



Minutes of September 17, 2017 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. .
- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
Brad called the roll, with 10 directors and 22 members and guests in attendance.
- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
Charlie made copies of the August 3rd minutes available to anyone who wanted one. Alan asked if there were any additions or corrections and there were none. Lane Heatherwick, made a motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Ron Schubbe. It was passed by all present.
- **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
Fred reported income from camp grounds of \$150, and \$850 from display banners. We received donations of \$475, dues of \$225, \$100 from farm banners, \$20 from flea market, \$35 from monthly meeting donations, and \$900 for sponsorship of the team of horses. There were expenses of \$385 from "Drop Zone" for potties at picnic and plow day, \$1760 for tents and fans, and \$681.69 to Card Center for show printing, leaving a balance of \$13046.10 in the checkbook. Fred reminded us that almost \$3000 of that balance is dedicated to next years petting zoo, horses, and pulling sled. We also have several more bills expected, connected to this year's show. John Cronin made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Lane, and carried by all present.

Picnic

Alan put the meeting on "pause", and asked John Cronin to say grace before our meal. Fred grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats for our enjoyment. Everyone else supplied a delicious variety of deviled eggs, salads and desserts. No one could have gone away hungry! We set

tables up in the shed, but the threat of rain never materialized. it was a very relaxed afternoon, with much visiting going on.

Old Business

-Alan

After everyone was fed, Alan explained that even though we never had our parade of power, we honored Marine and Bob Satterlee as grand marshals of the 2017 Show. We thanked them and presented them with a plaque commemorating the honor.

Brad reminded us that we have to keep in mind not to spend the money that has been set aside for petting zoo, horses, pulling sled, and trophies.

Lane expressed the club's thanks to our set up crew, who worked tirelessly to have the show ready to open on Thursday morning. "Many hands make light work" as the saying goes.

Alan explained that we borrowed speakers from "The Olde Tyme Farm Show, and we need to buy some of our own.

Lane gave a report on the plow day. The ground was very dry, and hard as a rock, but we still had 18 tractors working. The Peotone FFA kids sold pork burgers, hot dogs, soda and chips, and the boys that grilled them did an excellent job.

- **New Business**

Dennis explained that he estimates that the crib remodel will take one and one half days to complete. It was decided to schedule the job for the last week of September. Any and all were invited to help. We got at the job on September 29th, and with the help of Steve Granger's Tele-handler, and Dennis's operating skills, we had the job done in a day. Steve is ready to mount the axel under it in the next week, and we will haul it to the next show site, so it can be filled with ear corn

Alan reported that the repairs to the office trailer floor were completed, and the trailer was taken to A & L Properties for storage.

The Christmas Party was brought up, but since Connie wasn't in attendance, we will have more details at a later date.

Next on the agenda was election of directors. Connie wished to resign, and Bob Homerding agreed to run in her place. Butch, Lane, Charlie, Roger, and Ron agreed to run again. By unanimous vote, this slate of directors were elected for another term.

Larry Merek reported that the threshing machine has been taken to Mr. Schaaf. He also reported that our web site is updated, and if anyone finds mis-information anywhere else, let him know.

2018 Show

Alan passed around copies of the proposed layout, asking for opinions on how many acres were needed. Most commented that 60 acres would be adequate.

Charlie is having trouble finding a sled available on Saturday or Sunday. Mike Hilary had his sled available on Friday, and it was decided to have our antique tractor pull Friday afternoon. It will leave more time to plow on Sunday. We also decided to have our children's pedal pull on Saturday only.

Fred will request the Brass Band be scheduled at 1PM on Sunday, with the parade of power following at 2 PM.

Brad's Remarks

Brad expressed his thanks again to everyone, especially Alan for a great job done. Thanks also to the other clubs who graciously let us borrow some of their equipment. He got some great comments on Bob Homerding's barrel train. It was a big hit!

Brad also wanted to point out that we made \$4675 for display banners, \$830 for farm banners, and \$985 from our pedal tractor raffle this year. Pat Noonan will try to get a JD pedal tractor for next year. We are still in need of an IHC pedal tractor, since that will be the featured tractors next year.

Larry Marek made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Dennis. The motion was carried by all present.

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For those who didn't get to pay dues at the show, dues increased to \$25, and run from Sept. 1, 2017 to Sept. 1 2018 A check can be mailed to Charles Kestel at 10917 W. Steger Rd. Frankfort, IL. 60423 made out to WCTA. His cell number is 815-735-6050 if you have questions. Jean's cell is 815-735-6013. Dues can also be paid at any scheduled meeting.

Upcoming activities:

Christmas Party

January 21, 2018

Membership meetings:

October 12, 2017

November 9, 2017

December 14, 2017

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