



## **Minutes of Oct. 14, 2016** **General Membership meeting**

- 1) Call to Order -Brad Eike  
President Alan Heatherwick was absent, attending a Funeral so, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Brad Eike.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance -Brad Eike
- 3) Roll Call -Brad Eike  
There were 8 directors present with 26 members and guests in attendance
- 4) Charles offered everyone copies of the September meeting minutes. Wally Rauch made a motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Russ Hossback.
- 5) Treasure's Report -Fred Lestina  
A \$100 donation was made, \$35 in dues was collected, paid Alan \$254.52 for expenses he incurred, expense to print new ½ sheet advertising for 2017, having a balance in checking of \$10,548.09.

Lane Heatherwick moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Carol Hossbach and approved by all present.

### 6) Old Business

There were current magnetic strips available to add to our advertising. They cost \$6 per strip.

Brad also reported on the beautiful picnic we had at Connie's. The weather was perfect, plenty of shade and parking. The food was excellent, and no one should have gone home hungry! We especially thank Connie for hosting this picnic, after hearing that she hosted her nieces wedding one week earlier. Thanks again Connie!

All the directors were re-elected for a second term. The officer's positions remain the same as well.

## 7) New Business

Brad brought a nice plaque, which was our first place prize for this year's Labor Day Parade entry in Manhattan. We decided to display it in the office trailer.

We were reminded that the club still has one older trailer that we need to dispose of. Ideas anyone?

Charlie reported that the wheat will be in the ground by Saturday night. As of October 25<sup>th</sup> it was starting to make an appearance.

Kim couldn't make this meeting, so there was no discussion on advertising for the coming year. It was mentioned what a good job she did. We need to give her more time to plan. She will be here next meeting.

Russ Hossbach suggested we ask Mr. and Mrs. Satterlee to be the king and queen of this 2017 show. Bill Fries made a motion to approve this plan, and John Cronin seconded the motion, which was accepted by all present.

## 8) Brad's Remark's

Brad has been in contact with Steiner about the video they were making of the 2016 show. The lady he spoke to said they were still working on it, and it should be done soon.

The petting zoo question came up again. We need to inquire whether our insurance will cover us, if we get our own animals. Is there any interest in having a team of horses for Saturday and Sunday?

We need to encourage more old trucks and cars to come.

A suggestion was made to have a tractor pulled by teams of 4-H members or Firemen. What do we think of this contest?

## 9) Open forum

Fred received several notes of thanks from Central Ill. Green club and Darius Harmes family.

We approved an ad be placed in the big show book, just as we did last year. Fred will look into cost of ½ page ad, and it was left to his discretion if we should

increase our ad size. It was noted that Farm Collectors and Antique Power Magazines published wrong address for our show last year. They had us at the Round Barn.

Roy recommended an increase in our gate price. It was noted that Poniac charges \$10 per adult and Sycamore charges \$7. Russ Hossbach made a motion to change our gate price to \$7 per adult and \$3 per kids, 11 years and younger. Remember that your member card gets you in for free.

We discussed raising membership prices to \$25 across the board, for 2018. Wally Rauch made a motion to accept this change and Jeff Brandau seconded that motion. It was passed by all present.

Charlie mentioned that we need to be deciding on the show site for 2018.

Carol proposed a flat fee for vendors and they must agree to stay for the whole show. We need to re-write the contract before December. The vendors were unhappy with the pork chop dinner served to tractor ride drivers and families. The FFA Tractor ride is again leaving and returning at our show this year.

#### 10) Adjourn Meeting

Carol made a motion to adjourn and Wally Rauch seconded the motion.

#### **Upcoming activities:**

Sublette Toy Show	March 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Our Show	July 20 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2017
½ Century of Progress	August 24 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2017

#### **Membership Meetings:**

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Christmas Party (Wilton Center Hall)

**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.**

