 – Tilted Kilt Tractor Ride, Plainfield, 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.

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