

## South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

### Board of Directors Meeting 1-9-2023

The board of directors meeting of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. We had a moment of silence for member Peter Feikema. Julie Fritz read the secretary minutes and they were approved as read by Ron Leighty and seconded by Ira Biggs and passed.

Lori Zemaitis read the treasurer's report.

Old business: We had a financial meeting to look at QuickBooks and get Pam starting in Quickbooks. The 2023 budgets need to be turned in tonight or we will use last years budgets again. Dave and Bill did some building repair and fixed some of the roofing that was coming undone. Bill said the Fire extinguishers were good until April. Doug Hoffman is planning on cutting down a tree that is along the road by our field. We will have a workday on January 21, there are things that can be done to the H now that the starter was replaced, and the rear end was drained. The pork chop dinner at the show was discussed. Kelly Miller made a motion to not have the pork chop dinner at the show. Seconded by Ira Biggs and passed. Kelly Miller discussed the new handicap people mover. The one we originally were going to order will not be available. We have met our original goal of fund raising. He contacted Boyle Built wagons. They have a 24-person trolley style wagon with a 6 foot slide in ramp at the back for \$18,000. Kelly Miller made the motion to go forward with ordering this wagon for a price of \$17,118.44. Seconded by Jerry Heick and passed. The placement of the Cedar Lake Market was discussed, it was decided that they will occupy the Industrial Building. Rusted Knuckles Car Club will have their car show at the Gate 1 placement like they were last year and use gate 6 for entrance to the fairgrounds. They would like to also have a swap meet as well and potentially some food vendors by their area. It was suggested that we use punch cards to turn into raffle tickets to get people throughout the show. It was suggested that we also hand out maps of the whole fairgrounds as well as having large maps posted throughout the fairgrounds.

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New Business: Sam Kozaitis would like to bring in a Bolens garden tractor club that will potentially bring in ~75 garden tractors for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bolens Ridemaster. They would be placed around the Feature tractor building and Farmers Hall. Irene Doty made the motion to send \$125 to Purdue 4H to sponsor some of the trophies for the Construction and Architectural Replica display. Seconded by Jerry Heick and

passed. Sandy Strader said she won't be able to do the quilt raffle. Karen Wiater has started making a quilt, but we need a committee head for the quilt raffle. Kelly Miller made a motion to have the Garden Tractor raffle again this year, stopping at 400 tickets. Look into a Cub Cadet and go up to \$2500, seconded by Jerry Heick and passed. Perry McLemore said he would head this up again this year. Bill said he spoke with Chris Orange from Buckley, and they will be having their sheep shearing on May 6 and would like to add plowing up some ground to that day and are looking for people to come and help plow. Dave Kleine spoke with Bill regarding a winter tractor show, to be tabled until later. The tractor pulls will be in the arena again this year but looking at the grandstands for further down the road. We also need to make sure the pulling sled is working properly. John Berens told Bill that he has been in touch with IH Chapter 33, and our show has been advertised in their newsletter. The flea market was discussed in conjunction with the swap meet with Rusted Knuckles, Kelly Dykstra and Ryan will look at the spaces in 2 weeks. We need to work on a Trifold brochure to hand out prior to the show rather than programs. Board members need to be speaking to their committee heads and make sure things are getting done. We received an email from Don Neimeyer, and he has a tractor that needs to be fixed and another one that needs to be painted and is wondering if anyone can help him out. Roni and John Marshall asked if they could use Farmers Hall and they would run a food booth for the club, selling coney dogs, chili burgers and brats using the Jimmy's Coney Island recipe. All proceeds after expenses would go to the club and they would man it. Irene Doty made the motion to approve that seconded by Kelly Miller and passed. Dave Martin and Chuck Westerhout were asked if they would still do the garbage and bathrooms and they agreed to it with the same payment as last year. Ron Leighty made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Kelly Miller and passed at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Fritz