

## South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society Board of Advisers Meeting

September 27, 2021

The September Board of Advisers meeting was called to order by the President Bill Wiater. The minutes will be posted online. The Treasures Report was read by Kim Peterson and the beginning balance was \$20,812.46 and ending balance of \$21,395.49. Bills paid were \$211.98 total and deposits made were \$795.00. Savings Account balance \$5,143.29 and interest of .04 cents added making new balance of \$5,143.33. The beginning balance on Gaming Account is \$1,548.48 and ending balance is the same. Ron Leighty motion to pass The Treasures Report. Jerry McGarr second it. It was passed. Outstanding bills totaling \$2,981.45. Jerry McGarr motioned to pay the outstanding bills and Ron Leighty second it and it was passed.

Old Business-Buckley Homestead is October 9-10. Bill Wiater said we need to bind the corn for Buckley's and it needs be done this Saturday 10-02-21. We will make about 7-10 bundles and sell them. Dave Kleine when they do the corn stalks, they need to use two strings on each bundle. The price for each bundle will be \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00. Ann Marie Wicik said she looked at buying pumpkins from Bills Produce in Griffith and the total cost would be \$210.00 for 120 pie size pumpkins. The pumpkins need to be picked up also. Perry McLemore motioned to buy the pumpkins. Dan Kleine second it and it was passed. Perry McLemore said he could pick them up. October 16 is our October Fall Festival which is a Pot Luck. The club will supply the chicken and the drinks. We will play Bingo that will start at noon in the club building. There is a raffle for the Crown Point Fire Department. Bill Wiater said I need a motion to buy the tickets. Jerry McGarr motion to buy the tickets and if we win we just donate the winnings back to the Fire Department. Jerry Heick second and it was passed.

Meetings-First meeting on November 8, 2021 will be held at the 4-Hbuilding at Crown Point Fair Grounds.

Christmas Party is Dec 4, 2021. Tickets are available \$15.00 per person until November 8<sup>th</sup>. Ticket cost increases to \$20.00 per person starting November 9<sup>th</sup>. See Kim Peterson about tickets. Dave Kleine is going to ask Nancy Kleine about getting the poinsettias. Ann Marie Wicik is going to get the kids gifts a set up Christmas tree. Grab bag gifts must be wrapped or in a gift bag.

The 460- stated by Bill Wiater- was buffed out the hood and it looks good. It was done by Jerry Heick. Skid Steer mentioned by Bill Wiater, that we need to look into replacing it because there is a lot of things it can not do such as moving the big logs. We will be looking into trading it in or leasing it. Bob Kester will look into this he said. Work Day is October 16 to bind some corn. Calendar –Gary Wicik is going to do the calendars and is going to work with Danny Wilberbn (Kleine)

New Business-Bill Wiater said they are working on job description for the advisers. Also, Jerry McGarr, Perry McLemore, Jim Burk, Dan Kleine, Julie Fritz, and myself had met 3 different times and spent over 8 hours on the bylaws.

Bylaws- Dan Kleine passed out sheets of the New Bylaws and job descriptions for the advisors. On October 25 there will be a special meeting to vote on the bylaws. After everyone read the new bylaws there was a big discussion. Gloria Miller said- "You are taking by these new bylaws you are taking away our voting rights from us and we will only have a few meetings for the general members that basically changed to the advisors board will be making all the decisions for the club, which I don't think is right." Perry McLermore said that he "had gone through all the paperwork he had and looked back at the bylaws from the past, along with the committee for hours, and these bylaws have been in place since day one when the club was founded. When I was President, I didn't go off of the bylaws and let the club vote on decisions in which the organization bylaws did not let the vote. The president before and president after me didn't follow the bylaws. But isn't that why we elected an advisors board to make the decisions for the club?" Julie Fritz read the bylaws to the club. Then there was another debate on the members able to vote on decisions by Gloria Miller. Lori Zemaitis said" look around it's always the same people here. We have about 300 members and how many are here now? It's only 3 that show up and they are the same people and we all vote." Jerry Heick agreed. Julie Fritz asked people at the Nipa Show while working registration, why are you joining the club? Not one person said to go to meetings. Jim Burk said that there were only a couple things that were changed in the bylaws - one was to protect the club because the way we stand today, anyone can come into the club and receive 40 votes to become president and do whatever they want with our assets. The new bylaws protect the club from this happening. Ron Leighty said if you put the old bylaws next to the new bylaws it would help some of the members understand. Perry McLemore asked who has never seen the old bylaws. There were a few people who said yes. Jerry Heick put into motion that all new elect advisors get a copy of the bylaws. No second motion. But we need an old copy of the bylaws. Jim Burk said we could all night talk about this, and get nowhere. We already spent an hour on this discussion. Kim Peterson also stated that if we are not going to, we can discuss this at a later date. Julie Fritz sent out emails of the new bylaws to members and sent bylaws by US mail if there was no email address for the member. October 11, 2021 there will be a meeting to discuss the bylaws. Motion to have a special meeting for voting on the bylaws on October 25, 2021 at 7 pm at the club grounds. Dan Kleine motioned and Kim Peterson second. It was passed.

Sandy Strader mentioned she needed \$500.00 for material to start the quilt. Jerry Heick motioned for the \$500 for the quilt. Irene Doty second it and it was passed. Kim Peterson said that we received a thank you from the Lowell Parade Committee for our donation.

Perry McLemore motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dan Kleine second it and it was passed.