



Minutes of September 17, 2017 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. .
- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
Brad called the roll, with 11 directors and 15 members and guests in attendance.
- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
Charlie made copies of the Sept. 17th 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 Butch Brueggert. It was passed by all present.
- **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
Fred reported income of \$120 from a display banner, \$220 in dues, and \$100 for memorials in memory of Gary Hossbach. He paid Jean Kestel \$41.04 for donuts for plow day, \$53.02 to Brad Eike for ice purchased for the show, \$83.07 to Alan for miscellaneous show expenses, and \$266.34 to Lane for show supplies.. This leaves us a balance of \$13,042.63 in the checkbook. Pat Noonan made a motion to accept this report as presented. It was seconded by Ron Schubbe, and was passed by all present.
- **Old Business** -Alan Heatherwick
Alan asked the members present how much donation they thought would be fair to send to the Peotone FFA for their help with parking. It was decided that we send \$300 to them. A unanimous motion was passed agreeing to this amount.
Dennis reported that the crib has been lowered and modified with wheels so it can be safely pulled down the road. It still could use a new roof sometime in the future. A big "thank-you" goes out to Steve Granger for the use of his tele-handler and his expertise in fabricating the wheel assembly!

Also on the work crew of this project are Mike Schroth, Roger Rainford, George Roemer, Charlie Kestel, Lane and Alan Heatherwick, Dennis Christensen, and Ron Schubbe. Thanks to you too.

- **New Business**

Charlie hooked the tractor to the crib on Friday, the 6th, and down the road he went, followed by Lane in his truck. They made the trip in 40 minutes. The next week, Dennis, Roger & Charlie brought the equipment they needed, and filled the crib with help from Alan and Butch too.

Alan said that the next job is moving the “Dolly Madison” trailer, roller, and water tank down to A & L properties, hopefully before Thanksgiving.

The Christmas Party is still a question because Connie hasn’t gotten a return call from Wilton hall rep.

- **2018 Show**

Alan passed around copies of the proposed layout, pointing out where gravel is needed at the two entrances.

The Show schedule was the next discussion. The Parade of Power will be scheduled for 2 PM every day. Because of scheduling difficulties, the antique tractor pull will be scheduled for Friday at 10:30 AM and 3 PM. It was suggested that the weight classes be split up, giving time for weight changes etc. Larry Lorenz will be asked to announce this pull. The pedal pull for children, and the garden tractor pull will be held on Saturday, with the Brass Band scheduled for 1 PM Sunday, followed by the parade of power. It was suggested that we contact Rich Rainford to see if he would announce the parade on the weekend. Dan Lowe was a suggestion for Thursday and Friday. Fred needs all this information decided on by November, so he will have time to list it in the 2018 Show Book.

It was decided to keep the appreciation dinner on Thursday night, and sell steamed sweet corn on Saturday

Alan questioned whether we will have a show in 2019? He needs an answer soon, so we can begin advertising. Are there any volunteers?

- **Brad's Remarks**

Brad announced that Jim Jecca and Dan Tordai will be donating an IHC pedal tractor. He also announced that John Cronin was celebrating his 80th birthday. Happy Birthday, John!

- **Open Forum**

It was reported that the Green Club ride was well attended, and everyone enjoyed it. It started at Bonfield and traveled about 65 miles.

John Cronin reported going on the Hamilton ride in Galva, where he saw the Old Red Shed tour, featuring equipment made by Hays and Blue Star.

Lane reported that 3 weeks ago, they went on the Happy Henry Memorial ride. It was promoted by the Dragging Ass Club, and was by invitation only. Henry's family cooked dinner for the men.

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.

- **Adjourn**

Pat Noonan made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by John Cronin. It was passed by all present.

Upcoming activities:

Dyersville, Iowa Toy Show
Christmas Party

November 1, 2017
January 21, 2018

Membership meetings:

October 12, 2017

November 9, 2017

December 14, 2017

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