



Minutes of August 3, 2017 General Membership meeting

- 1) **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick
 President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. .

- 2) **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
 Alan called the roll, with 8 directors and 15 members and guests in attendance.

- 3) **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
 . Charlie presented copies of the July 13th minutes available to anyone who wanted one. Alan asked if there were any additions or corrections and there were none. Pat Noonan made a motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Jack Stuffle. It was passed by all present.

- 4) **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
 Fred reported expenses of \$150 for Jim Brown's Magic, \$1362.52 to Kim Schaefer, in charge of flea market/ crafts, \$345 for Prairie Disposal, \$379 to Card Center for Trophies, "Engineers & Engines" show ad of \$125, Alpha Media-Radio ad (WCCQ) for \$800. Drop Zone was paid \$2035 for porta-johns, Weber Printing \$148 for ad postcards, John Ross \$250 for saw mill, \$300 to AAA Tree Service for firewood, for a total expense of \$5894.52. We deposited \$1080 from flea market, \$1752 from dues, \$868 from Country Store, \$3805 from Gate, \$300 from donation for Buttons, \$1375 for Display Banners. We received a donation of \$1600 for the Corn Picker, \$250 Donation towards the petting zoo, and \$500 from farm banners for a total of \$11,530, leaving us a balance of \$14,065.07 in the checkbook. We still expect bills for tent rental, credit card, fuel and hauling. Ron Schubbe made a motion to accept report as presented, seconded by Pat Noonan. It was passed by all present.

- 5) **Old Business** -Brad Eike
 Last month I accidentally omitted Brad's request to acknowledge and thank Russ & Sharon Jacobs and Brian Hinert for their help selling raffle tickets at the Sandwich Engine show.

Lane wishes to thank Bill & Misty Maves for all their work directing the FFA kids, in our parking lot. We took \$174 from "Gate" to supply lunches for the helpers, and Lane suggested we think about donating \$300 to the FFA.

The suggested Plow Day set for August 12th was rescheduled to Sept. 10th, after Labor Day, with a start time of 10 AM.

Pat, Larry and Charlie expressed, from all club members, a big "Thank You" to Alan for all the work he did for the show!

Ron reported that the shades we purchased for the bleachers seemed to work well when first installed, but we will have to wait until next year to put them to the test.

Alan reported the computer software looks good for next year. The PA system still needs some work, possibly more replacement parts.

Kim was asked by several flea marketers if we would make a partial refund, since we cancelled Saturday's show. Pat and the members present did not think a refund was necessary because "acts of God" can't be foreseen.

6) New Business

Discussion was held, and Plow Day was set for Sept. 10th, starting at 10 AM. The club picnic to be held at Charlie's farm one week later, on Sept. 17th, starting at 1 PM. Dennis made a motion to accept these dates, with Pat seconding this motion. It was agreed to by all present. The club will provide water, soda, hot dogs, brats, and hamburgers. We will try letting everyone decide what they wish to bring in the way of picnic food.

There will be elections held at the picnic, for directors who's term expire. Those directors are Butch, Lane, Charles, Connie & Ron.

We also decided to go to Wilton Center Hall on January 21, 2018, for the Christmas Party, if it is available. Connie will check on it. It will be an opportunity to see where the 2018 show will be held.

The corn crib will be remodeled before it is moved to the next show site. The office trailer floor repair has been started, and only needs tile replaced before it is ready to be moved.

7) Show News

The Spiess Farm, at 14151 W. Joliet Rd. Manhattan, will be our next show site. Alan presented a preliminary show site map. Alan and Steve Spiess have walked the site, and decided that the existing culverts are adequate for our needs. There was discussion on where to place the corn crib this fall, so it can be filled.

8) Brad's Remarks

Brad wasn't in attendance

9) Open forum

Larry Marek spoke to George Schaaf, who seemed pleased that we brought the thresher, which he donated, to the show for display. Work has been done on it, but it needs more, before we can try it.

Alan said there seems to be interest in the “adult pedal pull”. Ron Emling from Bonfield, built the one we rented this year.

Alan also requested that the “chain saw specialist” be located much farther from the office trailer, next year. The noise was quite annoying when announcements needed to be made over the PA.

Charlie was reminded to check on the “tractor sled” availability soon.

It was suggested we send a thank you to Farm & Fleet for all the water.

Tina Frazier was the raffle winner of the IHC pedal tractor. Mark Schneidewind won the John Deere pedal tractor.

For those who didn't get to pay dues at the show, dues increased to \$25, and run from Sept. 1, 2017 to Sept. 1 2018 A check can be mailed to Charles Kestel at 10917 W. Steger Rd. Frankfort,IL. 60423 made out to WCTA. His cell number is 815-735-6050 if you have questions. Jean's cell is 815-735-6013. Dues can also be paid at any scheduled meeting, or at the picnic.

10)Adjourn

Jack Stuffle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat Noonan. It was passed by all present.

Upcoming activities:

Plow Day	September 10, 2017	Charles Kestel Farm
Club Picnic	September 17, 2017	Kestel Farm
Christmas Party	January 21, 2018	

Membership meetings:

October 12, 2017	November 9, 2017	December 14, 2017
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