

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting November 14, 2022

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 Helen Melcher. Julie Fritz read the secretary's minutes and the motion to approve them as read was made by Jerry McGarr and seconded by Jerry Heick. Lori Zemaitis read the treasurer's report.

Old Business: The Christmas party was discussed; we need to get a diagram of the layout needs to be given to the Fairgrounds and they will set it up for us. Ann Marie Wicik won't be able to help this year and she brought decorations, if anyone has extra decorations, please bring them. Set up will be on Friday at 6pm. Lori will be getting the children's gifts; Kim Peterson will be getting the paper goods. Santa will be there at 8pm, Bill Wiater will contact them and confirm. Please bring cookies and a wrapped gift. The soybeans were picked. We had ~4 acres of beans and we had 209.25 bushels at \$13.25 per bushel. That income will go towards equipment repair. The corn is all picked, we have 6 wagons of corn and 3 wagons of bundles done. The stalks were plowed under and disked. We just need to finish putting some of the equipment away. We will do the small swaths of land again next year if anyone is interested. Please turn in your 2023 budgets by the January Meeting. Each director should be talking with their committee heads under them and see if they need a budget. Bill Wiater will check on the fire extinguishers. The Exceptional Equestrians liked having our people mover and had lots of riders. Gloria Miller said that there were between 25-30 people at the Octoberfest, she would like to see more people attend our picnics, and thanked Irene Doty for all her help.

New Business: Committee listings were handed out to the directors; they will be called out to report at each meeting. Perry McLemore discussed the Museum in the Old Courthouse. They want to deaccession some of their agricultural things and would donate it to us with the stipulation to not sell it for at least 6 months. He also reported on John Boe's garages.

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The family would like to donate some of it to us and would like it looked at in January and February. A committee was formed of Dave Kleine, Dave Fritz, John Berens, Ron Leighty, Perry McLemore, and Bill Wiater. Jerry Heick will check into C Containers to store the equipment. Perry McLemore said that he was able to purchase 5 1- x 10 pop up tents for \$20 each rather than the \$169 that they regularly cost. Gloria Miller reminded us that when

we are looking at this stuff that is being donated to us, that it be something that we would use, rather than just cleaning up someone else's junk. Ed Doepping has a nine on a road grader and asked if we would be interested, it was decided that we weren't. Irene Doty donated a log splitter with a 5 hp Briggs and Stratton engine and she was thanked. Irene Doty reported that Butch Bukovac isn't doing well health wise, and his daughter thought it would be nice if the club would send a birthday card, everyone signed one and it will be sent out. Jim Burk would like to have a finance meeting December 12 at 6pm at Perry's church, the attendees will be Lori Zemaitis, Pam Heick, Bill Wiater, and Julie Fritz. Jerry Heick made a motion to pay the bills while we were on hiatus, seconded by Jerry McGarr and passed. The next meeting will be January 9 and will start with committee reports. Our 2023 show dates are July 7-9 and will be featuring International Harvester. We need to consider moving the tractor pulls to in front of the grandstands. Consider moving the Cedar Lake Farmers Market to the Industrial Building. We need to get the word out about the people mover, we have until March 21. Gary Wicik will do the calendars and the order will be reduced. Rusted Knuckles would like to put on a true car show during our festival. They would charge an \$20 entry fee and after expenses they would split the profit with us. They would like to be in the booklet and advertising. Kelly Miller made the motion to extend the offer to them with the determination of the gate to be made later. Seconded by Ira Biggs and passed. They also said that they would pay for half the cost of the dash plaques if they are on them. It was decided that it wouldn't be feasible this year. A letter asking for donations from the City of Crown Point fire department was discussed. Kelly Miller made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ira Biggs and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Fritz Secretary