



Minutes of September 15, 2019 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick

Our President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 1:05, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, John Cronin led us in an opening prayer, followed by the beginning of our annual picnic. The tables were loaded with delicious foods brought by our members. Fred was busy grilling his great brats, hamburgers and hotdogs too. Everyone enjoyed plates full of good food and desserts until we were all full!!! When everyone seemed satisfied, and enjoying each other's company, Alan continued the meeting at 2:16 pm.

- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
Brad called the roll, with 11 directors and 43 members and guests present.

- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
Charlie made copies of the August 1st minutes available to all who were in attendance. Alan asked if anyone had any additions or corrections. There were none. John Evans made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Lane Heatherwick seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present.

Treasure's Report -Fred Lestina
Fred reported income from display banners of \$300, donations of \$1150, Dues of 1320, and Farm banners of \$100. Expenses were Kim Schaefer received \$1217.66, T-shirts for \$1237, Master Card for \$910, Vedette for \$72, and Weber Printing for \$150. We also paid Grainger Enterprise \$210 for saw mill repair, Larry Marek for hauling \$2650, postage and supplies of \$320.84, \$345 for Prairie Disposal, Dennis Christiansen's hauling of \$800, FS for fuel of \$1241.02, Steve Tordai's horse expenses for 4 days of \$800, and the Pit Stop for rental of porta-potties. Fred thinks that except for FFA, we have all 2019 show bills paid, leaving us a balance of \$6431.50 in the checkbook. Larry Eipers made a motion to accept the report as presented. Jack Stuffles seconded that motion, and it was passed by all present.

Old Business
Brad started off with the question, "Why can't we get more people to come to our show?" Lane encourages everyone to hand out our cards. Some of our members

would like more of the wheat to be harvested, so field demonstrations of plowing can start on Thursday.

New Business

There was an election of directors at this meeting. The directors up for election were Lane Heatherwick, Bob Homerding, Charles Kestel, Henry Reus, Roger Rainford, and Ron Schubbe. Since no other candidates stepped forward, elections proceeded, and all were re-elected by a unanimous vote. A short meeting of the Directors was held immediately, and the officers will remain the same. Larry Eipers and Larry Marek made a motion to accept the election results, and it was passed by all present.

Brad asked that we give Alan Heatherwick a big *Thank You* for all the hard work he has put in up till now, and agreeing to be our president for another term!

Alan also asked for a big thank you to Cindy and Steve Spiess for allowing us to use their property once again for our 2020 show. It is a beautiful show site, and we truly appreciate it! We also want to thank Bob Homerding for all the signs he has made, and all the repairs he has done to our smaller equipment

The next thing that needs to be done is corn crib painting. We also need to repair more of the floor in the office trailer, since we discovered there was more water damage from the roof leaks than we thought. That office is essential to running a good show.

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, you can mail a check for \$25.00 to Charles Kestel at 10917 W. Steger Rd. Frankfort, IL. 60423. If you have any questions, please call us at (815) 735-6050

Show –2020 16 – 19 July Spiess Farm

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 so that everyone will enter and exit at the same entrance point. Track review stand and speaker placement need to be improved. Bigger signs needed too. Exhibitors will be issued ID sticker for their vehicles.

We have purchased a gold demo pedal tractor and black wagon to go behind it. Many thanks to John and Nancy Evans for their donation of a JD pedal combine as the second raffle prize for the 2020 show.

To update everyone on this year's winners of the pedal tractor raffle: The pink tractor was won by our own Russ Jacobs. Second place 1/16 tractor was won by Brad Ty, and the 1/64th tractor was won by John Bobzin. The green pedal tractor was won by Janet Thiess of Kentucky, the 1/16th tractor was won by Karen Hannon, and the 1/64th tractor was won by Scott Kestel. Sorry I didn't report this in last month's newsletter.

Alan's Remarks

Alan and Brad reminded that the Newark FFA Toy Show will be held the third Sunday in November

Adjourn

Terry Donovan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Henry Reus. The motion was carried by all present.

Membership meetings:

October 10, 2019	FBM meeting room
November 14, 2019	FBM
December 12, 2019	FBM

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