



Minutes of August 2, 2018 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order**

-Brad Eike

President Alan Heatherwick being gone to a plowing match in South Dakota, our vice president Brad called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

- **Roll Call**

-Brad Eike

Brad called the roll, with 7 directors, and 14 members and guests present.

- **Secretary's Report**

-Charlie Kestel

Charlie made copies of the July 12th.meeting minutes available to anyone who wanted one. Brad then 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 Ron Schubbe. It was passed by all present

- **Treasure's Report**

-Fred Lestina

Fred reported receiving income from "Hot-Dog Day" of \$265, petting zoo of \$400, \$2513 from dues paid, Gate receipts of \$5119, and donations of \$2165. We also received \$2275 from display banners, \$1492 from pedal raffle sales, \$320 from buttons, and \$700 from Farm banners.

We had expense of \$2035 for Drop Zone, \$345 for Prairie Disposal, \$600 cancellation fee to Il. Horse Park, hauling fee of \$800 to Dennis Christiansen, and \$300 to Mike Hillery for showing up with the pulling sled. That left us with a balance of \$14,681.52 in the checkbook.

- **Old Business**

-Brad Eike

Everyone agreed that it was especially nice of Steve Tordai to volunteer to bring his team of horses and wagon to our show, even though it rained. Larry Marek made a motion to send Steve \$400, along with a big "Thank You", to help him with expenses. Terry Donovan seconded that motion, and it was passed by all present.

We all thought the Show was great, considering the weather. Everyone seemed very happy with the show grounds!

Charlie reported that 1 tractor was able to pull before the rain came, and it was put on hold until that shower passed over. Just as we were about to resume, the rain came again, and this time it was decided to cancel the pull. Everyone who wished it, was refunded their entry fee.

Carol and Wayne reported that after Steve Spiess graded the pulling track on Sunday morning, the garden tractor pulled was rescheduled for that afternoon. There were 25 to 30 pullers who waited the extra day to have their fun!

Russ Jacobs suggested that the club should send "Thank-You's" to all the wives who worked along with their husbands, to make our show a success.

Brad reported that there were 1912 tickets sold for this year's pedal tractor raffle, 767 for the John Deere, and the balance for IHC. Bill Simon was the winner of the International, and Matt Peksa won the John Deere. Congratulations!

It was reported that we had approximately 1300 in attendance at this year's show. It was suggested that there needs to be a designated space left for handicapped parking, as there were handicapped people pulling right into the show grounds.

For anyone who hasn't heard, Steve Spiess has agreed to allow us to use this farm again next year!!! Thank-you Steve and Cindy.

New Business

Brad looked in to the possibility of buying Jewelry display cases from Carson's Dispersal sale. A 4 foot section was available for about \$156 dollars. Since our feature tent went over so well, Fred made a motion to buy 2-4 footers. Larry seconded that motion, and it was agreed to by all present.

Someone counted about 120 IHC featured tractors in our show. We hope to settle on the featured tractor for our 2019 show at the picnic. Oliver was suggested, as we haven't done that for a long time. We also need a chairman to oversee the feature tent.

Alan sent us a message, reminding us that we have to lock in our magician, brass band, pulling sled, Steve Tordai's horses and wagon, and our food vendors for next year's show schedule. Charlie already spoke to Mike Hillery, and Fred will check with the band. Carol did not think raising the vendor's price was a good idea, and we all agreed. She will check at the Pontiac show to see if their ice cream vendor can fit us into her schedule.

Steve Spiess and Hank DeLair want to consult with the Illiana Pullers, to see how we can improve our track.

We need to improve the PA system for the track, and Terry Donovan has a brother who could possibly improve our garden tractor sled, so it will automatically measure distance. These are all things we need to think about now.

It was decided to hold the club picnic on Sept 9th. Charles Kestel offered his farm as the site, because everyone should remember how to find it. It is located at 10917 W. Steger Rd., Frankfort, IL. It will be a pot-luck dinner and we will follow our revolving schedule:

A - F	Salads
G - M	Potato Dishes
N - S	Vegetable dishes
T - Z	Dessert

There will be a short meeting following it. We will be voting on new directors, as Dennis, Brad, Alan, Fred and Larry are up for re-election. Dennis has already expressed his desire not to be re-elected. Terry Donovan and Henry Reus have agreed to be nominees.

We have been informed that it is true that our 501 [c] 3 has been revoked. We are in the process of getting our paperwork from our old CPA, and having Ken Goodwin, from Morris, get

us reinstated. Jean made a motion to hire a new CPA and it was seconded by Pat Noonan. It was passed by all present.

The Club decided to rent a porta-pot1ie, for the picnic. Fred will have it delivered to the farm.

Jay expressed a need for a good tarp for the club's people mover. The vinyl ones are not strong enough to last the winter. It needs to be at least 20' x 24' in size, and it was suggested that we ask "Shaw Tent & Awning how much it would cost to make one.

From Dan Tordai and Jim Jecha,

Thank you to the people that helped with the I.H. tent. It was amazing how many came with I.H. made and I.H. related items to display in the I.H. tent. Thank you, Debbie Tordai, for watching over the items in the tent and doing a great job making popcorn. Once and again, **Thank you!!!**

Adjourn

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

Upcoming activities:

Ride the River August 25, 2018
Burnham Ride Sept. 15th & 16th.

Membership meetings:

September 9th. Club Picnic [Held at Charles Kestel Farm] at 1 PM
October 12, 2018 7pm in bank basement

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