



Minutes of August 1, 2019 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick

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

- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
Fred called the roll, with 9 Directors, and 17 members and guests present.

- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
Charlie made copies of the July 11th minutes available to all who were in attendance. Alan asked if anyone had any additions or corrections. There were none. Dennis made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Henry seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present.

Treasure's Report -Fred Lestina
Fred reported income of \$10,525.75. Extra buttons brought \$30, Display banners added \$600, dues brought in \$1556, Farm banners brought \$925, Flea market added \$130, Garden tractor made \$280, and Gate brought \$4408. The pedal tractor raffle brought in \$745, personal Transportation Vehicles added \$180, Sponsorships brought another \$900, sweet corn sales made \$42, T-shirt sales brought in 744, and the tractor pull added an extra \$300 after Mike Hillery was paid for sled, also \$314.24 was deducted for charges for the trophy plaques. Expenses so far amounted to \$4843.41. We paid \$511.53 for 200 Show plaques, \$200 for the magic show, \$90 to weber printing for 160 parade numbers, Adcraft received \$236.88 for 200 buttons, Plainfield Sign was paid \$1345 for printing banners, Joliet Tent received \$1760, Daum Appliance received \$155 for rental of a refrigerator, and Prairie Disposal was paid This leaves us balance of \$14,617.28 in the checkbook. We do still owe for porta-potties, fuel, credit card, hauling, Kim, T-shirts and Steve Tordai for his team and wagon.

Old Business
Our gate attendance broke down as follows; Thursday saw 24 adults and 4 kids, Friday had 129 adults and 18 kids there, Saturday 240 adults and 61 kids were there, and

Sunday we had 138 adults and 31 kids in attendance. The weather was warm, but for once we missed the rain, having the shade of the trees is a wonderful relief from heat.

New Business

Alan commented that “next year starts now”. Our next meeting will be held at the club picnic, to be held at the Charles Kestel farm. The address is 10917 W. Steger Rd. Frankfort, IL. 60423, starting at 1pm on Sunday, September 15th. This year we will try to make this a pot-luck menu, and see how it goes.

There will be an election of directors at this meeting. The directors up for election are Lane Heatherwick, Bob Homerding, Charles Kestel, Henry Reus, Roger Rainford, and Ron Schubbe. There is always room for more candidates.

There is also discussion on what tractors to feature next year. It was decided to feature John Deere.

Just a reminder: Our club year runs from September to September of the following year. If you haven't renewed your membership at the show, I will take renewals at the picnic, or you can mail a check for \$25.00 to Charles at 10917 W. Steger Rd. Frankfort, IL. 60423. If you have any questions, please call us at (815) 735-6050

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Alan is interested in your ideas on what could be improved. It has been suggested that we move our PA further to the south. Parking and entry point will be changed, also track review stand and speaker placement need to be improved. Bigger signs needed too.

Kim had some changes to suggest. She thought a map of the grounds, showing where displays and attractions were located, could be given to public as they enter grounds. She also expressed the desire for the flea marketers and crafters be located in completely separate areas. Also, food regulations needed from Will County, needs to be sent along with the contracts to our food vendors.

A list of “activities” for possible sponsorship be available.

Bob thinks we need a secretary for the Garden Tractor pull, to help announcer's ability to read contestant's names.

Ron reminds us that “Exhibitors” need to receive packets with their plaque and button in it too.

Russ Jacobs reported hearing our visitors comment that our show was better than last year.

Dennis suggested that we might want to order a smaller feature tent. He also stressed the need for bigger entrance and exit signs. The people mover is in need of a new canopy, at a cost of \$250 for an 8 x 10 ½ ft.

He also suggested that we need to announce schedule changes in Parade time, pull time, horse plowing, and field demos.

Brad wants to go back to our original magician next year, and will be on the phone to him, to get our date set for sure!

Alan's Remarks

Directors and Members

This to all of you to let you know how proud I am personally for all of the time and effort that you all contribute to make this show what it is.

A special thanks to Directors: Charles Kestel, Ron Schubbe, and Lane Heatherwick for all their Work before, during and after the show. Also don't forget the rest of the directors and members of the set-up and teardown crew. Thank them, you owe them a lot.

Members need to remember without all of your effort there would be no show.

Also, a special thanks to the Spiess Family for the use of their farm, and heavy equipment, and generators.

Also, to Christiansen Farms for the use of all their equipment, and expertise.

And last of all, to all members and exhibitors for bringing their tractors and equipment for display. You made for a Great Show.

And speaking for Brad Eike who can't be here tonight

He would like to say a special thanks to Russ Jacobs and his wife, Sharon, for working the kid's tent all during the show.

To Bob Homerding for all his additions to the kid's tent.

To Linda Heatherwick and Ann Baker for the picture boards. They were a big hit.

And just everyone. What a great show.

Thanks to: Terry Jacobs for water

Manhattan Fire Dept. for supplying engine water and Paramedics

Alan Christiansen for electrical work

Dan and Denise Lowe for doing the PA

New Ag for moving the storage container and water tanker

FS for fuel tanks

Tordai Farms for use of the box scraper, and to Steve Tordai for providing his team and wagon

Hank DeLair for use of vibra-roller
Pastor Rich DeVries for his Sunday service

Frankfort Brass Band for an awesome musical performance You Rock!

Adjourn

Terry Donovan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Russ Jacobs. The motion was passed by all present.

Membership meetings:

September 15, 2019	Club Picnic at Charles Kestel Farm Brats & hamburgers, pop and water provided, please bring a dish to pass. Picnic starts at 1 pm.
October 10, 2019	FBM meeting room
November 14, 2019	FBM
December 12, 2019	FBM

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