



Minutes of August 6, 2015 General Membership meeting

- 1) Call to Order -Alan Heatherwick
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:19PM.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance -Alan Heatherwick
- 3) Roll Call -Brad Eike
There were 7 directors present with 10 members and guests in attendance.
- 4) Secretary's Report -Joe Martin
Joe said that since the newsletters went out early due to the show cancellation, everybody should have received their newsletters by now. If anyone did not get theirs, Joe needs to know in order make adjustments. Everyone seemed to acknowledge receipt. He also mentioned that a note was sent to everyone in our database of current and past members, to consider membership renewal. Many have responded to this by sending in dues for 2015-16. Alan Heatherwick asked for a motion to accept the Secretary's report which was offered by Pat Noonan, seconded by Ron Schubbe and passed by all present.
- 5) Treasure's Report -Fred Lestina
Due to the show preparations and cancellation, there were many cash flow entries. Some significant income include \$2300 for banners, \$900 in donations, \$165 dues, \$166 pedal tractor raffle, and \$800 from FS for trophies. Expenses include returning \$720 to craft and flea market vendors per contract due to cancellation, \$263.33 to the Schaefer's to cover hard costs associated with crafter set up, \$200 to Plainfield Signs for magnets, Brad bought a pedal tractor for next year at a cost of \$235, \$363.00 was paid to Erin Gallagher for hard costs associated with advertising and promotion, \$58.00 for ink and postage, \$165 for credit card payment, and \$745.00 for wire supplies that were to be used for showgrounds power. This leaves the WCTA with a bank balance of \$3,495.40. There are still outstanding expenses to close out the cancelled show and crop harvest. Dennis Christiansen offered a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. This was seconded by Ron Schubbe and carried by all present.
- 6) Old Business

Before any old business was addressed, Roy Sangmeister suggested that all in attendance introduce themselves which was accommodated.

Show results update

- Alan

There is not much to report except that efforts to spread news of the show closing appear to have been effective since there were very few people who came expecting to see a show. The pedal tractors winners were selected and given to the lucky individuals. The IH went to Lane Shepherd from Minooka and the John Deere was won by Kelly Reus of Peotone. Congratulations to the proud owners!!



John at the wheel of his green treasure!!



Lane Shepherd basking in the red IH glow!

Wheat harvest update

-Dennis

All the wheat has been combined and is now in drying bins at Charles Kestel's farm. A huge thanks goes out to the small army of volunteers-

**Denny, Larry and Nathan Christiansen,
Ron and Brian Schubbe,
Butch Bruggert,
Charles Kestel,
Dan Tordai,
& Jim Jecha**

who made this happen. The biggest challenge with the wheat will be selling it because of the presence of vomitoxin in the grain. The major issue is that any wheat with this condition gets docked heavily when it is sold.

Straw report

-Dennis

All of the straw has been baled and sold thanks to Grant Heatherwick & Wayne Walz. The straw and the wheat are the only major sources of income we can expect from the "show" this year.

Crawford agreement

-Alan

The details of settling with the Crawford's are being worked out. Since there was no show, some details will require revision.

7) New Business

Miscellaneous comments

-Alan

John Walencik brought a picture of our people mover with recent enhancements. Looks great, John. Thanks for your hard work and for sharing the picture.

Alan requested that there be a directors' meeting prior to the picnic. It will be held at our new office trailer on Ron Schubbe's farm on Thursday, September 10 at 5 PM. The list of director candidates will be finalized at that time. All directors are urged to attend.

Alan had business card sized show promotion cards printed for the 2016 so we can start early distributing them and developing awareness of next year's upcoming show.

Plow day – Sept.19

-Alan

September 19 has been scheduled to be the Plow Day at the Crawford farm. This is an opportunity to have some fun and show off your antique tractor's prowess not to mention your skill of tilling the field. This is also a great time to interact with other members and share some good memorable time together. Alan has shared information about the plow day with Erin Gallagher so we can get some exposure from this activity for our club. Ron Crawford, Jr is confident that he can get pork chops for all participants to lunch on. If not, we will work with the FFA or one of our food vendors from the show to provide food. Fred said that he would arrange to have one or two portapotties available for our volunteers' comfort and relief.

Picnic – Sept. 20

-Alan

The day following the plow day, we will be enjoying our annual picnic. The location this year will be the same as last year at the Blue Jay pavilion (http://challengefitness.com/park_locations.php?p=52&c=2) at Dellwood Park in Lockport. This location was chosen for its more central location for many members. We have the pavilion all day although the picnic starts at 1 PM so if you would like to arrive early and explore the park, you can go directly to the pavilion to park. The WCTA will provide the meat, refreshments, and table service. The balance of the sides and desserts will be provided by the members on a potluck basis. See the schedule at the end of the newsletter for specifics. In addition to being a nice time for members and their families to get together, relax, and share some stories, there will also be a short but very important membership meeting where half of the directors will be elected for the coming year. Directors whose terms expire this year are: Butch Brueggart, Charlie Kestel, Lane Heatherwick, Joe Martin, Ron Schubbe, and Connie Schuler. Joe Martin has declined consideration for re-election but long time and very active member, Roger Rainford, has offered to throw his hat in the ring. After the election, the directors will appoint officers that will serve for the next 12 months. Please plan to attend!!!!!!!!!!!!

