



Minutes of February 14, 2019 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order**

-Alan Heatherwick

Our President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Roll Call**

-Brad Eike

Brad called the roll, with 7 Directors, and 17 members and guests present.

- **Secretary's Report**

-Charlie Kestel

Charlie made copies of the January minutes available to all who were in attendance. Alan asked if anyone had any additions or corrections. Since there were none, Pat Noonan made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Lane Heatherwick seconded that motion, and it was passed by all present.

Charlie also reported that we made \$302 for the club with our silent auction at our Christmas Party. We also sold \$196 worth of pedal tractor tickets at the Peotone Toy Show. (77 purple, and 148 green) A big thank you goes to Alan, Lane, Jay, Terry Donovan, Jeff Brandau, and Charlie for their help with that effort.

- **Treasure's Report**

-Fred Lestina

Brad filled in for the treasurer, who was unavailable. Our check for \$200 deposit on the Wilton Township Hall was returned. Fred paid \$95.10 to Master Card for cell phone renewal for 1 year. \$10 was sent to Sec. of State to renew "not-for-profit" with Illinois, leaving us a balance in the checkbook of \$558.81. John Walencik made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Ron Schubbe. It was passed by all present.

Old Business

We still have heard nothing about our 501[c] 3 status, although Fred received a tax form from our CPA needing a signature, and to be mailed by Feb. 1st.

New Business

Jeff represented the Club at this year's meeting for the Tractor Pull Rules. The rules remained the same, with the addition of a #5250 class. The safety-hitches were discussed by Larry Eipers, and were accepted for use at our Show. We will add copies of the rules, and a list of weight classes to a future newsletter

Alan has arranged a tour of the John Deere plants in Waterloo, IA on March 5th & 6th. The group will stay at the Baymont Hotel overnight, and see the Engine Works, Drive train and tractor cab plants, plus the JD Museum. The group will leave from Alan's house at 6:30 am.

Brad still needs assistants to sell raffle tickets at the next toy shows. Please let him know if you can help.

We are scheduled to have a float in Manhattan's Irish Day Parade. We have accumulated all the supplies we need for the float, but need people to help put it together at our assigned spot that day. We will meet there on Kay Street at 9 am. After the parade, Russ has volunteered to get the pedal tractors to Brad, for the toy show in Serena the next day.

Show – 2019 – July 18-21

Kim reported that she will design the new fliers for the pizza boxes, now that she has a copy of our new schedule. We also approved ads on the same radio stations as last year.

The flea market spaces will again be 25' x 25'- costing \$40 no matter whether you stay for 2 or 4 days. Crafter spaces will be 12' x 12', and will cost \$40 until May 31st. After June 1, the cost jumps to \$50.

Kim requested a deposit for her efforts, but she will wait until the club has more money. She will be paid \$1000 for Advertising and \$500 for handling the Craft/Flea markets

A discussion on having merchandise for sale, was discussed. T-shirt prices would have to be \$15. John suggested we contact a vendor who prints hats and T-shirts in Seneca, to get more prices.

The Plaques are being made by Mr. Runty, but the Buttons are not yet finalized.

Carol has contracts for 'Pizza 4 U", and "Hot Dogs & More", but is still looking for an Ice cream vendor. The FFA thought they would be spread too thin with handling parking and food.

Brad's Remarks

Brad reported that the temps in Hawaii at night were in the 70's, and daytime temps were in the 80's. He recommends everyone should visit there. There are 7 different climates on the big island.

Brad also stressed how important banner sales are! He also has a magnetic advertising sign available, that can be customized. Its cost is \$20.

Steiner and the banner guy are going to sponsor the web-site for \$300. Ace and Alexander Lumber offered to trade merchandise for banners, but that will take more discussion.

Monroe Striggow, an insurance agent, requesting speakers from our club, to attend two meetings he is sponsoring. They will be explaining where our club started, and how we promote agriculture by showing how past farmers did their farming. They also spoke about our show, and were available to take new memberships. We got 8 new members, and 2 renewals at that time.

Adjourn

Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cory Brandau. The motion was passed by all present

Show Schedule

Sublette Toy Show

March 16-17

Seneca Toy Show

March 24, 2019

Membership meetings:

March 14, 2019

First Bank of Manhattan

April 11, 2019

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.