



Minutes of February 13, 2020 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick

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

- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
Brad called the roll, with 10 directors and 25 members and guests present.

- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
Charlie made copies of the January 15th minutes available to all who were in attendance.
Alan asked if anyone had any additions or corrections, and there were none. Lane Heatherwick made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Pat Noonan seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present.

- **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
Fred reported that we had \$834 of Income this month. \$20 came as a donation, \$50 turned in as dues. We sold \$210 in Raffle tickets, \$404 in Silent Auction items, and \$150 came in from tee shirt sales. Expenses totaled \$1494.40. We received a late bill from the Kankakee Daily Journal, for \$103 for ads for 2019 show. That has been corrected, so the bills are sent directly to Fred. We paid \$10 to the State for this year's 501©3. Our Master Card bill, and our CPA charge for this year's tax prep. amounted to \$505.90. and we paid Plainfield Sign \$875 for banners and magnets. This leaves us a balance of \$1927.48 in our checkbook.

Old Business

Brad gave a glowing report on our Christmas party. We had good weather, everyone seemed to have a good time, and no one went home hungry!

The next day, it was reported that Larry Eipers entered the hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob gave us the update on repairs to the office trailer. The wood underlayment has been replaced, where it was damaged by moisture, and is now ready for floor tile. That will be done when the weather is warmer.

We still need to build a roof for our shuttle wagon.

Marty Szudarsky attended the meeting to explain what he could do to update our website, and get old information removed from it. He used the Rock River site as an example. We could use more sponsors for this project.

New Business

“The Old Time Farm Show” has donated their saw mill and PA system to us. It is presently housed with Vern Gaus.

Alan reported the results of the Feb. 11th meeting we had with the TOTFS merge meeting. That club decided to dissolve, and will have an auction at Prairie Park on March 1st. After paying all bills, their club will disperse the balance of funds.

The Schaaf Tour was scheduled for February 29th with over 40 signed up to attend.

The lease proposal between Steve Spiess and WCTA agreed to pay Steve \$2000 per year

Kim reported that the contracts for the flea marketers and crafters have been distributed. She also reminded Alan that the crafters, and the flea marketers need to be separated. She also asked which radio stations we would like to put ads on. The Valley appeals to an older group, while River Country reaches a younger audience. Fred made a motion to split between both stations. The motion was seconded by Pat, and was passed by all present.

It was decided that WJOL was too costly, and we will place 2 ads in the Vadette.

Kim needs fliers as soon as possible.

Fred mentioned that we received a Thank You from the Will County Farm Bureau Foundation for our donation of a basket for their silent auction. Henry put together a very nice selection of WCTA garments, 2 free passes for the show, and a toy tractor in a galvanized bucket all wrapped in cellophane.

Jeff gave a report on the tractor pull meeting he attended. New this year is the rule of a 4 mph limit. Radar gun honks when you have reached that speed. Everything else will remain the same. Tractors can be pre certified in Chebanse so you can skip the scales at each show. There are 13 shows, all following the same rules, and having the same weight classes.

Henry reported that the food vendor contracts were sent out, but none have been returned yet.

The Irish Fest Parade is scheduled for March 7th. We will be lining up at 10am, and Jay, Lane, Russ, Ron, Scott, and Jeff volunteered to hand out our fliers, and candy. Warren Schultz volunteered to pull the float with his tractor, unless the weather is bad, then we will pull it with a pick up.

Representatives from the reenactment group explained that the Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery will arrive at the show grounds on Friday night to set up, stay as security, and lead the parade of power on Saturday. They will provide a living display for the public to interact with and answer questions. There will be 15 to 20 members present. Fred made a motion to have the Civil War Reenactors join us at the show. Pat and Ron seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present.

Show –July 16 - 19 2020 Spiess Farm

We are still waiting on a tractor picture to be put on our buttons.

Brad's Remarks

Brad has new show magnets available for \$25, with the date strip costing \$10. He also reminded us of the upcoming Toy Show schedule, and the request for volunteer help. Sublette Show is featuring International this year.

Adjourn

Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cory Brandau seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present.

Membership meetings:

March 12,2020	FBM
April 9, 2020	FBM
May 14, 2020	FBM

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Upcoming Toy Shows

Sublette Toy Show	March 14th + 15th.
Seneca Toy Show	March 29th.

