

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Show Wrap up Meeting July 31,2023

The show wrap up meeting of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. We had a moment of silence for members Jim Brown, Violet Busse and Brad Taylor. The last Secretary's minutes are posted online. The thank you notes for the trophies that we sponsored were read. Lori Zemaitis read the treasurer's report.

Savings Account Beginning Balance \$2144.58 Ending Balance \$2144.67

Gaming Account Beginning Balance \$7245.91; Income \$4809.00 Expenses \$3153.00 with an ending balance of \$8901.91.

Checking Account Beginning Balance \$33,709.37; Income \$30,308.50 Expenses \$14,377.18 \$25,000 returned to Edward Jones, leaving an Ending balance of \$24,640.69 The motion to pay the treasurer's report was made by Ron Leighty and seconded by Ann Marie Wicik and passed. The motion to pay the outstanding bills of \$1816.74 was made by Jerry McGarr and seconded by Irene Doty and passed.

Gloria Miller made the motion to distribute donations of \$350 to the Lowell FFA, \$250 to the ISPLA Surveyors and \$250 to the Lionel Modular Railroad. Seconded by Jerry McGarr and passed. Bill Wiater thanked everyone for giving such a big effort to the show. Sandy Stropky said the Bags tournament was better this year with 8 teams, she would like to give out better prizes, \$100, \$60 and \$30 for first, second and third. She plans to look for sponsors for these prizes. The Band was good, not many people sat around to watch the band, but it was playing in the background. The sound system was discussed, we had good comments on it. Discussion was held regarding having it heard better in places like the Show Pavilion and by the Sawmill. It will need to be worked out with the Fairboard and Fairgrounds to access more of their speakers. The Flea Market was discussed, Sandy Monroe said that most of the vendors weren't happy with where they were. She suggested setting them up along the road by the pony barn or across from the Maintenance building and the blacksmiths. Better signage stating more vendors could also be used to get people to go up towards gate 1. The Swap meet and car show was discussed. With the rain on Saturday, no swap meet vendors showed up and only a few cars showed up. It was felt that this also impacted the flea market vendors that were there. Some people felt that the farmers market prices were too high, causing less vendors and less desirable vendors to attend and felt that the set up was not great. The flea market was also discussed that people don't want them to have their campers at their vendor site or have their vehicle at their site, even though many of them store their product or sell out of them. Food vendors were discussed and stated that many of their had to high of prices. The tractor pulls didn't happen this year on Saturday due to the rain and the arena, they didn't have it on Sunday because the people that run the pulls also had corn to shell. Bill Wiater said he was approached by people that would do the pulls next year, they would like to make it bigger and add more classes. Kelly Miller said that we need more people on the work days and more people to help at the show. The parade of

power was discussed, the wireless microphone didn't always work. Perry McLemore suggested that our donation to the fairgrounds this year be to enhance the sound system. Jim Burk said that in order to access the whole system we would have to move over to the bathrooms. Jerry McGarr said that Dave Kleine's wagons worked great. Bill Wiater said that next year, all exhibits in that area need to have tarps put down first. The displays that had tarps down were clean. The ones that didn't we had to clean up more than once. The blacksmiths went well. They felt that there weren't as many people as possible to get on the dyno, but it was improving over last year. We need to do better to publicize what we have going on; we need to hand out locations to tractors as they register. It was discovered that we need more barricades. Letz Mills worked well, but it needs to be more of a demonstration throughout the weekend. Kelly Miller said that the sawmill worked great, they sawed 25 logs and traded some milling for logs. He would like to do two shows next year at 10am and 3pm, with 1pm for the edger, planer and buzz saw demonstrations. They shelled 558 bushels of corn, and it was taken to the elevator. Lionel Modular RR is getting older, and they are having problems getting new members. Karen Wiater said that Adam Pokropinski from Crown Point won the quilt. She suggested that we have more signage on the grounds stating what is in the Fine Arts Building. She also said the quilt that she made, was donated to the club. There were no complaints from the woodworking groups. Semi-Trucks had a good showing, so we need to increase our advertising for them. There were about 23 Model A cars on Saturday, Rusted Knuckles had about 40 each day and felt that they would return next year. Half of their income from the show goes back to us. Garden Tractors had a good turnout and had quite a few Bolens tractors. Gas Engines had a good turnout. The Steamers went well but needed more wood. The plan for next year is to cut and split wood in October and March for the show. There were 63 feature tractors registered, 56 non feature for a total of 119 tractors, there were 68 people that registered their tractors. Gloria Miller said that announcing went well. There were 16 campers registered. The gate numbers were read by Julie Fritz, it was suggested to have more men at the gate and the signs need to be changes so they don't say donations. George Kester said that the steamer area did a good job of engaging and teaching people in their area with special thanks to the Taylor boys. The incident with the ding a ling RR was discussed. Tim Kirby and Mike Rippe said they were working on ideas on how to make the RR safer and will present it at an upcoming meeting. There was also an incident involving a manhole. The new people mover was loaded all the time. It was noted that the NIHPA group kept the money that was in the donation boxes on their wagons. We will be taking the new people mover to Senior Day at the Fair and will need someone to ride the wagon to help with people getting on and off. Perry McLemore volunteered for some of the time. Dave Fritz will find out the hours we will be needed. Church, Registration, Info booth, kiddie Korral all worked well. Bill Wiater had problems with the Ice Supply, they stated they didn't get the order, but he had checked on it multiple times. Gloria Miller said that they had 200 kids for the kiddie tractor pull and said the surveyors helped tremendously. Also states that one of the kiddie tractors was broken in half and they need more standards to keep the crowd back. The pie booth went well, there were 20 people that donated pies and they sold out all 3 days. She has supplies left for Buckley. Pam Heick said there were only a few shirts leftover, the youth shirts

sold out quickly. The set up and clean up lunches went well. Day security was ok, but they couldn't always hear their phones. The night security guys need to return the golf carts back to where they got them. Advertising, plaques and posters were all ok, we had a lot of programs left over. We had 2 senior buses. Katie Miller said she would change the dates on the signs. The signs that Kelly Miller had made for throughout the grounds looked very nice, but he has plans for next year for the fine arts building and handicap parking signs. It was suggested that we trade some sponsorship spaces for discounts on services we use. It was also suggested that that use our Facebook cover page for ads as well. Dumpsters, Fire Extinguishers and Electric all went well. It was suggested that if you are using a golf cart, that you put a sign in the window on the one you are using. Porta potties were good. Irene Doty said that she had 163 members paid during the show and they all filled out a new membership form. The next board meeting will be August 14 at the club building and the workday will be August 19. We received an email from someone asking if he could goose hunt on our property, and the membership said no. It was noted we need better signage for the tractor raffle, we had 85 tickets left. The gaming raffle barrel that we have MUST be used for each raffle with the tickets removed after each raffle. All tickets for each raffle must be the same. The motion to adjourn was made by Ron Leighty and seconded by Perry McLemore and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Fritz Secretary