



Minutes of Sept 20, 2015 General Membership meeting

- 1) Call to Order -Alan Heatherwick
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

- 2) Pledge of Allegiance & Roll call -Alan Heatherwick
All 11 directors present with 21 members and guests in attendance. Alan Heatherwick thanked Fred and Irene Lestina for all their hard work cooking and setting up for the picnic. He also wanted to thank everyone for coming to the picnic.

- 3) Picnic Prayer -John Cronin

- 4) Let's Eat
We spent the next hour enjoying the delectable treats brought by everyone.

- 5) Meeting

Secretary's report

Joe Martin asked if anyone had any corrections or comments about the August newsletter and if everyone had received their newsletter. Since there were no adjustments or comments, Al Heatherwick requested a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Lane Heatherwick offered the motion which was promptly seconded by Russ Hossbach and approved by all present.

Treasure's Report

-Fred Lestina

Some of the income items in the past month were \$300 for banners, \$1904 for straw, \$445 dues, and \$400 donations. Expenses included reimbursement to Joe Martin for printer ink and a payment for our insurance. Fred mentioned that to the best of his knowledge, all show bills have been paid leaving \$5,377.44 balance in the bank account.

Butch Brueggart moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Connie Schuler and approved by all present.

Election of directors

Al Heatherwick asked if there were any persons at the meeting that would like to

offer their availability as a candidate for director. No one responded. So, since there were only enough nominees to fill the posts open for election, Larry Marek presented a motion to close nominations and have the secretary enter a unanimous vote for the roster of director candidates. John Cronin seconded the motion and the motion was carried by all present. The list of newly elected directors for the 2015-17 term is: Butch Brueggart, Charles Kestel, Lane Heatherwick, Ron Schubbe, Connie Schuler, and Roger Rainford

Memberships and buttons

-Al Heatherwick

Al brought up that buttons were available at the picnic due to the situation that there was no show for members to have received them. He also asked that anyone in attendance that wanted to renew their memberships, that the secretary was available to do that today and at any meeting in the future.

Plow day cancelled

-Al Heatherwick

The plow day scheduled to take place yesterday was cancelled due to weather conditions. The plowing may be rescheduled in the future, possibly in November. Keep your eyes on the website for details of upcoming dates.

6) Trailer cleanout cancelled

-Al Heatherwick

Originally, the trailers were scheduled to be cleaned out and usable materials transferred to our new trailer on September 26. This has been cancelled and will probably be rescheduled for spring to prepare for the 2016 show. Watch the newsletters and website for forthcoming details.

7) Crib Repair

-Alan Heatherwick

The damage that the corn crib suffered in the storm at the Round Barn Farm Park has been repaired. In the spring, other enhancements such as lower the roof, painting and adding wheels are being considered for next spring.

Brad's Remark's

Brad kept his remarks short this month by simply applauding all the hard workers that did the combining, baling, work on the corn crib, and all the other details that needed to be addressed after the "show".

8) Open forum

No one had any other topics or comment.

10) Adjourn Meeting

There being no additional business, **Jean Kestel** offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by **Dennis Christiansen**. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM

After the meeting was adjourned, Al Heatherwick requested that all directors gather to appoint officers for the coming year. Al Heatherwick will stay on as president. Brad Eike will remain vice president. Fred Lestina will continue as treasurer. And, Charles Kestel assumes the position of Secretary. Congratulations to all directors and officers and thank you for your service to the Will County Threshermen's Association.

Upcoming activities:

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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