



Minutes of February 8, 2018 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick
 President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:08PM, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
 Alan called the roll, with 7 directors, and 12 members and guests present.
- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
 Charlie made copies of the January 21st. meeting minutes available to anyone who wanted one.
 Alan then asked if there were any other additions or corrections, and there were none. Dennis made a motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by George Roemer. It was passed by all present
- **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
 Fred reported income of \$25 from dues, \$187 from pedal tractor raffle, and \$457 from silent auction. He paid Berkots \$68.03 for chicken, leaving a balance of \$5022.98 in the checkbook. Ron made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Larry Marek. It was passed by all present.
- **Old Business** -Alan Heatherwick
 .Alan reported that the "Dolly Madison" trailer, and the water wagon have been safely moved to A & L Properties, and we wish to thank Corey Brandeau and New Ag Center for all the help in getting it there. We still have a hoist at Brian Kestel's building that we will need a bucket tractor and trailer to move. It's too cold now.

At the Christmas Party, it was voted that we keep it as a pot-luck dinner. You can't beat all those home cooked dishes! We also have to decide on a date for the 2018 Christmas party.

Alan received an invitation from Manhattan for their Irish Day Parade. It is scheduled for March 3rd, and is the first big opportunity to advertise our show.

Lane has a hay rack and our sign ready, and Jean has the balance of the decorations to put this thing together. We need at least 4 people to walk along the route. Two will pass out candy, and two will pass out our cards. In past years, we have had people in the crowd tell us what a good time they have had there in past shows. Alan has submitted our application and \$25 fee.

- **New Business**

Kim reported that the ad was approved for WCCQ, also WVLI. Alan has again agreed to do the interview for WVLI. The Vedette and Kankakee Daily Journal ads have also been placed.

Fred motioned that we again place an ad in TOTFS show book this year. It was seconded by Jeff Brandeau, and passed by all present. Brad will see to it that this years ad is updated.

The tractor pull committee will review the new standardized rules for our show, and we know there will be no 3500# weight class. Mike Hillery's sled is too heavy to accommodate that weight.

We are still looking for a 2019 show site!

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2018 Show

Alan will be applying for our County permit soon.

Brad's Remarks

Brad also reminded us, through Fred, that the club still owes money to the donors from previous years. Fred has the list, and he hopes we can start paying something back.

Fred got a chance to tour IHC's Burr Ridge testing facility, and reports that the next generation tractors will have no drivers.

- **Open Forum**

Larry Marek reported that he will deliver the thresher to George Schaaf this spring, as he has volunteered to do the metal work that it needs.

Fundraiser

Brad was consulted, and reminded us that Commercial Banners cost \$150 per year, and are kept by the club, to be put up in following years, when renewed. Farm Banners cost \$150, with up to 3 pictures, and they are returned to the Farmers each year.

- **Adjourn**

Russ Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM. It was seconded by Bob Homerding and passed by all present.

Upcoming activities:

Manhattan Irish Parade	March 3, 2018
Serena Toy Show	March 4, 2018
Sublette Toy Show	March 17 & 18 th
I & I Toy & Equipment Auction/ Penfield,IL	March 23 & 24 th .
Seneca Toy Show	March 25 th
Mark Twain Toy Show/ Quincy,IL	March 23 – 25
Slo Boys tractor ride/ Pitwood,IL	April 7,2018
Morris tractor ride	June 8 – 10
Ride the River	August 25, 2018

Membership meetings:

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