

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting 4-13-2026

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Perry McLemore. There was a moment of silence for Jack Wehner. The Secretary's minutes are online. Perry asked that we give the secretary at least a week before looking for them online due to the process needed to get them on the website. It is noted that today's minutes are being recorded by Lori King Treasurer due to the absence of the secretary.

Lori King read the treasurer's report. There was also discussion regarding our investments and assets.

Perry reminded us that we need to keep the meetings to about an hour. To discuss business at our board of directors' meetings and show business at our second show meeting. There will be a workday on this Saturday April 18. We will be working on the Carpenter's Friend, getting it pressure washed and cleaned and see how bad the bearings are. Also, if anyone has a connection we need to put rubber type bands on the band sawmill. If we cannot find rubber, then we will use leather with copper rivets. The bands are an inch and a quarter wide, and the size of the wheel is 28 inches. It needs to be stretched to fit. The band needs to be neoprene due to heating. A normal belt with webbing will heat and stretch. We would like to use the table saw, the joiner and the shaper as well as the band saw if we can get it up and run. It's on a new skid and we need to get the jack shaft on it the proper way and get it belted up. The sponsorship booklet was discussed. Bill Wiater has 4 more quarter-page ads left if anyone knew of someone that would like to advertise.

We have the Buckley Homestead Plow Day coming up during the sheep shearing days on May 17 at 11 am. They are hoping to be done in an hour or so. Buckley will be leaving their tractor there with a disk on it. They also suggested sowing oats so we would have something to bind this year. We'll have to set up a time to go to Buckley and look at their binder. There are new canvases for it. They don't have a grain drill, but we can take ours down there. They said we would be able to plow all three of their plots down there. It would be nice to put it out on Facebook.

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Discussion was held regarding mowing at the club building. That lead to a discussion about keys for the building. Apparently, the locks that we have on the building have keys that are unable to duplicate now because the company went out of business. We may have to replace the locks again. Until new keys can be made, Eric Zurbriggen gave his key to Chuck Kopas so he can mow. He will also service the tractor. He will write down when he mows

and when he services the tractor. The buttons for the show were discussed, and Ron Leighty made the motion to put the picture of the tractor on it, seconded by Dave Martin and passed. Next year's feature was discussed and Bob Kester made the motion to have John Deere tractors and engines and seconded by Bill Wiater and passed. Discussion was held about the Culvers show. Bill Wiater will send an email to them about it. Discussion was held regarding the parades, Crete Memorial Day, Crown Point 4th of July and Cedar Lake Summerfest. Bob Kester will investigate the Crete Parade and have more information at the show meeting. We will have our Spring Fling on May 16. They will set the table up during that workday and Rochelle Bowie will take charge of it. It was decided that we wouldn't do bingo and we would have pizza from the Pizza Palace instead. If people want to bring a salad or dessert to pass that is fine. The club will provide tea and lemonade.

We will be giving out our scholarship on May 21 at 6pm at Lowell High School. Either Perry or Lori King will present the scholarship to our recipient. Bob Kester gave the Long-Range Planning report. Perry and Bob went to the Crown Point Community Foundation night. They are planning on giving out a million dollars in grants to corporations that support our communities. There are multiple rounds of meetings that we can get involved with and they give away grants at each of the levels of meetings. It is in our benefit to go to as many levels as possible.

Ron Leighty made the motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Dave Martin and passed unanimously at 8:00pm

Respectively submitted,

Julie Fritz