



Minutes of February 12, 2015 General Membership meeting

1) Call to Order

-Alan Heatherwick

President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:04PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call

-Brad Eike

Brad called the roll. There were 10 directors and 20 members and guests present.

3) Secretary's Report

-Charles Kestel

Copies of the December minutes were distributed, since January was our Christmas Party, and no formal meeting was held then. There were no exceptions to the "minutes as published" noted. Dennis Christiansen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Pat Noonan seconded that motion, and it was carried by all present.

4) Treasure's Report

-Fred Lestina

Fred read a list of receipts and expenses (including the fee for the 501[c] 3 for the coming year) handled since December, with the balance left in the checkbook of \$ 7738.15. Fred also reported that the insurance company got back to him, and they will change the billing cycle to "every 6 months", making it easier to track our bank balance. A motion was made by Russ Hossbach to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Lane Heatherwick seconded the motion, which was carried by all present.

5) Old Business

Christmas Party recap: Connie and others reported that "we had a lot of good food and good times"

Peotone FFA toy show:

Brad reported that we sold 298 tickets, 150 for the Minnie and 148 for the John Deere! This looks promising for sales at Sublette Toy show, since they will be featuring MM tractors this year.

Website: There was a question about whether we need a "secure" site. It was discussed, and Larry Marek didn't see a need for it to be secured. The discussion

was tabled for now.

6) New Business

CIH tour – March 3 Alan reported that he has a commitment from 34 men so far, and more were signed up at the meeting. The \$50 cost per person must be paid before the bus leaves. The cost of the bus came at \$1457, and we have enough committed that the cost will be covered. Just a reminder that no one under 14 will be admitted, as well as “no cameras allowed”. Golden Corral in Kenosha will be the destination for lunch.

We have again been invited to participate in the “Irish Fest Parade” this year. It was decided that we will enter, especially since we need to advertise the show more since last Years “rain out”. Candy will be bought at the last minute, weather permitting. The parade is March 5 and everyone is encouraged to participate. Call Alan with questions.

I&I swap meet- March 19 Old equipment and toy auction

There will be a Slow Boy tractor ride coming April 2, starting from Pitwood, IL. (North of Watseka)

The Green Club has scheduled their “Ride the River” ride on August 27th.

7) 2016 Show:

Alan and Charlie have started the permit process with Will County, and are waiting on the next step now

Advertising:

Erin Gallagher was unable to be at this meeting. McDonald placemats were Discussed, and Dennis made a motion that we continue with that form of Advertising again this year. It was seconded by Lane, and was passed by all present.

It was reported that Plainfield Sign, Steiner, and Hagerty Insurance, once again agreed to sponsor advertising on our web site.

Kim reported she had a good response from craft vendors. Notice was given to our regular vendors in January, and opened to new vendors in February. Two returning vendors requested permission to sell out of their trailers. They explained that they would still be able to contain the trailers within their 10’x10’. No one saw that as a problem.

John had no flea market report yet.

Carol Cosgrove-Hossbach reported that the food vendors were contacted.

Fred reported that the porta-potties were ordered at the same cost as last year, with a few more hand washing stations provided.

Show breakfast was also discussed. Since Fred and Irene retired as food chairmen, we will have to decide if we will continue this custom. I'm told it was offered to members from 7:30 – 8:30AM each day of the show, and was paid for by free will donation. Scrambled eggs and sausage were on the menu every day, with a third offering that was different each day, possibly biscuits & gravy, pancakes etc. one of our vendors offered to have biscuits & gravy available every day for all. More discussion is needed.

Merchandise:

Connie reminded us that she has the navy tee shirts from last year, in all sizes.

Caps were suggested and discussed. An example of our logo was shown, and it was decided that "Will County" needed to be added to that example.

Bob Johnson volunteered to check the availability and cost of having a horse drawn wagon. He saw one operating in Monee, and said it was quite popular.

It was suggested that, since last year's show was rained out, we should ask John Cronin and Fern Christiansen to remain as grand marshals this year.

John Kestel suggested having a looped educational Ag video be shown in the food tent. He will check with Bill Johnson, from JJC on the availability.

- 8) There being no further business, Connie Schuler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Schubbe seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming activities:

March 3 2016 CIH Tour
March 5 Irish Fest Parade
March 10 7:00PM Membership meeting
April 14 7:00PM Membership meeting
May 12 7:00PM Membership meeting

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