

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Board and Show Meeting 5-27-2025

The board and show meeting of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. We had a moment of silence for Chuck Kollar, Ruth Rick and Edgar Corns. The Secretary's report is on the website. Lori Zemaitis gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business: Ann Marie handed out our scholarship last week to Olivia Duensing. The next workday is June 21, there will be breakfast at 7:30 at Sandbar. Last Sunday, there was a group that went to Buckley Homestead and demonstrated plowing, disking and planted oats and sorghum during their Sheep Shearing Day. The corn and beans have been planted and are coming up and the wheat is starting to develop heads. Bill Wiater, Kelly Miller and Dave Fritz attended the Fairboard meeting. We can use the big grandstands and sound system for our tractor pulls on Saturday. They asked us to bring the people mover to Senior Day at the Lake County Fair and to provide tractors for the Industrial Building. Thank you to the people that represented us in the Crete Memorial Day parade, Gary Wicik, Ann Marie Bouton, Kesters, Dave Fritz and Dave Most. We will have our Culvers show on June 28 from 10-2pm, we will have old programs to hand out. Our 4 x 8 signs need to be put up soon. The dates are finished but need to be put on the signs. We will be meeting on Thursday June 5 at 6pm to finish them and pick up signs to put up. Please come and help and get some signs to put up. Bill Wiater has been working with Wise Guys and the first half of the booklet is ready and he is going this week to finish so it can go to the printer. We have a gross income from the booklet of \$6100. We will have the tractor pull at the Grandstands this year. Dean Bettenhausen is putting together a group to do this; they will use our sled. It will be right after the parade of power. We need to advertise it. We received a \$1000 donation from Jim and Jean Pappenheim. The people mover should be done in the next couple of weeks, and it will be orange. The Cedar Lake Parade will be on July 5 and the Crown Point parade will be on July 4. If you are riding on the people mover, you should have a ride home from Jewel for safety reasons. Our 2026 feature will be Allis Chalmers and Rumely. There will be a car show that we are invited to at the Crown Point Antique mall on July 5 from 4-8pm. Lori Zemaitis will reach out to Kelly Dykstra about contacts for the bounce houses and pony rides. If you are interested in having and organizing the tractor ride, please let Bill know. So far we have \$435 in income from the quilt raffle mailing. Taking over the breakfast at the Legion during the summer months was discussed, it would be the 1st Saturday of the month and take about 9 people to run it. Ann Marie Bouton made the motion to table it to next year and seconded by Jerry Heick and passed. The Friday night volunteer dinner was discussed. The South Lake Christian Church will donate the supplies and man it from 4-6pm. It will be

done by the Show Pavilion, and they will cook the hot dogs on a Blackstone grill. They will give out a hot dog, chips, a cookie and lemonade. Motion to go ahead with it was made by Jerry Heick and seconded by Irene Doty and passed. Ron Leighty made the motion to pass out 4 comp tickets to the board and officers and seconded by Jerry Heick and passed. They were passed out to the members that were there. Kelly Miller said there will be a sawmill workday on June 7. Dale Crawley discussed the sound system and will be working with Sandy Monroe on a place for him. Paul Horst said he talked with someone about some steam trains, they would need a 10 x 20 area and would prefer indoors. The Fine Arts Building sustained some structural damage during the last storm and needs to be inspected. Bill Wiater said he is working on the poster. Print ads are running. The Plaques and buttons are done. They are printing the youth and black t shirts now. Louis Ketchum said he contacted the Pontiac club and got the names and address of their gas engine exhibitors. A letter has been written and sent out to them. Greg Kleine said they can bring 2 silage wagons to the show. Jim Burk said that we will need belt lacing, last year we used 7 packets Ann Marie made a motion to buy 10 packages of belt lacing seconded by Jerry McGarr and passed. They also need 2 100-foot commercial duty hoses for the dyno, Ron Leighty made the motion to purchase those and seconded by Jerry McGarr and passed. The pie booth needs pies and volunteers. If you have raffle items for the sponsorship raffle, Pam Heick needs them by June 30. We have the items for the equipment raffle and Lori Zemaitis will pick up the tickets tomorrow. Ron Leighty said the dumpsters are arranged. We will have the 2 handicapped people movers running and will be using the club tractors to pull them. Dave Fritz will talk with John Marshall about day security. Night security has been arranged. Sandy Stropky is working on golf carts. She also said that the set up and tear down lunches are arranged. Sandy also said she is working on sponsors for the bags tournament and it is in the booklet. Bill Peterson measured for belts on the thresher at the last workday. Gloria Miller will announce the parade of power. Eric Zurbriggen said that the petting zoo needs cattle panels, straw and \$350. Ann Marie made the motion to approve this seconded by Eric Zurbriggen and passed. We received contact information from 2 girls and 1 guy as a photographer to volunteer for the club. Ron Leighty made the motion to adjourn at 9:00pm and seconded by Kelly Miller. Respectively submitted, Julie Fritz Secretary