

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting 8-14-2023

The board of directors 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.

Gaming Account Beginning and ending balance \$8901.91. Savings Account balance beginning balance is \$2144.67 Ending balance \$2144.76. Checking Account Beginning balance \$24,640.69 Income \$3210.24 Expenses \$2805.13 leaving an ending balance of \$25045.80. The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by John Berens and seconded by Jerry McGarr. The motion to pay the outstanding bills of \$4883.57 was made by Ann Marie Wicik and seconded by Jerry McGarr and passed.

Ken Mertins from Exceptional Equestrians was introduced. He said they once again have their Souper Stride program on October 1 from 12-3pm. They borrowed a people mover last year for rides and would like to do it again this year. Discussion was held, its on the same weekend as Buckley Homestead Days. Bill will check with Jerry Heick who facilitated it last year. There will be a workday on Saturday August 19. We will meet at 7:30 at Harry O's and at the club building at 9am. The stalk chopper needs work, signs need to be put away, logs need to be split. Perry McLemore said she would try calling people to have more people come out for the workdays. Dave Fritz gave a report on the tractors at the fair. We had 16 tractors there and the Fairboard heard good things about them and were very satisfied and we will probably have more space next year. They thanked everyone that brought their tractors out for it. Gary Wicik will do calendars again this year. Kelly Miller made the motion to get 50 calendars this year, seconded by John Berens and passed. Dave Fritz reported on the people mover at the Fair on Senior Day, they had it running from 9-3 and it went very well. They used the ramp for the first time and had 2 wheelchairs on it. Dave used the IH 400 and Perry McLemore rode and assisted with the wagon. They had lots of good comments about having handicap availability. The Fairboard got lots of good comments and were very happy with us bringing the people mover. Julie Fritz reported that the insurance received a request from the little boy that fell through the grate, but nothing has been decided yet. We have cancelled out pest control Kelly Miller made the motion to purchase mouse bait and seconded by John Berens and passed. Ray Mattox reported that he took the kiddy tractor that broke during the show to Quality Welding in Crete and had it welded. He said they repaired it for free. Gloria Miller asked that the kiddie tractors are only to be used for the kiddie tractor pulls and if anyone sees kids on them at any other time to please ask them to put them away or find someone that can.

New Business: Our Annual Meeting and election of directors will be on September 11. Only directors will be elected, the officers hold 2-year positions. The nominating committee will be Irene Doty, Gloria Miller and Sandy Stropky. The Lowell Labor Day parade will be on Labor Day. Gloria Miller made the motion to donate \$100 for our participation, seconded by Jerry McGarr. Kelly Miller is looking into better signage for the handicap people mover to advertise our show. Dave Kleine said the Tractor ride will be on September 9. The route is planned and was sent to the commissioner's office. They plan on stopping at Haydens farm again. Niki Leighty will register, Ann Marie will do donuts and coffee and Nancy Kleine will do food. There will be a \$30 entrance fee. Registration starts at 7:30am and leaves at 9am. Octoberfest will be October 21 and it will also be a workday. Bring a dish to pass. It will begin at noon. Jim Burk will

get chicken. Gloria will do bingo and Irene Doty will get drinks and stuff. The Christmas party will be on December 2. The caterer we had last year was Lencioni's and they are not \$16.95 per person. It was suggested that we check out Scrementis and Del Santos in Steger. Buckley Homestead will be September 30 and Oct 1. Bill spoke with Chris Orange, and they will be having more Civil War reenactors and don't want the field plowed. They will be redoing the fencing and will pull some of the fencing out for us. We are planning on bringing the handicap people mover, planer and buzz saw. Bill will speak with Chris Orange about using the porch on the house for the pie booth. Jerry McGarr made the motion to get pie pumpkins and gourds again, seconded by Ann Marie Wicik and passed. The NIHPA show will be September 22-24. They are asking for the dyno, the ding a ling RR, people mover and the grills. They asked if we would be interested in selling one of the grills to them. It was decided that we wouldn't sell them a grill, but they can borrow them. We will bring the dyno but one of our members needs to operate it. The handicap people mover will go to the show, whoever is pulling the people mover needs to be instructed or verified prior to use. We should get a certificate of insurance from them. We will not be bringing the ding a ling RR. It is in the process of being updated. We need to forward to NIHPA with questions that the insurance company asked us and our form to borrow equipment. Kelly Miller made the motion to take the dyno, handicap people mover and grills to NIHPA with the insurance stipulations, seconded by Sandy Stropky and passed. Jerry McGarr made the motion to purchase the matching stain for Farmers Hall at the Fairgrounds and seconded by Ann Marie and passed. It was suggested that we get additional sponsors for our show. Asking current vendors that we use for services like porta potties and golf carts if they would be interested in a discount in lieu of advertising in our booklet or signage. Gloria Miller asked if we would be getting a profit and loss report from the show. Lori Zemaitis said they were waiting for a few more bills such as t shirts and ice. Bill Wiater said he was negotiating with Home City Ice about the bill from the show due to them dropping the ball. Perry McLemore reminded us that just because we are not for profit doesn't mean we can't make money; it means we can't pay our officers or directors. Thank you notes were read from 4Hers for the trophies that we sponsored. Sandy Monroe said that this year they tried something different, they still give out trophies for some awards, but they tried medallions that they could wear this year as well and thought they went over well. Dave Kleine recommended spraying the beans for the weeds. He will call the COOP and see if they can spray them. Irene Doty made a motion to pay for next year's membership and Christmas party tickets for Bill and Karen Wiater for donating the quilt. Seconded by Ann Marie Wicik and passed. Julie Fritz said that she had jobs for the show she wouldn't be doing next year and is looking for someone to take them over. Dave Kleine made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ann Mare Wicik and passed. 9:00 pm 25 members present.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Fritz

Secretary