



Minutes of July 14, 2016 General Membership meeting

(Extra: 6:45 PM Hay rack Tour of Show site)

Please Note: Next Meeting will be on Aug 4 at Manhattan Bank

- 1) Call to Order -Alan Heatherwick
At 7:15 the meeting was called to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alan.
- 2) Roll Call -Brad Eike
Brad called the roll with all directors present. There were 29 members and guests in attendance.
- 3) Secretary's Report -Charlie Kestel
Charlie distributed copies of the June 9th meeting. It was noted that Butch Brueggert and Pat Noonan were not included in the cleanout crew list, and we apologize for that. The minutes stand corrected, and Pat motioned to accept them, with Carol Hossbach seconding the motion. It was carried by all present.
- 4) Treasure's Report -Fred Lestina
Fred reported a list of income items, some of which include \$2850 received for banners, \$1600 from Synergy Seed, \$325 from farm banners, and \$400 received from flea market. Expenses include \$800 for trophies, \$840 to WLVI radio, \$120 to Village View, \$90 to Kankakee Daily Journal, \$80 to WCCQ radio, and \$20 to Heartland. \$540 was paid to Weber Printing for posters. A \$1535.50 Insurance payment was made, leaving us a balance of \$9895.94 in the checkbook.
Lane Heatherwick motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Russ Hossbach seconded the motion, and it was carried by all present.
- 5) Old Business
Our calendars are ready to be picked up. The buttons and plaques have been received.

Since her audio wasn't cooperating, Kim read the "radio spot" that will be played at least four times a day. She also showed us a copy of the ad which will run in the newspapers. The "Channel 19" ad is already being run, and reaches as far as Bloomington. The "farm report" on WCCQ is also running already.
Brad asked for a round of applause, to thank Kim for her work.

The trailer has been cleaned out, and all useful items stored in the “Dolly Madison” box. It is estimated to cost the club \$500+ in labor and equipment rent, if we don’t find a scrapper to dismantle the other two old trailers. We might need to set up another work day, if we need to do the job ourselves

6) New Business

There were 50 posters printed, and there were only 2 left. Good job distributing them!

We still have a need for a chairman for “registration,” and Larry Marek was persuaded to volunteer.

7) 2016 Show

Charlie reported that everything is as ready as it can be. There is a plan in place for expanded parking, if needed. Camper and trailer parking is worked out

Dennis reported that “Pioneer Seed” will be sponsoring the garden tractor pull, represented by Dave Kestel, Wayne Walz, and Ryan Nugent. Our small sled worked well at the Perry Farm show, but it was decided that it would not be strong enough for the 3500# class on Sunday, so that class was cancelled.

Will County will be coming in Wednesday, to inspect tents, etc. Alan will get a water sample to test, from New Lenox, for the potable water. Frankfort Fire Chief also wants to inspect the showgrounds, and hopefully our permit will be assured.

Jim Robbins gave a presentation on the FFA tractor ride, leaving the showgrounds Saturday at 8 AM and returning by 1 PM. A pork chop dinner will be served in the new machine shed, cooked by Tom McCoy. Thirty people have signed up so far, with registration possible up until departure time. Jim’s crew will set up their own tables and chairs on Friday.

John Cronin reported that no horse team will be here for this show. Jean has a call in to “Settler’s Pond” for the petting zoo, but hasn’t heard back yet. We are still hopeful. Brad researched other horse options, finding a man with a team which would pull either a stage coach or a hay rack. He normally charges \$1400 per day, but since we are a non-profit, he lowered his price to \$900. He also had a petting zoo available for \$800 per day. Jean and John made a motion on the possibility of getting horses, but it was denied by a show of hands. Eight were for it, and everyone else voted against it.

Lane Heatherwick and 2 other men will be installing electric hook up next Monday.

When will water lines arrive? Water lines will be buried in the same trench with electric.

Connie reminded us she needs food for the bake sale. It needs to be wrapped well, clearly marked if it is gluten-free, or contains peanuts, etc. She is also still accepting donations for the country store.

Dennis needs help bundling 2 racks of wheat this Saturday PM.
Al reported that the PA system still has issues, but he is still working on it.

Ron reported that the blacksmith is coming. Mr. Schaaf's tractors will start arriving on Friday.

Butch requested that more garbage bags be bought, as he only has 1 days-worth left from last year

Brad has arranged for the Frankfort Brass Band to play Saturday afternoon in the large tent.

Carol has 6 vendors coming.

It was decided that Fred will get 3 dozen donuts from Kirby's each day. Coffee and donuts will be set out between 7:30 to 8:30AM.

Lane has arranged for 8 FFA members and parents to handle parking each day from 9AM to 4PM. 2 people will handle parking and 2 people will collect entrance fees, in two shifts. He also reported some repairs are needed on the club's plow.

Larry Marek has another steam engine available, if we haul it. That will cost \$1000 for all 4 days. Connie made a motion to accept this offer, and Dennis seconded it, and the motion was passed by all present.

Eric says the logs are set, and he has the fire extinguishers. He will also help set up the saw mill.

Larry expressed concern about water wagon availability, but that problem was solved. Elmer, the chain saw carver, is coming.

Lane mentioned that the generators need to be picked up from Spiess. John Walencik will pick up light plants. Electric panels are stored at Christiansens, and need to be brought here.

6 passenger golf cart pick up scheduled for the 19th.

Al will announce upcoming events, etc., from office trailer. Non-weather speakers need to be brought in at night. Kiddie tent will have a wireless microphone available for magician and kiddie tractor pull.

Fred will have start-up money for gate, country store, etc. Trophies are here.

Appreciation dinner is scheduled for 5:30PM Thursday night. Bob and Fred will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers.

Kim has confirmed 35 craft vendors, who will be arriving any time after noon Wednesday.

8) Brads comments

Brad reported that the Sandwich Engine Show was a disappointment, with only 100 tractors there. Russ Jacobs sold our raffle tickets, and passed out fliers on Saturday. Brad handled sales on Sunday. So far we have sold a total of 1240 tickets, 514 for the JD, and 726 for the Minnie. Rentals will provide a 4-seat ATV for the clubs use. Saturday there will be a photographer available for tractor photos. Steiner is sending a drone operator to take photos of our show for advertising purposes. Larry Walsh will be here one day to give a little speech during "Parade of Power".

9) Lane explained that the directors will be wearing orange vests, and parking personnel will be wearing yellow vests.

Al thanked everyone for coming, and encouraged the "membership" to come and lend a hand.

John Cronin inquired when everyone could bring stuff here, and the answer was "anytime".

10) Adjourn Meeting

Al made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39PM. Lane seconded the motion, and it was carried by all present.

Upcoming activities:

Directors meeting August 1, 2016 in Show site office building

Membership Meeting August 4, 2016 Manhattan Bank 1 week early

Membership Meeting September 8, 2016 Manhattan Bank

Membership Meeting October 13, 2016 Manhattan Bank

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