Trailer clean out

Tentative date to clean out 2 old trailers is scheduled for Sept. 26. Larry Marek suggested that we keep one of the old trailers for long term storage of our sawmills and drags, etc. A motion to clean out the trailers on Sept. 26 was

presented by Dennis Christiansen and seconded by Pat Noonan. Motion passed with all in favor.

2016 show

Alan Heatherwick said that it is time to start planning for next year's show and has already begun to develop a proposed layout to fit the Kestel farm in Frankfort. One lesson learned from this year was that the portion of the farm that is going to be used for everything except field demonstrations is going to be established as hay so we are not so dependent on the condition of the wheat ground for the viability of our show. The balance of the farm will be planted in wheat. Another decision was made to move the corn crib out into the field because it was determined that the proposed location would not properly accommodate the accessibility of both show patrons and demonstrators alike. John Walencik proposed that we move the show a couple weeks later or change the crop so we would not be affected by the challenges that wheat has seemed to present. Several members mentioned that this has been considered in the past. Any other date would put our show in direct conflict with other shows and would jeopardize attendance. Fortunately, with our show next year being July 21-24 makes our show a week later than it has been in recent years which will improve our odds of having less risk of the wheat being ripe for the show while reducing the likelihood of bad weather. The corn shelling, wheat threshing, combining, and plowing demonstrations will take place in the field. The food service area and all other activities will occupy areas around the buildings near the house. The show cancellation page override will be removed and information for the next show have been updated. Please review our website (www.steamshow.org) and if you notice any errors, please notify Larry as soon as possible. Larry also requested information about our new website sponsor, Haggerty Insurance so their advertising could be place on our web page. There was mention that the crafters need to know the exact location of the show.

8) Brad's Remark's

Brad was speechless this month.

9) Open forum

Roy Sangmeister suggested that we consider the JJC Weitendorf Center for future shows. This facility offers nice buildings, nearby fields, and great parking. John Cronyn's name was mentioned as a good contact in the event that we would like to pursue this potential option.

Jim Robbins noted that the tractor ride this year went very well and will have one next year using the WCTA show as its base location again.

10) Adjourn Meeting

There being no additional business, President Al Heatherwick requested a motion to adjourn which was presented by Larry Marek. After being seconded by Lane Heatherwick, the membership voted their approval and the motion passed. The July meeting of the Will County Threshermen's Association was adjourned at 8:13PM

Upcoming activities:

September 14 – 5:00 PM Directors only meeting at Ron Schubbe’s farm

September 19 – 9:00 AM Plow day at the Crawford farm show grounds.

**September 20 – 1PM WCTA Potluck Picnic, meeting, & Election–
Blue Jay pavilion, Dellwood Park, Lockport**

Members please bring a dish to share:

A-E Potato Side dish

F-L Salad

M-R Dessert

S-Z Fruit or vegetable side dish

Club will provide: table service, pop & water

September 26 – time to be determined – Clean out trailers

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.

Our condolences to Lane and Alan Heatherwick upon the passing of their brother Kent.

Kent Heatherwick

September 4, 2015

Kent W. Heatherwick, 66, of Kankakee, died Friday, September 4, 2015, at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

He graduated from Peotone High School and received his associate's degree in business management from Joliet Junior College. He worked at many places in service management but was always a farmer at heart. He enjoyed traveling, camping, flying, sporting events, especially the Chicago Bears, but above all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Mr. Heatherwick is survived by two sons, Adam (Shauna) Heatherwick of Wilmington and Andrew Heatherwick of Lena; three grandchildren, Randee, Reese and Grace; two brothers, Alan (the late Beverly-2013) Heatherwick and Lane (Linda) Heatherwick; a niece; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Hazel Smith Heatherwick.

Visitation 9 a.m. until the hour of services at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 10, at Forsythe Gould Funeral Home in Manhattan, with Pastor Richard Young officiating. Burial in Green Garden Green View Cemetery at a later date. Sign the guestbook at www.forsythegouldfh.com

Bumper crop news this month: Dedicated members sowing seeds for future show!!

Attached picture of George Schaff's MTM and club's P&O plow at the 1/2 century of progress show



Also a picture of float in the Labor day parade in Manhattan with nine tractors in parade. A special thanks to Jeannie Kestel for the extra effort in decorating the hayrack.

