



Minutes of Sept.18,2016 General Membership meeting

Club Picnic

At 1:15 PM. Our president, Alan Heatherwick greeted all in attendance. He thanked everyone for coming, for all the good food brought to share, and especially thanked Connie and Bob for hosting this year's picnic. He then led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance, and invited John Cronin to lead us in prayer, after which we proceeded to eat our fill. The food was delicious, the weather was pleasant, and the fellowship was lively and much enjoyed.

1) Call to order

When everyone's hunger was satisfied, Alan called a short meeting to order.

2) Roll Call

Brad called the roll, with all 11 directors, and 16 members and guests in attendance.

3) Secretary's Report

Charles offered copies of the minutes from the August meeting, and a motion was made by Lane Heatherwick to accept it as presented. Butch Brueggert seconded the motion, and it was carried by all present.

4) Treasurer's Report

Fred reported making deposits of \$1530 this month. \$800 was received from banner sales, \$15 from face painting, \$80 from the sale of calendars, \$135 in dues, \$450 from straw, and \$50 from camping. Payments were made to credit card of \$741.81, Vedette News for \$144, FS for gas of \$561.71, Butch Brueggert for \$69.66, and Connie Schuler for \$300. A check for \$1600 was sent to Synergy Seed to reimburse them for their sponsorship of the tractor pull, and they sent it back to us to use for the coming year. Connie made a motion to accept the report as presented. Ron Schubbe seconded the report, and it was passed by all present.

5) Old Business

Alan, on behalf of the Club, once again thanked Charlie and Jean for hosting the 2016 show, and for agreeing to host the 2017 show. He also said he had been contacted by Steve Spiess with an offer of land as a possible show site for 2018. Discussion on that offer was tabled for a future meeting.

6) New Business

Election of Directors was next on the agenda. Alan, Brad, Dennis, Fred and Larry were up for re-election. Alan asked if there was anyone else interested in running for director, and no one responded. Carol made a motion to re-elect all the directors, seconded by Connie, and it was accepted by all present. Election of officers will be decided at a directors meeting, held at a later date.

7) Open Forum

Once again, we thanked Connie and Bob for their hospitality. Connie then made the announcement that Alan Heatherwick and Jane Bettenhausen were engaged. Congratulations to them! Brad announced that the club has secured a JD, and an IHC pedal tractor for the 2017 show raffle. Raffle tickets will be printed soon. Out of curiosity, I asked for a breakdown of numbers on this years raffle. We sold 1076 MM tickets and 892 JD tickets.

8) Adjourn

Larry Marek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lane, which was passed by all at 5:20 PM.

Upcoming activities:

Membership Meeting	October 13, 2016 November 10, 2016 December 8, 2016	
Christmas Party	January 15, 2017	Wilton Center Hall

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, for 2017, due now.

PPS. Our corncrib has now been painted white, set in place in the field, and filled with ear corn. Thanks to Alan, Ron, Butch, Roger, Charlie, Dennis, and Michael Schroth, who were the work crew. We also have 1 semi-trailer to dispose of.