

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting 2-10-2025

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 can be found on the website. Lori Zemaitis read the treasurer's report.

Savings Account Beginning balance \$2146.04 Ending Balance \$2146.31

Gaming Account Beginning and ending balance \$9968.17

Checking Account Beginning balance \$21878.85 Income \$1846.00 Expenses \$11928.24 Balance on Hand \$11,796.61 The motion to approve the treasurer's report as read was made by Jerry McGarr and seconded by Ron Leighty and passed. Lori Zemaitis made a motion to move \$6000.00 from the gaming account into our checking account, seconded by Pam Heick and passed. The motion to pay the outstanding bills of \$12,484.93 was made by Greg Kleine and seconded by Ann Marie Wicik and passed.

Ron Leighty made a motion to fund our Lowell FFA Scholarship of \$500. Seconded by Irene Doty and passed. With our insurance renewal, a building inspector came out and looked at our buildings and approved them. Bill Wiater reminded us that any vendor or supplier of goods for our show should be asked if they would exchange an ad in our booklet for a discount. The Garden Tractor Raffle was discussed. Last year we lost money on it. It was suggested that we investigate a mid-size walk behind mower, a weed wacker and a leaf blower. Jerry Heick said he would talk to Gruel Bros and other vendors and bring it back to the next meeting. Perry McLemore gave a report from the Long-Range Planning Committee. They have met 5 times and have discussed a 5-year plan, breaking it down into yearly goals for our property, building and show place. Discussions have been held with the Lake County Parks department and Chris Orange from Buckley Homestead including a lease for lands at Buckley Homestead and participation in their events and expanding their offerings. They suggested that we start with a grant writer to investigate getting more grant money to help us achieve these goals. Perry McLemore made a motion to investigate a grant writer with a budget of between \$2000 and \$5000 when approved by the board. Seconded by Anne Marie Wicik. A show of hands was 14 in favor and 1 opposed. We will have a workday on Saturday February 15, there will be breakfast at Sandbar at 7:30am and 9am at the building. Progress on the phone tree will need more investigation. We will need a credit card or PayPal to access it. The company is called Dial My Calls.

Bingo was discussed. The date was set at the American Legion for April 25, 2025, from 6pm to 9pm. Irene Doty gave a report on plaques, buttons and ribbons. The invoice currently is for \$1526.95 for the total for plaques, buttons and ribbons. Dave Marten made the motion to only order 150 plaques and 150 buttons. The buttons would be sold only and no ribbons. Second, by Ann Marie Wicik and passed. Irene will contact Rallye Productions to update the order. Julie Fritz reported that our Business Entity report was filed and is for 2 years. Bill Wiater reported that we filed a Fairgrounds Exception report with the Fairboard. It basically gives the Fairboard the use of the 4H Building during our show. Bill Wiater asked who the Tractor Pull Committee will consist of. Greg Kleine, Ira Biggs, Ron Leighty, and John Berens are all on the committee. Bill said they will have full control of when it will be held, where it will be located and be responsible for getting everything to the show grounds. Pam Heick made a motion to sell the old stone boat to Dean Bettenhausen for \$500, Seconded by Ann Marie Wicik and passed with 2 opposed. Bill Wiater reminded us to turn in our budgets to Lori Zemaitis. Committee Head listing was handed out, the directors are to look at it, make changes if needed and report back at the next meeting. A picture of the design on the shirts was shown, the shirts will be red, grey and black. We will be starting our show meetings this month on February 24 at 7pm in the 4H building. Julie Fritz will contact Kristen at the fairgrounds to arrange the building. Kelly Miller made the motion to adjourn seconded by Ron Leighty and passed at 9:20pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Julie Fritz Secretary