



Minutes of November 14, 2019 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick

Our President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:04, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
Brad called the roll, with 10 directors and 12 members and guests present.

- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
Charlie made copies of the October 10th minutes available to all who were in attendance. Terry corrected me, explaining that Laura Conway, from the Herscher area, might possibly be able to provide ice cream at the show. She is not connected with Kona Ice.
Alan asked if anyone had any more additions or corrections, and there were none. Ron Schubbe made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. George Roemer seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present.

Treasure's Report -Fred Lestina
Fred reported that we had no income this month. Our expenses amounted to \$733.35. This included our Show Book ad for \$565, Farm Collector & Gas engine Coming Events ad for \$110, and we ordered 5 show books, for \$58.35, which we will get back when we sell them. This leaves our bank balance at \$4677.30. Terry Donovan made a motion to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Pat, and John Cronin, and was passed by all present.

Old Business
We had reserved two dates, January 5th or 12th, as possibilities for the Christmas Party. The 12th was the most popular, and Fred made a motion, and Pat seconded it, to schedule the Christmas Party for January 12th. We will have a "silent auction". Lane and Charlie volunteered to bring turkeys. Alan will be bringing a ham, but we could still us another.
The food schedule is enclosed. We didn't use it for the picnic, so this isn't carved in stone, only a suggestion.

A – F	Salads
G – M	Hot potato Dishes
N – S	Vegetable Sides / Deviled Eggs
T – Z	Desserts

It was reported that Alan, Ron, and Bob started tearing up sections of the floor in the office trailer. Lane and Russ Jacobs applied sealer above the windows and doors, in the hope to correct all the leaks. That job isn't finished, but we have a good start.

It seems that our website and Facebook presence are not agreeing. It was suggested that we keep the name "WCTA" and cancel "steam show.org". Terry also suggested that we rescind Kim's power of usage on our web page. Brad spoke to Larry, who agreed to give up handling the web page and Facebook. Marty Szudarski, who used to work with our club, was contacted to see if he can take over this job. Lane mentioned that Marty does this same job for the Green Club, and gets paid \$200. Lane made a motion to have Marty take over website. Russ Jacobs seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present

New Business

The question of picking corn and filling the crib was the next order of business. Dennis will provide the elevator, picker and tractor. Roger volunteered 2 wagons and Ron is supplying another wagon. Charlie will bring a tractor to run the elevator, and Lane will provide a tractor to haul loads in. All we need to decide on is a good day, when everyone is available.

Alan passed around a sample of the handout that will be given out to those attending the 2020 show. It will cost \$95/500 and there is room for sponsors along the edges. It was suggested that the large spaces should go for \$50, and the small spaces go for \$25. Terry volunteered to sell the ads, as it would get complicated to keep track of what was sold and what was available, if more than one person was handling it.

Fred brought up the subject of the club cell phone. It is costing the club \$110 per year, and it is seldom answered regularly. There has to be a better way. Russ Jacobs made a motion to drop the cell, seconded by Henry Reus. It was passed by all present.

Brad asked if everyone was happy with selling the raffle tickets for \$1, 6 for \$5. The consensus of opinion leaned toward leaving the price the same.

Henry was asked for an update on our food vendors, and we have "Pizza 4 U", corn dogs, donut holes & cheese curds, Kettle corn, and possibly Ice cream truck coming.

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Alan explained that there will only be one way in and out of the show in 2020. He wants wrist bands to be worn only on the wrist, and there will be vehicle stickers issued to exhibitors. These will be displayed on the windshield, to make it easier for the parking

crew to flag you thru, and keep the lines moving. Brad will have the stickers made. There was a suggestion the club buy clips suitable to hold the tractor numbers we are looking into the cost.

Alan was contacted by Andy Partak, from the Manhattan Civil War Club. They would like to have an exhibit at our show. What do you think?

Brad's Remarks

Alan and Brad reminded that the Peotone Toy Show is scheduled for January 11th. That will be our first opportunity to sell raffle tickets. It will also be an opportunity to sell WCTA merchandise. Terry will be there with hats and tee's for sale.

Brad mentioned his idea to donate a basket to the "Farm Bureau" silent auction. It will be aimed at adults. Brad made the motion, seconded by Chuck Uthe, to do this, and it was passed by all present

Brad also asked if we wanted to change our slogan "on the road again" to something else. Any suggestions?

Adjourn

Russ Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Brandau. The motion was carried by all present.

Membership meetings:

December 12, 2019

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January 12,2020

Christmas Party 1pm

Wilton Center Town Hall

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