

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Show Meeting 2-24-2025

The first show meeting of 2025 of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. An Email was discussed regarding the age of tractor drivers. It was decided that there was nothing in the safety rules stating age restrictions other than being a safe driver, that it was ok for the driver in question to be able to drive his tractor during the show. Julie Fritz will respond back to them. Discussion was held regarding our big signs. It was decided to put up as many as possible and Bill Wiater has been getting an ok from some of our sponsorship supporters that it would be ok to put one up at their businesses. Jerry McGarr stated that Paul Horst and he were willing to put up the signs, and Bill reminded us that the more of us that can put up signs the better it would be. Julie Fritz showed us 2 different ads, and it was decided on which one to use. Sandy Monroe said she would send out letters to the nursing homes. Pam Heick gave a report on the shirts. She also said they will have new staff shirts available as well and tank tops would be available for staff shirts. Buttons and plaques were discussed, and Dave Martin made a motion to increase the number of buttons to 300, seconded by Jerry McGarr and passed with a quorum of board members present. Jerry Heick said he contacted all the car clubs and Gas Engine guys, and everyone is on board but needs an antique truck contact. Julie will contact Kim Peterson about it. He also said the gas engine group would like to move where they are located during the show. They would like a flatter place. Jerry will go with Louis Ketchum and walk around the fairgrounds for a new place, they will look at between the feature tractor building and the playground. Ron Leighty discussed the garden tractors, and would like to move the kiddy train ride, possibly back to where it was. He will contact Mike Rippe about it. Greg Kleine said the dyno and all the complex displays will be in the same place. Dave Marten reminded us that the Fairgrounds will be putting up a large gazebo by the covered bridge but it's unknown when that will happen. Bill Wiater said he was looking for another ice company, it was suggested he contact Family Express. The tractor raffle was discussed. Jerry Heick suggested a gas lawn mower, battery operated week wacker and blower. It was discussed to give a choice or list them first, second etc. Ron Leighty will take care of the dumpster. We won't have access to the 4H building during the show, but they won't hold judging in there either like last year. Discussion about 2 people movers or should we borrow more. Greg Kleine said he would talk to Lowell FFA and offer them other positions rather than the parking lot. Jerry Heick will contact the high school about volunteers through them. Julie Fritz said the gambling permits were mailed on February 14 but hasn't heard anything yet. Dave Fritz said he was at the beekeepers meeting, and they said they didn't have enough people to man the booth at our show and won't be coming this year. Sandy Stropky said she was looking into 3 other golf cart places

after having all the problems with the golf cart this past year. Perry said we need to get our equipment checked out prior to the show and will set up a budget for equipment repair. The Friday night band was discussed, the band we have had in the past isn't really performing now. Sandy Stropky will check out a different band that she knows. Discussion was held regarding the sound system. Pam has talked with Dale Crawley about it, and he is looking at some different equipment. The gate was discussed. We need to have some men up there at gate 4. Dave Marten will investigate scheduling of Brian and Mark for this year again. They would be paid for through the fairgrounds. Jerry Heick said that he would be over the volunteers. They will check with Gloria Miller about announcing. The quilt tickets have been ordered. An ATM was discussed. Last year, the gate had the ability to perform ATM capabilities, and it would work again this year. Pam in salables would also have that capability rather than get an ATM. Jerry McGarr asked if we could put some Americana on our trifold brochures this year. Pam will investigate selling shirts prior to the show. The pork chop dinner was discussed again, either at the show or at a separate time and it was suggested that we investigate it. Perhaps through a different vendor. Ron Leighty made the motion to adjourn at 8:56 seconded by Sandy Stropky and passed.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Fritz Secretary