

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting May 9, 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 Cindy Bieker. Julie Fritz read the secretary's minutes and the motion to approve them as read was made by Jerry Heick and seconded by Anne Marie Wicik and passed. Lori Zemaitis read the treasurers report. Jerry McGarr made the motion to approve the treasurers report as read and seconded by Ann Marie Wicik and passed. The motion to pay the outstanding bills was made by Ann Marie Wicik and seconded by Ira Biggs and passed.

Old Business: We still need a chairman for the gate. We still need people mover drivers. Ray Mattox volunteered to drive. Last weekend there was a workday, they worked on tires, the sawmill, edger and got totes ready for coal. They made a list of everything with tires on them and what needs to be replaced. Kelly Miller made a motion to start replacing tires, getting the best price for new or used, giving Bill Wiater executive privilege to decide. Anne Marie Wicik seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The signs need to be worked on and Sean Dixon felt that he would be at the next workday. Most of the signs need the date covers removed, but the 10 new signs will have the wrong date on them. It was suggested that we cover it with tape for now until next years dates are decided. They also need to check on the PVC piping sign holders. Raffle tickets for the garden tractor will be printed Wednesday. The quilt is in process and just needs to be quilted yet. Devin Mueller said he had 2 guys for the night watch. Dave Fritz said the Billy Goat is up and running and done. Ryan from the Rusted Knuckle Car Club said they would be at the show on Saturday and Sunday and are working on Friday night, they are expecting ~ 200 cars, they will be coming in Gate 6 and they will be placed along the fence on Court Street and by Gate 1.

New Business: Bob Kester said he spoke with the Momence FFA, they would be willing to help on Saturday with parking and the gate from 10-2. They asked if they could sell raffle tickets for their raffle tractor and hand out flyers for their show, and would they run their tractor game. All of it was agreed to. Bill Wiater, Dave Fritz, and Dave Kleine all looked at some tractors to purchase from the Rich Radu estate. It was decided that we would go forward with purchasing the 1955 400 that they were asking \$4000 for and the 1951 IH H for \$2000. Jim Burk made the motion to purchase the 1951 IH H and 1955 IH 400 for no more than \$6000. Seconded by Jerry Heick and passed. Moving money from

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Edward Jones was discussed. Kelly Miller made the motion to transfer \$6000 for the tractors and enough money as needed per the past 3 years of shows to

cover the show expenses. Seconded by Devin Mueller and passed. There will be a workday on May 21, to work on tires and signs. The Spring Fling will also be on May 21 at noon. \$150 will be allocated for bingo prizes. Jim Burk will arrange and get the chicken, everyone bring a dish to pass, Gloria Miller will chair and if someone could help, she would appreciate it. We will be able to utilize the whole fairgrounds this year for the festival. John Marshall asked if we could power wash and seal the deck on Farmer's Hall in return. Julie Fritz made a motion to purchase 250 complimentary passes and 750 vendor passes, seconded by Ann Marie. Discussion was held regarding the use of dates on the tickets, but it was decided to leave them on. There will be a mini tractor show fundraiser June 11 from 10am to 2pm at Culvers in Crown Point, discussion was held regarding parking. Bill Wiater will investigate it. Day time security is in the works, we have requested Brian Perez again. The new bylaws were recorded by the Secretary of State. There are 3-4 people that will participate in the Crete Memorial Day parade. There is a new red oak with a plaque that was donated at the club buildings. There were a group of logs donated to the club in Cedar Lake, a group of guys looked at them Saturday. They will be in return for some lumber for the owners. Tim Shively contacted Kelly Miller about some coal that he will have for sale. It is \$210-\$250 per ton and we can get 2-3 tons, he will deliver it to the club grounds. Devin Mueller made the motion to get some, seconded by Ann Marie Wicik and passed. T-Shirts were discussed, Kelly Miller will increase the amount to 200 this year, up from 153, the cost increased to \$11 for regular sizes. If you need or want staff shirts, please see Kelly Miller. Ira Biggs said they had a plan for the tractor pull sled. Motion to adjourn was made by Devin Mueller and seconded by Ann Marie Wicik and passed at 8:45 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Fritz