



Minutes of August 4, 2016 General Membership Meeting

Please Note: Club Picnic, September 18, 2016, at Connie Schuler's home.

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alan.

2) Roll Call

The roll was called by Brad, with 8 directors and 24 members and guests in attendance.

3) Secretary's Report

Copies of the July 14th meeting were distributed by Charlie. There were no discrepancies noted. Ron Schubbe made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Russ Hossbach seconded that motion. It was carried by all present.

4) Treasurer's Report

Fred reported that income made this year included: \$22 from button sales, \$140 made from calendar sales, \$110 camping fees, \$980 from concessions, \$1950 from Display Banners, \$365 from donations, dues of \$2897, Flee market brought in \$435.75, the Gate provided \$6990, and Country Store made \$911.98, Monthly meeting donation of \$97, pedal tractor raffle of \$442, sponsorship of \$1100. And sweet corn brought \$35. Expenses break down with: advertising cost of \$625, club expenses of \$266.58, saw mill expenses of \$350, show expenses of \$6020.43, leaving us a balance of \$19109.66. The hauling bill is still outstanding, and the possibility of reimbursing Mr. Tordai for sponsorship of the tractor pull which didn't happen. Mr. Wally Rauch motioned to accept the report as presented. It was seconded by Bill Fries, and was

passed by all present. FYI: We had 1526 adults and 364 youth in attendance at the show.

5) Old Business

Alan opened the floor for Show comments, and Connie expressed a desire to have the Country Store tent closer to the main area. Lane reiterated that cleanup of our old unused trailers are estimated to cost the club \$900 per trailer. We are offering them “free for the hauling”

6) New Business

Dennis reported that the threshing machine, which was previously stored at Warren Schultz will need a new home after next year’s show. The one row corn picker, that was also stored there, is not needed, and it was decided to put an ad in the Agri News, or place it at Witvoet Auction to sell it. Dennis was appointed to write the ad.

Alan reminded us that there will be a short meeting, to elect Club directors, at the club picnic, to be held September 18, 2016 Dennis, Fred, Brad, Larry, and Alan are up for reelection. Connie Schuler will host the picnic. She lives at 16939 W. Manhattan Rd. Elwood,Il. 60421. Connie will be ordering chicken from Burkots, and the picnic will start at 1 PM.

Members please bring a dish to share:

A-F Potato side dish

G-M Salad

N-S Dessert

T-Z Fruit or vegetable side dish

Club will provide table service, pop & water

2017 Show Site

Alan reported that he met with Glen Ginder during the show, and he expressed his concern that his field was too small to accommodate our show. Scoular Elevator, at Andres, expressed an interest in hosting our show also, but there again, they have only 40 acres. Charlie mentioned that he has the remaining half of the farm in beans, which could be planted in wheat this fall. Russ Hossbach made a motion to accept Charlie's offer to have the 2017 show at the same site. It was seconded by Bill Fries, and was passed by all present.

Advertising

Alan brought up the need to start planning our advertising for the 2017 show soon. The dates are the 20th to the 23rd of July, and it was decided to print the ½ sheets and cards very quickly. It was questioned if we should feature a particular tractor company, but it was decided to leave it as it was this year. Brad will look into having the new magnetic strips printed.

7) Brad's Comments

The Frankfort Brass Band will again be featured on Saturday of the show.

8) Open Forum

Carol Cosgrove-Hossbach was unable to attend our meeting, to discuss vendor problems, because of a conflict in meeting schedules.

Alan reported that the PA system worked fine at Charlies, but not so at Perry Farms. He expressed the desire to get a back-up transmitter.

John Walencik spoke to Rendals about the possibility of towing the old trailers to Ford Heights for disposal, but did not have a cost estimate. They seem to be the only yard big enough to cut them up on their site.

It was decided to hold the Christmas Party on January 15th. Connie will check to see if Wilton Center Hall is available then.

Dennis offered to take ownership of the Joliet Corn sheller in trade for the bill the club owes him for the pulley he provided. Bill Fries made a motion to accept that offer, and it was seconded by Ron Schubbe. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Wally Rauch asked that an ad be put in the newsletter for the #325 New Idea 1 row picker, stored in Warren Schultz barn. He believes it should be worth \$1800 or best offer. Contact Alan

Since the crib will stay where it is, repairs will be put off for now, until after next year's show.

9) Adjourn

Jack Stuffle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Larry Marek, and was carried by all present.

Upcoming activities:

Manhattan Labor Day Parade Sept.5 – 11 AM Start, Volunteers needed.

Membership Picnic September 18th – Connie Schuler
Membership Meeting October 13, 2016 Manhattan Bank

November 10, 2016 Bank

December 8, 2016 Bank

Christmas Party January 15, 2017

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 bank officials.

PS. Membership Dues due Now for 2016/2017 year.