



Minutes of Feb.9, 2017 General Membership meeting

- 1) Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick
 President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2) Roll Call** -Brad Eike
 Brad called the roll with 11 directors present. There were 18 members and guests in attendance also.

- 3) Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
 Charlie offered copies of the January newsletter to everyone. One correction was made by Alan, stating the AC swap meet was being held in Boonsville, Missouri, not Iowa. A motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Lane. Russ Hossbach seconded the motion, and it was carried by all present.

- 4) Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
 Fred reported income of \$275 from dues, \$20 from magnets, \$86 from our 50/50 raffle, \$180 from pedal tractor raffle ticket sales and \$158 from the silent auction. Our expenses included \$10 for keeping 501(3)c current, \$86 for postage and office supplies, \$47.20 for Connie's party expenses, \$68.03 for chicken used at Christmas party, \$100 for hall rental, and \$37.59 to Irene for party supplies. Plainfield sign was paid \$150 for 2000 business cards, leaving a balance of \$6895.71 in the checkbook. Ron made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. John Cronin seconded the motion, which was passed by all present. PS. Fred is having surgery on 3/10/17, and will be absent next meeting. We wish him a speedy recovery!

- 5) Old Business** -Brad Eike
 Connie gave a brief report on the success of our Christmas party. The venue was excellent, the food was delicious, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship!

Brad reported that the raffle sales were good at the FFA toy show. There were 213 tickets sold. The Peotone FFA has sent us a written "thank you" expressing their appreciation for our support of their organization. They hope to see us there next year.

Alan reminded all that we are still in need of storage for our 2 threshing machines. We also have lumber scattered in several places that needs to be stored also. It

was decided to gather it here at Charlies, since the corn crib needs to be modified before transport to the next show site.

There was a short directors meeting held after the Christmas party, where the future of the club was discussed. We need new and younger blood. Do we need to eventually scale our show down by not having the public involved? No one is getting younger, and help is limited.

6) New Business

Alan reported on the meeting between Steve Spiess, and the 7 Directors that could attend. The proposed show site looked promising. Alan passed out a preliminary plan for the site so everyone could get an idea of the possibilities. There are mature oak trees on about 4 ½ acres which would work out very nicely for the vendors, crafters, and flea marketers. Steve agreed to plant the wheat and corn needed, and accept the crop as payment. Connie made a motion to accept Steve's offer for the 2018 show site. Larry seconded that motion which was passed by all present.

It was brought to our attention, that on Dec.17, 2016, representatives from 8 local stock tractor pulls got together, and unanimously agreed on weight classes and rules for tractor pulls this year. It was suggested that our club adopt these rules and weight classes. Our club would be "the odd man out," creating lots of confusion, if we do not. Alan has some questions about the open class, and will meet with Art Downs for further clarification. We will be sending copies of their rules with this newsletter. We will have more discussion at the next meeting.

Horse update: Bev Homerding located a team and wagon in Kempton, which would cost \$790 per day. They agreed to come for 5 hours on Saturday and Sunday. A member agreed to guarantee payment, if we could not get enough sponsorship. We have contacted them and they have us scheduled for those days. Lane made a motion for the club to pay for one days expenses, with sponsors paying for the second day. Pat Noonan seconded that motion, and it was carried by all present.

Connie mentioned that items for the country store could be brought to her, or dropped off at Charlie's farm any time.

Ron Epley contacted the club requesting a steam engine to be displayed in "Electric Park", for Plainfield Fest, one week before our show. They will pay for hauling, and Larry will contact Tom Runty. We might possibly be able to sell more raffle tickets and advertise our show also.

Carol Hossbach reported sending contracts to 5 possible vendors.

The OK was given to order the same tents, porta-potties and one size smaller dumpster than we had last year.

7) Brad's Remarks

Brad reported passing our ads out on his trip to Maui. He had a nice conversation with the president of Grow Mark, and he seemed very interested.

