



Minutes of February 14, 2019 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick
 Our President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
 Brad called the roll, with 10 Directors, and 16 members and guests present.
- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
 Charlie made copies of the February minutes available to all who were in attendance. Alan asked if anyone had any additions or corrections. Since there were none, Lane made a motion to accept the minutes as published. John Cronin seconded that motion, and it was passed by all present.
- **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
 Fred reported income of \$1476 this month. \$200 came from donations, \$140 in dues, monthly meeting donation of \$110, raffle sales of \$196 from Peotone Toy Show, and \$228 from the Serena Toy Show. We also added \$302 from the silent auction at the Christmas Party, and a \$300 banner sale from Steiner Tractor. We sent Steve Tordai \$400 for his expenses supplying the horses and wagon for 2018's show, leaving us a balance in the checkbook of \$1614.81. Ron made a motion to accept the report as presented. Terry Donovan seconded that motion, and it was passed by all present.

Old Business

Ron gave us a report on the "Manhattan Irish Parade, which the club participated in on March 2nd. It was cold!!! It lasted 40 minutes, and a big thank you goes out to Pearl Dodge for letting us use a brand new, green Jeep to pull our float. There was still a good crowd in attendance. Lane and Alan drove the Jeep. Ron, Charlie, Russ and Jay were kept busy handing out fliers to the adults, while Tim Jacobs, and Jeff kept very busy handing out candy. Allison and Emily Jacobs stepped in as our very own leprechauns, riding the pedal tractors on the front of the float.

Brad reported that the Serena FFA Toy Show had a great crowd. He, Fred and Andy Tordai sold 286 tickets. (151 purple and 135 green)

Charlie gave a report on the Striggo events. Alan gave a speech describing the Threshermens Club on the evening meeting held in Monee. Charlie gave the same speech at the morning meeting at the Green Garden Country Club, backed up by Ron. 8 new members were signed up, and 2 members renewed. 3 banners were also sold.

The John Deere Tour was reported on by several men. They left Peotone at 6:30am.covering 300 miles. Alan, Lane, and Charlie took turns driving. When they arrived, they boarded people-movers, powered by lawn mowers. The cell phones were collected, so no one was allowed to take pictures. The tour guide assigned to them had worked there for 32 years. The guys saw robots in action. There were no jobs there that required anyone to lift more than 30 pounds. JD owns 1200 acres near Waterloo, and 48 acres of that is under roof. They also saw transmissions assembled, and the largest JD tractors have 640 hp Cummins engines in them.

New Business

Alan stressed that the club is short of money. We will accept sponsors for anything related to the show. We already accepted a donation from the Central Illinois Green Club.

The subject of the Christmas and Picnic dates were brought up. Sunday September 15th was decided on for the Picnic. Charlie and Jean offered to have it at the farm, as we did last year, unless someone else wishes to have it. January 12, 2020 was decided on for our Christmas party, if we can get Wilton Center booked. Dennis made a motion to accept this plan. Ron seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present

Show – 2019 – July 18-21

John Kestel suggested a 50/50 raffle might be a way to make more money at the show, but we don't know if a license is required.

Terry brought us a list of prices on merchandise to sell at the show. Alan first has to contact Connie, to see what we might have on hand. This was tabled for further discussion.

We now have the picture we will be using for this years' button, so that is in progress.

It was suggested that Fred and Irene remain as King and Queen of this years' show, since they were rained out last year.

Brad's Remarks

Brad reported

That he had raffle tickets with him, and asked that everyone at the meeting take a few to sell. He also has business size cards available to anyone to pass out. We need our advertising out there, wherever a business will let us post it.

Open discussion

Larry said that George Schaaf has the separator working again, and would like to see it working at this years show.

Adjourn

John Kestel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lane Heatherwick. The motion was passed by all present

Show Schedule

Membership meetings:

April 11, 2019

FBM

May 9, 2019

FBM

June 13, 2019

FBM

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