

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Board of Directors meeting 2-12-2024

The Board of Directors meeting of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. The secretary's minutes are available on the website. Lori Zemaitis read the treasurer's report.

Old Business: Jim Burk, along with Jerry McGarr, Perry McLemore, Bill Wiater and Ann Marie Wicik will audit the books after our March 11 meeting. They will set up a date at that time. Bob Kester reported on the steamers. They looked at the Fairgrounds and want to keep the Steam Engines in the same area, they want to rotate the dyno to face east and west and will put up tents on the level area along the center road. They plan on putting the planer in the steam area along with the baker fan, buzz saw and dyno. Bob Kester said he had been splitting wood at home for the steamers and will bring it out to the building. They have been working on getting other engines as well. Jerry Heick asked about the other car clubs using the Lions shelter. Rusted Knuckles would like the use of the Lions shelter. They suggested the other car clubs use the Industrial Building or the 4H building for their picnic, using the parking lot between the buildings to show their cars. The Model A club was going to give us a donation last year, but they are researching it. Rusted Knuckles will donate to us their proceeds after their expenses are met for plaques. Bill Wiater asked Jerry Heick to come up with a letter asking for a donation from the other car clubs. Jerry said that the Rusted Knuckles will have a Cruise In on Saturday and their show on Sunday. Dave Fritz went to Gruel Bros and priced a raffle lawn tractor. They have some Simplicity tractors for \$2549 but Simplicity is going out of business but will supply parts for 7 years. He also went to McCullough, and they have the same tractor, at the same price as last year, we can pick it up prior to the show and pay after the show and the customer has the option to upgrade to a larger mowing deck. They also have a walk behind mower for \$683. John Berens is checking with Castognia's about a John Deere tractor. Bill Wiater reported that all our sponsors have been emailed and we have 3 new sponsors. Kelly Miller reported that he is applying for a grant for the June deadline date for a new people mover, he also spoke with Tony Boyle about building a new one and spoke with him about improvements that we have identified, especially in the wheelchair area. A new one would cost \$17,000. Perry McLemore

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reported on a phone tree, they charge per call and per number of calls per unit. It is run by computer, but we can record our message and that would be delivered. It would cost between \$75-150 per year depending on the number of calls made. Jerry Heick made a motion to try out a phone tree, seconded by Irene Doty and passed. Perry McLemore will forward the information to Bill Wiater. Perry also spoke about a travel allotment fund to haul steam this

year but also for future years and future equipment. He suggested that we try bingo. There is a company that will bring in all the supplies, we will pay them out of the proceeds and the rest is ours to keep. We would do all the advertising, but we would need to do it by the 2nd week of May.

New Business: There will be a workday on Saturday, the planter needs to be looked at because of a leak. Fire Extinguishers need to be loaded and taken to Grant Hagburg. 2 gears need to be fixed on the main drive of the picker. For the March workday, we need to work on wood, splitting logs etc. Jerry Heick would like to look at the 2-bottom plow donated to us and see what it would cost to fix it. Starting in March we will begin doing 2 meetings a month, the 2nd Monday will be the board meeting and the 4th Monday of the month will be a show planning meeting. The equipment that we bought, the bush hog, plow etc. need to be picked up. Sandy Stropky said that she has some sponsors for the bags tournament and needs letterhead for the requests. Julie Fritz will send it to her. Eric Zurbriggen contacted a woman about a petting zoo, she will be getting back to him with a price. Pam Heick said that they had a contact for the t shirts, and they can print most of the shirts at the show rather than preordering them. They will print black shirts and kids sized shirts prior to the show and then print the red and grey ones at the show. She will be getting prices next week now that she has a print. Kelly Miller asked if we would allow the police K-9 units to practice and train their dogs at our club buildings. They are always looking for someplace rural to train. Jerry McGarr made the motion to allow that, with a club member there, seconded by Jerry Heick and passed. Irene Doty still has some calendars available. Ron Leighty made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Kelly Miller at 8:26pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Fritz Secretary