



### Minutes of December 14, 2017 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick  
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:07PM, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. .
- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike  
Brad called the roll, with 9 directors and 18 members and guests were in attendance.
- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel  
Charlie made copies of the November 9<sup>th</sup>. Meeting minutes available to anyone who wanted one.  
Alan asked if there were any other additions or corrections and there were none.  
Russ Hossbach made a motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by John Evans. It was passed by all present.
- **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina  
Fred reported income from banners of \$200, \$50 in donations, and \$135 in dues collected. We spent \$147 for magnets, \$134 to Triple L Toys for Xmas party door prizes, \$1145 to Granger Enterprises for corn crib parts, and \$200 was paid to Daly Wood Products for two years of log hauling, leaving us a balance of \$7049.22 in our checkbook. Fred reminded us that we can expect an insurance bill of about \$1500 yet to come. Larry Marek made a motion to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Ron Schubbe and passed by all present.
- **Old Business** -Alan Heatherwick  
Larry Marek was in attendance at the meeting, showing an ex ray of all the hardware he carries around now. John Cronin is coming back slowly. Eric says he still has a feeding tube. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

The P/A system will be checked out Dec.22. We already know that some speakers need repair.

- **New Business**

Larry estimates that he will be able to move the thresher to George Schaaf sometime in April

**Christmas Party and silent auction January 21, 2018**

Lane proposed that the club have a catered dinner, but time constraints were a problem. Larry and Connie voted to leave it the same as it's always been. Alan and Carol Hossbach are donating ham, and Charles and Lane will be bringing turkeys. Fred and Irene will see to it that we have pop and water, also table service. The plan is to eat at 1 pm. Don't forget the **Silent Auction**- bring your new articles, bakery items, etc. to help support our club.

The schedule for this party are:

.	A-F	Hot potato side dish
.	G-M	Hot vegetable side dish
.	N-S	Dessert
.	T-Z	Salads

- **2018 Show**

Alan updated the ad cards with the new address, new schedule of events, and a phone number. They have been printed and are available to everyone to distribute.

Kim asked for the "go-ahead" to print advertising sheets, to be sent out on to-go orders, such as pizzas. It seemed to work well last year, and provides us another way to get the word out. She also explained that this year, a 25' x25' flea market space will cost \$50, and a 12'12' craft space will cost \$50 if paid by May. After that time, the cost will rise to \$60, with no discounts.

Kim also has us advertised on her Facebook page, which is updated all the time. Lane made a motion to approve Kim's recommendations. Brad seconded that motion, and it was carried by all.

Larry reminded the club that the new ½ sheets with location and schedule will be updated on our website, Steam Show.org, as well

Alan was in contact with Jim Robbins, and their Peotone FFA Tractor Ride will start and end at our show again this year. It is also scheduled for Saturday.

The next question is "where do we go from here?" Will there be a 2019 show? Where will it be? There will be more discussion at the Christmas party, so plan to join us.

### **Brad's Remarks**

- Brad reported that we have secured the pedal tractors, and our first opportunity to sell tickets will be at the Peotone Toy Show, on Jan.13<sup>th</sup>, followed by Serena, Seneca and Sublette in March.
- The JD tractor was donated by Circle Tractor, and the IHC tractor was donated by Dan Tordai and Jim Jecca.
- He also reminded us to think about paying back our donors from past years

- **Open Forum**

### **Fundraiser**

Brad was consulted, and reminded us that Commercial Banners cost \$150 per year, and are kept by the club, to be put up in following years, when renewed. Farm Banners cost \$150, with up to 3 pictures, and they are returned to the Farmers.

- **Adjourn**

At 7:55 pm, John Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Brandau. The motion was carried by all present

### **Upcoming activities:**

Peotone Toy Show	January 13, 2018
Christmas Party	January 21, 2018
Ride the River	August 25, 2018

### **Membership meetings:**

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