



## **Minutes of March 10, 2016 General Membership meeting**

- 1) Call to Order -Alan Heatherwick  
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance -Alan Heatherwick
- 3) Roll Call -Brad Eike  
Brad called the roll with all directors present. There were 24 people in attendance.
- 4) Secretary's Report -Charlie Kestel  
Copies of the February meeting were distributed. There were no exceptions to the minutes as published noted. Russ Hossbach made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Lane Heatherwick seconded that motion and it was carried by all present.
- 5) Treasure's Report -Fred Lestina  
Fred read a list of all receipts and expenses handled since the last meeting with a balance left in the checkbook of \$8570.96. A motion was made by Pat Noonan to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Dennis Christiansen seconded the motion and it was carried by all present.
- 6) Old Business -Brad Eike  
Brad reported that the Serena toy show was good, with about 800 people in attendance. He was able to sell 70 John Deere and 183 Minnie raffle tickets that day.

Charlie reported that the Irish Fest was a great success, with a big crowd in attendance. Roger Rainford and Lane Heatherwick gave out all the candy, while Ron Schubbe and Charlie Kestel handed out our advertising cards to the adults. Alan Heatherwick drove the float, and Jean filled in where needed.

Lane Heatherwick stated that they had 37 people on the CIH Tour. They started the day with coffee and donuts and were greeted with an outstanding tour guide. He explained that at present, 20 tractors, both Case and New Holland, were made per day by one shift with some of those going to the Australian market.

Alan reported that the price to have calendars printed were 50 for \$495 or 75 for \$533. We will need at least two dozen pictures to choose from. Brad Eike made a motion to go ahead with that order. Dennis seconded that motion, and was agreed by all.

It was decided that no caps or shirts were needed this year. Brad had examples to show of buttons and plaques with pictures on them. There was also some discussion about the possibility of having a larger size button this year. Tom Runty will have to check on prices.

7) New Business

2017 Show site: Glen Ginder has offered to host the next show on 40 acres he owns in Peotone. A group of directors went to view this field. Glen said the date will work well with his crop rotation. It is located off Rt 50, 2 miles east and 1 mile north of his home. Ron Schubbe motioned to accept his offer, with Lane seconding the motion, and it was passed by all present.

8) 2016 Show

The Will County permit has been applied for, and paid. Now we wait for approval from the board at the next meeting.

Show Parking

Frankfort Boy Scouts are unavailable. We will check to see if Manhattan Scouts would like to take the job on.

Advertising

Erin has decided she will not take us on this year. McDonald's placemats have been ordered by Olde Time Farm Show. We will share the cost. Posters are needed for advertising, possibly handouts too.

Insurance

Our insurance man explained that the club carried 1 million per occurrence and 2 million aggregate on directors and officers. He also stressed that we need proof of insurance from Ray Lowry's Sled Co, which he will request on our behalf. Food vendors will also be required to have certificates of insurance. Golf cart insurance was questioned, and it was decided that proof of insurance will be required at registration.

Field Demo Information

We need 30 second scripts for each stop of the people movers. Bull horns were suggested as well so people can hear over the noise of the demonstration.

Tractor Pull

Charlie was concerned about the increased cost of the sled this year. Will it be possible to get a sponsor for that? In the past, the fee was \$15 per hook, but Pat Noonan motioned that we raise the charge to \$20. Lane seconded that motion.

It was noted that the 3500# class might not be possible because the sled we have coming will be too heavy. The sled owner said the 4000# class will be iffy, depending on the condition of our track. We hope to try using the lawn tractor sled we have to accommodate the 3500# class, but that will need more work yet. Larry Eipers

mentioned that we need to display the rules and monitor their compliance.

#### Bake Sale

Bake sale and work breakfast seems to be approved by the health department as long as we post signs that food was not prepared in an approved kitchen.

#### Petting Zoo

Jean Kestel contacted Settlers Pond Rescue of Beecher with the possibility of having them supply animals for that purpose. Mrs. Janota agreed to provide farm animals, in return for permission to display a donation jar as they are a non-profit. We would also pay them \$200 to reimburse them for fuel and food for their volunteers. They would be here all 4 days. They will also be required to show proof of insurance. Larry Marek motioned to accept that agreement. Pat Noonan seconded it, and it was accepted by all.

#### Other Features

John Cronin contacted a man from Walnut, IL about the possibility of having draft horses at the show. This man says he has 4 draft horses and his friend has 2 mules and they questioned the possibility of plowing. They could provide their own equipment. No prices were mentioned.

There will be a blacksmith at the show, possibly with two friends.

#### 9) Brad's Remark's

If anyone is interested in a 730 Diesel overhauled 10 years ago, for sale in Plainfield, see him.

Brad is looking into the cost for oversized buttons this year. He discussed the possibility of changing the design of the plaque to have a picture instead of the traditional design. A vote was taken with three in favor of the change, while everyone else voted to keep the original design.

#### 10) Adjourn Meeting

Connie offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ron Christiansen. All were in favor.

### **Upcoming activities:**

**April 14 7:00PM Membership Meeting**

**May 12 7:00PM Membership Meeting**

**June 9 7:00PM Membership Meeting**

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