

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Annual Meeting 9-11-2023

The annual meeting of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. The Secretary's report is available online. Lori Zemaitis read the treasurer's report.

Old Business: There will be a workday on September 16, we need to work on the gear box on the stalk chopper, grain drill and wood boxes. In October on the workday, we will be splitting logs, bring a log splitter if you have one. If the corn is ready, we may harvest that day as well. The floor was turned over to Gloria Miller and the nominating committee. She reported that they investigated eligibility requirements of all the board and the directors that are nominated, are John Berens, Ira Biggs, Jerry Heick, Ron Leighty, Jerry McGarr, Gloria Miller, Sandy Stropky, Eric Zurbruggen, Dave Kleine, and Greg Kleine. There was a nomination on the floor for Perry McLemore. The nominations were closed, and the slate was passed. We will be participating in Buckley Homestead days on September 30 and October 1. We will be bringing the people mover, buzz saw, and sawmill. Ann Marie needs to get into the pie trailer this Saturday. The parks will be taking out some of the fencing so it should be easier to get the sawmill in. We will need to bring in logs and will need pies to be donated. The tractor Drive was September 9. There were 18 tractors, and it was a beautiful day. There was a \$510 income, but Dave Kleine said he would rather not chair it next year. John Berens will be the chair and Dave Kleine will help him out. Our Oktoberfest will be October 21, at noon at the club buildings. Please bring a dish to pass, the club will provide the chicken. Jerry McGarr made the motion to approve \$20 for door prizes, seconded by Ann Marie Wicik. The Christmas party will be on December 2, Ann Marie Wicik, Bill Wiater, Irene Doty and Kim Peterson will all volunteer to help. Kim Peterson said she has table covers and will be donating them this year. There will be more information at the next meeting. We were supposed to purchase the stain to do the uprights on Farmers Hall, but the Fairgrounds guys can't do it at this time.

New Business: Dave Fritz spoke about the Fairboard meeting that Bill Wiater, Kelly Miller and he had gone to, the Fencing will not be affecting us and the Fine Arts building will be dependent on John Marshall, they will be redoing the upstairs floor and need to move the cabinets. They are also potentially putting in air conditioning. They didn't think it would impact us. The board said they were willing to work with us. The petting zoo will remain in the same place. If the Fine Arts building isn't available, then we can use the 4H Annex or another locked building. The insurance company said that they would insure our handicap people mover but would also need to insure our other people movers as well for liability and it would cost us \$3000 per year, \$1000 each, even though we only use the other ones 3 days a year. Julie Fritz should ask the insurance agent if we could change our deductible or if we can get a special event price and if we can add them back later. We will also ask NIHPA if they carried their own insurance on their people mover at our show. Lori Zemaitis made the motion to cover the 1 people mover for now, seconded by Perry McLemore and passed. We will be taking the dyno and stand and the people mover to

NIHPA's show but not the grills or the kiddy railroad to their show on September 22-24, we will go over with any of their drivers about the turning radius. YMCA asked us to come to their fall event with the people mover. Dave Fritz met with them and looked at the venue, they need to trim some trees and he said he would take the people mover there. Discussion was held regarding a price for donation to bring our people mover to an event. Sandy Stropky made the motion to ask for a \$500 per day donation to cover the insurance cost, moving, gas and volunteer time. They would need to provide a rider for the wagon, this will be in effect going forward and will exempt the Fairboard, seconded by Ann Marie Wicik. Jerry Heick will be doing the Exceptional Equestrian event. They will provide special event insurance. Discussion was held regarding a potential fundraiser with a hand painted picture of a tractor. Jerry McGarr asked for a special meeting to discuss the price of the gate and other things for the show. John Berens made the motion to adjourn seconded by Gloria Miller and passed at 8:47pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Fritz Secretary