



Minutes of November 8, 2018 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Brad Eike
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by our business meeting.
- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
Brad called the roll, with 8 directors, and 10 members and guests present.
- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
Charlie made copies of the October minutes available to all who were in attendance. Alan asked if anyone had any additions or corrections, and there were none. Lane made a motion to accept the minutes as published, and it was seconded by Corey Brandau. The motion was passed by all present.
- **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
Fred reported income of \$60 from the 50/50 raffle, \$50 in dues and \$150 for a banner, for a total of \$260. We had expense of \$2000 to Larry Marek for 2018 show hauling, \$400 sent to Peotone FFA for their help with parking, \$244.34 to Jean Kestel for postage and office supplies, and \$780.98 paid to Farm Collector for ½ page show ad and 10 show books. That leaves us a balance of \$4126.74 in our checkbook. A motion was made by Corey to accept the treasurer's report as stated, seconded by John Cronin. It was passed by all present.

Old Business

We have heard nothing about our 501[c] 3 status yet.

Alan has submitted the request to participate in “\$ 4 Dogs” at the Manhattan Ace Hardware on July 13th. We did well there last year, and could use many volunteers.

Handout sheets for toy shows and the Irish Parade were sent to Weber Printing.

It was decided to charge for golf cart use at this year's show. A motion was made by Lane to charge \$10, and was seconded by Pat Noonan. It was passed by all present.

Lane accompanied about 15 guys to Freeport to view the tractor collections of Norm Meinert and Joe Fischer. These collections are not open to the public, but can be seen by invitation only. He said that one of the tractors he saw, was sold for \$120,000.

Brad reported on the Dyersville Toy Show. It was a very good show, but the weather went against them on Saturday afternoon, and a lot of outside vendors packed up and left early.

New Business

Our Christmas Party, scheduled for **January 6, 2019**, will be held in the Wilton Center Hall. Larry Marek and Alan have generously volunteered to bring hams, and Lane and Jean will provide the turkeys. The food schedule for this party is:

A – F	Hot potato dishes
G – M	Vegetable sides
N – S	Desserts
T – Z	Salads

As in the past, the club will be providing the table service, and the drinks.

It was again decided to hold the Silent Auction at the party. Our first donation has already been turned in. It is a hand- made lap quilt, donated by Mrs. Ron Hnetkovsky, in an IHC theme. Barbara did a beautiful job! Alan suggested this might be a way to use those unneeded Christmas gifts to benefit the Show. Food items also seem to go over well. As Larry said last year *“we’re old, but we can still eat “*.

Lane reported that the office trailer roof was power washed, and 3 coats of sealant were applied, at a cost of \$405. A & L Properties covered ½ of that bill for us. Thank You guys.

The Peotone FFA Toy Show is scheduled for January 12th, and we are looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets there. This is the first show of the season, and Brad will be unavailable to be there, as he will be enjoying a trip to Hawaii. He does such an amazing job covering all the other shows that I think we can pick up the slack.

We are going to be in the Irish Parade in Manhattan this year. In other years, we handed out business cards to the adults in the crowd, but this year we will have a bigger card with a schedule of events listed on the back. They were always well received. Jay is going to try to get an Oliver tractor to participate with our float, and Terry Donovan will bring his JD tractors as well.

Show – 2019 – July 18-21

The show will again be held on Steve and Cindy Spiess’ farm. Alan has sent an e-mail to Kim to get started on plans for advertising, but so far hasn’t gotten a response. It was decided that the Show buttons will feature Denny Christiansen’s Oliver #1850, since we will be featuring all things” Oliver”.

FYI: The kids pedal pull is scheduled for 1pm Saturday, followed by the Parade of Power at 2 pm. There will be sweet corn steamed at 5 pm on Saturday also.

Brad’s Remarks

Brad has gotten the Oliver pedal tractors, and Fred has gotten the wagons, though the wagons need to be painted yet. Henry, Charlie and Roger Rainford are covering the cost of the pedal tractors. Brad and Fred also bought matching toy tractors as 2nd place prizes, and that cost was covered by Brad and Fred.

Brad also wanted to remind everyone to think about what you might have to fill our feature tent with.

He also has a schedule for shows in March, if anyone would like to volunteer some time. So far, he will be at Seneca, Sublette, and Serena.

Adjourn

At 8:05 pm, Terry Donovan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Weber. It was passed by all present.

Membership meetings:

December 13, 2018

January 6, 2019

Wilton Center Hall 1PM

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