



Minutes of April 13, 2017 General Membership meeting

1) Call to Order

-Alan Heatherwick

President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He also announced the death of Joe Rittenhouse, and sent a Sympathy card around for all to sign.

2) Roll Call

-Brad Eike

Brad called the roll, with 9 directors and 17 members and guests in attendance.

3) Secretary's Report

-Charlie Kestel

Charlie offered copies of the March minutes to anyone who didn't receive one. Dennis Christiansen made a motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Russ Hossbach. All were in favor, and the minutes were accepted by all present.

4) Treasure's Report

-Fred Lestina

Fred reported income of \$100 for banners, \$100 in donations, \$160 in paid dues, \$30 in farm banners, \$703 in pedal tractor sales, and \$200 from Steiner for a website banner. We paid expenses of \$30 for show ad, and \$1323.95 for show expenses. This leaves a balance of \$6844.57 in our checkbook. Lane made a motion to accept the report as presented, with Butch seconding that motion. It was passed by all present.

5) Old Business

-Brad Eike

Fred was welcomed back! He starts physical therapy May 5th for 12 weeks

Lane reported that there were 47 tractors attending the "Slow Boys ride" It started in Pitwood, and continued to Big R in Watseka, then back. He said "Art runs a good ride".

Brad reported that we distributed lots of fliers at both the Seneca and Sublette shows. The toy vendors seemed disappointed with sales at the Sublette show. At Seneca, we sold 18 JD raffle tickets and 74 IH tickets. At Sublette, we sold 73 green and 113 red raffle tickets.

6) New Business

Advertising update from Kim Schaefer, who reported being homeless for 3 months, is back up to speed. It was decided to leave our show hours at 9 AM to 5 PM for our ads. She contacted the Farmers Weekly Review, where Nick promised to do an article on our show. She also was in contact with the Peotone

Vedette. WCCQ agreed to do the same advertising as last year for \$800. The Kankakee Journal will run our ad for \$90, and it will appear July 15th. For \$840 River Valley Radio will do an interview 1 week before the show. It was suggested we might want fliers printed and given to pizza restaurants, to be included with their orders.

Jim Robbins had prior commitments, but Jeff Brandau reported that the FFA tractor ride will leave our show grounds at 8 AM sharp on Saturday July 22, and will return between 12 and 1 PM. The cost per tractor is \$65 and will include 1 pork chop meal. Extra meals can be ordered for family members for \$15 per person, in advance.

We still have not found a PA manager.

The show permit has been applied for, at the expense of \$200. We have not received it as yet.

7) Show Items Reviewed

Food – Carol reported that “Honey’s has sent her money and Insurance information in. “Corn Dogs & More” is also paid. “Stratton Kettle corn” and Larry Nissen will be coming, but we have yet to hear from “Pizza for You”.

Buttons and Plaques – Charlie and Jean suggested that since they were featured on last years button, they thought Alan and his AC D-21 should be on this years button. Brad made a motion to that effect, and it was seconded by many. We also decided to make AC’s the featured tractor this year.

It was decided to place our show ad in the Olde Time Farm Show booklet, for \$150.

It was noted that we need to inventory the unused trophies left in the show trailer, so Fred knows how many new plaques need to be ordered.

There was a question about the need for saw mill wood. Brad will make some calls.

Wayne questioned where “adult pedal tractors” could be found.

There is 1 show book left at this time.

Connie was not present to report if a Church Service will be possible.

8) Brad’s Remarks

Brad reported that the magician was willing to come again. He also suggested we give some thought to paying back some of the donors who loaned the club money to stay afloat in 2005.

9) Open Forum

A big thank you to Brad for all the work he has done selling raffle tickets.

It was suggested that we put a ¼ page ad in the “Vintage Tractor & Engine

Magazine”

Charlie reminded everyone that the July meeting will take place at the farm.

Lane volunteered to provide treats for our next meeting. Charlie & Jean will provide the July treats. Carol has been baking for the last 2 meetings. We want to give Irene a lot of thanks for doing so much baking for our club. We are accepting all volunteers.

Dennis reminded us that we have a JD #6 corn sheller, that was willed to the club by Cal Sorenson. It needs to be brought back here from Lisbon, Il..

10) Adjourn

Pat Noonan motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Carol Hossbach, and was carried by all present.

Upcoming activities:

“Spring at the Farm”show May 7 Bristol,Il. (N of Yorkville) live 4H animals
Morris Tractor Ride June 9 – 11th FS provides fuel- Max Armstrong will speak

Thee Olde Time Farm Show	June 30, July 1 & 2	Bourbonnais, IL
Rock Falls Antique & Tractor Show	July 8	Rock Falls, IL
2017 Historic Farm Days	July 13, 14, 15, 16	Penfield, IL

Our Show

JI Case Anniversary Expo
½ Century of Progress

July 20th- 23rd

August 10th.thru 13th.
August. 24 – 27, 2017

Frankfort, IL

Albert City IA.
Rantoul, IL

Membership meetings:

April 13, 2017

June 8, 2017

October 12, 2017

May 11, 2017

July 13, 2017

November 9, 2017

August 3, 2017

December 14, 2017

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