



**Minutes of March 12, 2020 General Membership meeting**

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick

Our meeting was called to order at 7:02 and our president, Alan Heatherwick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled, due to COVID – 19**

- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike  
Brad called the roll, with 11 directors and 18 members and guests present.

- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel  
Charlie made copies of the February 13th. minutes available to all who were in attendance.  
Alan asked if anyone had any additions or corrections, and there were none. Pat Noonan made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Ron Schubbe seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present.

- **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina  
Fred reported that we had income of \$450 from donations, \$80 from the flea market, \$350 from magnets, \$106 from monthly meeting donations, \$171 from the pedal tractor raffle, and a refund of \$200 from our security rental of Wilton Town Hall. We owed to Advertising Solutions \$411.69 for tee shirts, and \$350.05 for Master Card, and office expenses, leaving us in the black by \$595.26. Our checkbook balance stands at \$2022.74. Lane made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. It was seconded by Anthony Settle and was passed by all present.

**Old Business**

Alan reported that our club has received a donation of \$200 from the Green Club. There was discussion about this, and Terry made a motion to donate \$200 back to the Green Club. Ron seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present.

Bob Homerding reported that the office trailer floor repair has been finished.

Alan said that he has the parts to add a roof to the club's shuttle wagon. We just have to wait for better weather to complete it. He also reported that there has been no word from Marty yet, on our web site update.

Charlie reported on the insurance meetings he and Alan attended. It gained us 2 new members, and we really appreciate Monroe Striggow inviting us to speak. Charlie also reported that the only new rule coming from the Tractor Pull meeting was the addition of a 4 MPH speed limit on all tractors. The rest of the rules remain the same.

### **New Business**

Ron Schubbe reported on the TOTFS Sale. He said that everything brought good money, and the club did not buy anything.

Lane said that the Schaaf Tour was outstanding!! Everyone in attendance was offered a new cap, and there were visitors from over 250 miles away. Not only did we see many great old tractors, but some of them were even started for us. We also were allowed to view a room full of dolls, collected by George's wife.

The lease agreement is still being reviewed by a lawyer.

Our advertising report was not made, as Kim's daughter was killed in an out-of-state accident, and she could not be in attendance.

Henry reported that we have received 3 contracts. There is a possibility of ice cream produced by a hit & miss engine, and sweet corn might be available every day of the show.

Charles reported on the Irish Parade in Manhattan. There were huge crowds, and a record of 50 floats entered. We want to thank all of our volunteers, Jeff, Ron, Tim Jacobs and his twin girls, Russ, Lane, Alan, Jay, Bob and Bev Homerding, Warren Schultz, Sr & Jr., Charlie, Jean, Madi & Paige Kestel. We passed a great many show cards out to the crowd, and hopefully reached more new families from other towns. We also ran out of candy for the first time.

Tim and Andy Partak explained that the Reenactment Group will place their tents back to back in their designated space, enabling the public to interact with the men, by asking any questions they have.

### **Show –July 16 - 19 2020 Spiess Farm**

Lane mentioned that Dean Bettenhausen had a JD "Spoker D", which might look good on our button. Russ made a motion to use that as our button model. Andy Stanton seconded that motion, and it was passed by all present.

Jim Robbins spoke briefly about the Tractor Ride leaving from our show ground on Saturday of our show. The cost will be \$65 per tractor, and this year they will be heading east. He also said there will be a pork chop dinner with it, same as last year

Chuck Uthe brought up the subject of tractor drivers leaving after the ride. It was discussed, but there was another tractor event scheduled for the next day, and the membership didn't think this would be a problem.

### **Brad's Remarks**

Brad said that Serena Toy Show was decent. 122 International tickets and 98 JD Combine tickets were sold. He was contacted by Adam Krammer, representing Bonfield Days, about the possibility of borrowing our lawn mower pulling sled. It was discussed, and Ron made a motion to say no. Pat seconded the motion, and it was carried by all present.

He also reminded all of us to sell Banners. Commercial Banners sell for \$150 the first year, and \$100 to rehang next year. Farm banners cost \$150 also, but rehang will be a "good will donation"

Terry has shirt/ etc. order forms available.

Larry Eipers is out of the hospital. He is home, and on the mend.

Alan says that the sawmill, we own now, has to find another "home". It will be taken to Steve Grainger, so he can repair the auger. Does anyone have an empty corner in your barn?

### **Adjourn**

Jeff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anthony seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present.

### **Membership meetings:**

April 9, 2020	FBFM	Cancelled
May 14, 2020	FBM	

Membership meetings are held in the lower level of the First Bank of Manhattan, 55 W North St., Manhattan, IL. Please be prompt because the doors are tended until 7:15 and then locked per agreement with the bank officials.

### **Upcoming Toy Shows**

Sublette Toy Show	March 14th + 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cancelled
Seneca Toy Show	March 29th.	Cancelled
Slo boys Tractor Drive	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Piper City to Strawn Cancelled
Covered Bridge ride	Rockville	Cancelled

