



Minutes of April 14, **2016 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 9 directors and 24 members and guests in attendance.

3) Secretary's Report

-Charles Kestel

Copies of the March minutes were distributed. There were no exceptions to the "minutes as published" noted. John Cronin 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 handled since the last meeting. We took in \$300 from the "Flea Market", and \$1,700 from the "Tour." We paid \$114.51 for flyers and \$1,600 was paid to CIH. This left us with a balance in the checkbook of \$7,496.50. Russ Hossbach made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. It was seconded by Ron Schubbe and was carried by all.

5) Old Business

Brad reported on our successes at the Sublette and Seneca Toy Shows. So far the "Minnie" is ahead in sales. If anyone else has an opportunity to sell more raffle tickets, please let Brad know.

Alan asked that more pictures for the calendar be turned in soon. He also researched the cost of buttons. The current small buttons cost 0.45 cents and the next size buttons cost 0.52 cents each for 500. Grant Heatherwick made a motion to get the bigger size button. Brad Eike seconded the motion and it was carried by all.

Grant reported on the "Slow boys ride" on April 2, which started from Pitwood.

They had 37 tractors participate, and stopped for lunch in Sheldon. The wind made the trip feel particularly cold after lunch, but everyone had a good time.

Tractor Pull rules and speed were discussed next. Alan checked on the cost of a speed gun, but it was decided that the club couldn't afford this expense right now. Breakfast was also brought up, but it was decided to let it go till next month's meeting.

6) New Business

Trailer clean-out was discussed and will take place when Alan decides on a time when most people can help.

Advertising/ Posters and McDonald place mats. The placemats were ordered by Perry Farm club, which we share the cost of. Since Erin is unable to help us with advertising this year, Kim did research on different modes of advertising, and included cost. Nothing was decided and further discussion is needed.

An ad in the Tribune starts at \$62, and a half page ad in the Kankakee paper for 3 months will cost \$260. Being a "non-for-profit" is an advantage when placing ads.

Mark Schneidewind suggested that we contact Weekly Review.

Kim also reported that there will be a craft and health fair on June 11th from 9am – 3pm in Park Forest. Do we want to have a table there to advertise the show and sell raffle tickets?

7) 2016 Show:

Show permit has been paid for, and mailings sent out to comply with Will County rules. We are still waiting for 1 letter.

Parking: Peotone FFA has agreed to help us with parking.

Tractor ride: Jim Robbins reported that the ride will take place on Saturday the 23rd, leaving the show grounds at 8am and returning at approximately 1pm. They will cover about 34 miles of Green Garden roads and stop for a break half way through, at Peotone High School. Registration and Driver dinner will cost \$65. If anyone wishes to order extra dinners for family members, the cost will be \$15. Tom McCoy will be cooking pork chops for this event.

John Cronin reported that he has been in contact with a person in Walnut, who has a team of Draft horses. They could possibly be here Saturday and Sunday, but the club will have to provide their meals.

Jean contacted Pinky and Roland Janota of "Settlers Pond" in Beecher and they have agreed to supply a farm animal petting zoo. They requested \$200 to cover the expenses of getting here and food for their volunteers. They are also a non-profit and we agreed to let them display a donation jar. Brad Eike made a motion to spend \$200 for the petting zoo and then Pat Noonan seconded the motion, which was carried by all.

Lane contacted Dan Lowe and he will provide a barrel train for the show.

John Cronin is working on the scrips to be used to explain field demonstrations.

Carol Cosgrove-Hossbach reported that 4 food vendors have agreed to come.

Ron Schubbe stated that "Manhattan Historical Society" has shown an interest in having a presence at our show. He will also contact Frankfort Historical to see if they are interested too.

Flee Market applications have been sent out. We were asked if there will be a quilting demo.

Ron has made arrangements with the Fair Board, for us to borrow their picnic tables. It was thought that we would need seating for at least 70 people on Saturday. We also need to look into the possibility of renting a refrigerator and freezer.

- 8)** Brad suggested that since Dan Tordai and friends have volunteered to sponsor the Tractor Pull sled for Sunday, we might be on the lookout for someone to sponsor the garden tractor sled used on Saturday.

He also refreshed our memories on size and price for banners.

New Banners: 2x4' \$150 the first year \$100 next year

Farm Banners: \$150

Commercial: 3x6' \$300 the first year \$200 next year

An Earlville photographer has requested a spot, at no charge, to take pictures of owners with their tractors, on Saturday. He will, in turn, provide a DVD to the club, of all pictures taken.

Since we were rained out, the Grand Marshals will be the same as last year.

The Sandwich show will be our next opportunity to sell Raffle Tickets.

- 9)** Butch Bruggert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat Noonan and passes by all present.

Upcoming activities:

May 12 **WCTA Meeting**

June 9 **WCTA Meeting**

June 25- 26 **Sandwich Engine Show**

(AC tractors and Sandwich Gas engines Featured)

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