



Minutes of October 11, 2018 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Brad Eike
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by our business meeting.
- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
Brad called the roll, with 10 directors, and 14 members and guests present.
- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
Charlie made copies of the September meeting minutes available to anyone who wanted one. Alan then asked if there were any additions or corrections, and there were none. Lane Heatherwick made a motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by John Evans. It was passed by all present
- **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
Fred reported income of \$900 from display banners. Our expenses this month consisted of a \$108 payment to The Peotone Vadette, a Mastercard payment of \$196.50 for Fall picnic expenses, and \$1,305 sent to Plainfield Sign for banner printing. This leaves us a balance of \$7292.06 in the checkbook. Lane has been in contact with the golf cart company about minor damage to the cart we rented, caused by sparks from a steam engine. They said the damage was minimal, and there would be no charge. We still have 2 bills expected, which will show up next month. Alan asked if there were any additions, or corrections, and there were none. Pat Noonan made a motion to accept the report as presented, and it was seconded by Terry Donovan. It was passed by all present.

Old Business

The result of the election of new directors added Terry Donovan and Henry Reus to the roster replacing Dennis and Butch. A short meeting followed. The directors voted to keep the officers the same.

Fred said that he hasn't heard anything yet on the status of our 501 [c] 3.

New Business

Lane has spoken to the person in charge of rental for the Wilton Center Hall, and it has been reserved for our Christmas party on January 6th, of 2019. The food schedule will be coming in the next newsletter, but "SAVE THE DATE".

The crib has been repaired, thanks to Roger, Lane, Ron, Charles, and Alan. Materials were donated by Granger Industries, and sheet metal came from Roger Galas HVAC. The crib has been filled by Charles, Ron, Roger and Dennis

Our first shot at advertising to crowds will come at the Manhattan Irish Fest Parade. It was suggested that we might hand out seed packets with our info printed on it. Cost will be looked into.

The office roof needs some repair. Lane found people to donate the material [fiber coating] that could be used.

Show – 2019 – July 18-21

The show will again be held on Steve and Cindy Spiess' farm. Planning has started, with the addition of 180 feet of depth added to the show grounds. Everything is seeded. It was decided to move the Crafts further to the north. Small engines may be located south or west of the crafters.

John Wolencik found 4 good size pool covers. He used one to cover our "people mover" for the winter. He says the others could be used, if needed, to cover other equipment.

It was decided to feature Oliver, White, Cletrac/Hart Parr, and yes there will be a feature tent. It is hoped that Franklin Weber will bring his Hart Parr to the show. Illiana Pullers were consulted, but it was decided that our show was too small for them to consider at this time.

The Sawmill will be in the same location, animals and horse team will set up in the same place also.

The PA system at the track will be provided by "The Olde Time Farm Show".

Another question was "will we charge for golf carts?", and if so, how much?

We will again be selling "Dogs for Dollars" at the Whitmore Ace Hardware in Manhattan on July 13th. All help is gratefully appreciated. We had a good sale last year.

We haven't found an ice cream vendor yet. Lane suggested possibly having Schwans provide ice cream, with FFA serving it. He will do some more research.

Brad's Remarks

We received a Thank You from the Central Illinois Green Club, which Brad read. They were pleased with the turnout of 94 riders. They covered 54 miles along the Kankakee and Iroquois rivers, and you can go to www.centralillinoisgreenclub.com to see some of the highlights of the ride. They made \$12,000, to be distributed among 10 local FFA clubs.

Brad brought up the idea of purchasing Oliver pedal tractors this year, to go along with our feature. They come in green [#1750] and purple [#1850 from the 60's], and he will check if they can be bought at the Dyersville, Iowa toy show. Bill Weber made a motion to make this happen, and Terry Donovan seconded it. The motion was passed by all present. Brad thought it would be a nice break for those who have been faithfully donating the IHC and JD pedal tractors every year.

Fred mentioned that it was time to order our ½ page ad in the National Directory. He said it will cost \$565. A motion was made by Pat Noonan to do this, and it was seconded by Larry Marek. The motion was passed by all present.

Brad also mentioned that he will be gone the second weekend in January, so we might need volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the Peotone FFA toy show.

Adjourn

At 7:53 pm Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by John Evans and passed by all present.

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November 8, 2018

December 13, 2018

In the FBM basement

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.

Reminder: This will be the last newsletter sent to members who paid thru 2018. 2019 Dues were due in September, since our year runs from September 1 to September 1. Late dues can be mailed to Charles Kestel 10917 W. Steger Rd. Frankfort, IL. 60423-8285 If you have questions please call the house #815-469-5221 or cell 815-735-6050