



Minutes of October 8, 2015 General Membership meeting

- 1) **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** -Alan Heatherwick
- 3) **Roll Call** -Alan Heatherwick
In all, 8 directors present with 9 members and guests in attendance.
- 4) **Secretary's Report** -Charles Kestel
- 5) No exceptions to the "minutes as published" were noted. Russ Hossbach motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Pat Noonan seconded the motion, which was carried by all present.
- 6) **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
Fred reported that, since the picnic, he has collected \$1265 in dues. He has also made a \$257.43 insurance payment, and paid for the grill at \$492.30. We now have a balance of \$4952.09 in our account, with one bill of \$24 still expected. John Cronin motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented, with Dennis Christiansen seconding the motion, which was carried by all present
- 7) **Old Business**
Brad reported on the great picnic that was held at Dellwood Park. There were 32 in attendance and the facilities were very nice. Hopefully we will have more join us next year. There was a short meeting of the directors held at the picnic for the purpose of electing officers. Alan will remain as president, Brad Eike will remain vice-president, Charles Kestel, with Jean Kestel as assistant, has taken on the duties of secretary, and Fred Lestina will remain as treasurer

Alan reminded everyone that membership is due. Due to the cancellation of the Show this year, it won't be as convenient to renew memberships. Membership can be renewed by mail. Send them to: Charles Kestel at 10917 W.Steger Rd. Frankfort, IL. 60423

Alan also spoke to Wayne Hossbach's wife, and she reported that her husband is still at Miller Rehab. And has a tentative release date of November 1st. Also she

stated that she would be willing to chair the food activity at the 2016 show.

The crib is in place, the corn is harvested and stored safely in the crib, thanks to Dennis Christiansen, Ron Schubbe, Alan Heatherwick, Roger Rainford, and Charles and Jean Kestel.



7) New Business

It was suggested that we consider having another silent auction at this year's Christmas party. Last year it seemed to be well received, and it would be a good opportunity to add a little to the bank account, but we must get Connie's opinion first.

8) Show Business

Peddle Tractor Raffle

Brad reported that we have a John Deere pedal tractor donated, and we have acquired a Minneapolis Moline peddle tractor. We also have acquired a scuffed wagon at a good price, and we will have it painted to match the "Minnie". We still need a JD wagon. He also reminded Fred that raffle tickets need to be printed soon.

Brad Eike

A reminder that new magnets are available with "Kestel Farm 2016" to update the show magnets.

Brad reported that "Steiner" is once again willing to be a sponsor, and will be sending the catalogs, and other advertising items.

Advertising

Fred brought up the subject of our ad in the vacation planner. Do we wish to keep our quarter page ad for \$250, or should we jump to a half page ad? It was generally decided to leave it the same as last year. The deadline for that ad was November 1.

Al brought up the possibility of getting Erin Gallagher to get an early start on other advertising, as we are at a disadvantage by having the show cancelled last year. The layout for this year's show was passed around and discussed, with any suggestions considered. The corn crib needs to be lowered 4 feet on the high side, and 3 feet on the low side, making it 14 feet over all including the addition of axels. Al was hoping to get that accomplished yet before the show, but Dennis was skeptical that there was enough room to allow that to happen with the corn in it.

9) Adjourn Meeting

There being no additional business, Pat Noonan offered a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Butch Bruggert. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Upcoming activities:

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.