8) Open Forum

Do we want to have a float in the Irish Fest Parade? It is the 4th of March, and a golden opportunity to advertise our show. If you can help pass out candy or our business cards for an hour or two, please call Alan or Charlie at (815) 735-6050.

9) Adjourn

Connie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM, and Lane seconded it. It was passed by all present.

Upcoming activities:

Will County Consignment	March 18 , 2017	
AC Swap Meet	March 3 & 4	Boonville, IA
Serena Toy Show	March 5 2017	
Sublette Toy Show	March 18 th & 19 th .	
Seneca Toy Show	March 26 th .	
Slow Boys Spring Ride -(10AM to 3:30 PM)	April 8, 2017	Pittwood, IL
Our Show	July 20th- 23rd.	
JI Case Anniversary Expo	August 10 th .thru 13 th .	Albert City IA.
½ Century of Progress	August. 24 – 27, 2017	

Membership meetings:

March 9, 2017	June 8, 2017	October 12, 2017
April 13, 2017	July 13, 2017	November 9, 2017
	August 3, 2017	December 14, 2017

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 the bank officials

Attached are the newly established rules. The areas in red are exceptions to the Dec17 agreed upon rules.

Antique Tractor Pull Rules – Local Area

At a meeting on December 17, 2016, the following items were unanimously agreed upon by those representing the following local stock tractor pulls:

Thee Olde Time Farm Show – Bourbonnais

Bonfield 4th of July Celebrations – Bonfield

Lerable Homecoming - Lerable

Slow Boys Pull, Iroquois Co Fair – Crescent City

Kankakee County Fair – Kankakee

Will County Fair – Peotone

Chebance American Legion Pull in the Park – Chebance

Martinton Fun Days – Martinton

Open to all tractors manufactured before 1970

1. Drawbars – All classes, except OPEN, will pull from a stock **OE drawbar** in the stock mounting location. No loop welded drawbars. All drawbars will be measured & checked at weigh-in. The top of the drawbar will not exceed 20” measured from the ground. The minimum distance from the center of the axle to the center of the hitch pin hole will be 18”. Drawbar pull point can be straight or “drop” configuration drawbar.
2. Fast Hitches (IHC) – Fast Hitches (IHC) must be fixed rigid so as not to be able to move when pulling. The top of the hitch will be 20”, measured at weigh-in.
3. **Safety Hitches** – All classes except OPEN will utilize the event-supplied “safety hitch”.
4. Pressed steel wheels – will be allowed however, the correct tire width must be used for the model tractor entered on classes 7500# and below. For classes 9,000 & 10,500, pressed steel rims may be used with a maximum of 18.4x38 tires on a 16” rim. No aluminum rims in any class.
5. Weight classes will be 4500#, 6000#, 7500#, 9000#, and 10,500# & OPEN (12,000#).
6. Engine RPMS – **All Classes will be allowed stock plus 10%. RPMs. The top three finishers may be checked prior to official finish announcement.**
7. Front Weight Brackets – brackets will be allowed on any tractor, however not “extended pulling brackets”. They may be homemade or factory, however the weight mounting point may not extend beyond the normal front of the tractor. Every effort should be made on home-made brackets to keep the weights as close as possible to the tractor frame. Weights do not have to match tractor make. Batteries or tanks will not be allowed on front brackets.
8. Tractors will be stock appearing to include hoods, grills, and fuel tanks.
9. These rules can be amended by the promoters or organizers of any of the events mentioned in para. 1.
10. Weight class pull order may be altered at the event at the discretion of the promoters or organizers. Example; The event may start with the 7500# class, then proceed to the 6000#, then the 4500# class.
11. **Turbo-charged tractors will be allowed, if the turbo was stock from factory. (eg IH 1206, AC D19 & D21).**
12. Tires may NOT be mechanically “cut”, however worn tires are acceptable.

Promoters & event organizers are encouraged to advertise their event as a “Tractor Pull Demonstration”. Entry fees should be titled “Entry donation”.

The above rules & notes were taken at the meeting by Ron Lukow and distributed by Ron Lukow. If there are any questions or corrections, please feel free to call @ 815-228-2408.