South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

General membership meeting 8-16-2021

The general membership meeting of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. The previous minutes are available on the website. Kim Peterson gave the treasurer’s report with a beginning balance of $33,497.32, No income, Expenses $668.04 leaving a balance on hand of $32,829.28. Savings account balance is $5143.29, and the gaming account balance is $4048.48. Perry McLemore made the motion to approve the treasurers’ report as read and seconded by Ron Leighty and passed. The motion to pay the outstanding bills of $4181.68 was made by Ron Leighty and seconded by Ira Biggs and passed. Kim Peterson made the motion to put $5000 from the checking account into our Edward Jones investments seconded by Jim Burk and passed. Jim Burk made a motion to move $2500 from the gaming account into our Edward Jones investment account. Seconded by Dave Kleine and passed.

We will have a workday on Saturday August 21, we need to work on the CAT engine, measure wood for the hay racks to make better back supports for them. Our floor jack doesn’t seem to be working anymore. Jim Burk made the motion to spend up to $125 at Harbor Freight for a floor jack, seconded by Ron Leighty and passed. We received a check from Culvers for $305 from the donations at our mini show. Jim Burk made the motion to give the Lowell Labor Day parade a $100 entrance fee for us to participate in the parade. Seconded by Jerry McGarr. Sandy Strader volunteered to send in the application for it. Volunteers for the election committee are Kim Peterson, Irene Doty, and Ann Marie Wicik. The volunteers for the bylaws committee are Perry McLemore, Jim Burk, Julie Fritz, Bill Wiater and Jerry McGarr. Bill Wiater will check with Dan Klein to see if he is interested as well. There was some discussion regarding people movers, Ann Marie has photos from Tractors for a cure and Winimac. Dave Kleine has photos from half century of progress using a Donahue trailer. Jeanette has a produce cart we can use for our farmer’s market; Perry will contact her about it. We read thank you letters from the farm model fair projects, the Lionel Modular Railroad club, and a raffle winner. Dave Kleine will ask Janny if she is interested in doing a calendar again this year. If not, Gary Wicik may be able to do one. Our Octoberfest picnic will be October 16 at noon at the club buildings. It was suggested that we have another porta pottie for it, Dave Fritz volunteered to bring one over, Perry has solution for them and said we were to call when they needed to be serviced. Lori Zemaitis made a motion to give out $125 in Bingo prizes, seconded by Irene Doty and passed. Ann Marie will get the chicken for it. Bring a dish to pass. The NIHPA show will be on September 24-26, it would be nice if we could send some people to volunteer at their show and bring tractors to help them out, they will also have the Cedar Lake Farmers market at their show. The Buckley show was discussed. It will be October 9

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and 10. We will need pies. Ann Marie will source some pumpkins to sell with the pies. We will also be bringing the baker fan, buzz saw, Kesters are working on a steam engine, Bob Kester is working on the edger to bring, and Perry will be bringing the planer. It was suggested to use the binder and make bundles of corn from the outside rows of our field to sell at Buckley. Kyle Molden made a motion to make corn bundles from the outside rows to sell at Buckley, seconded by Pam Heick and passed. Pete Fisher said that he wants to step down from being chairman of the gas engines, it was suggested that we ask Rob Doty, Lindy Cergizan, John DeFries and Fred Armstrong. The Tractor Ride will be on September 11. It will be around 37 miles with a halfway stop at Stoney Run Park, the route is with the commissioners now. Dave Kleine said we will be getting a police escort. It will cost $30 and includes donuts and coffee, a mid-point snack and a lunch at the end. Dave Kleine will take care of any preregistrations. Pam Heick said she talked to her sister about contacting the school to get the word out about volunteer opportunities as the show. Kevin Garling is retiring, and Whitney Cross is taking over the Lowell FFA program. Bob Kester said his daughter works in the Momence school district and he would check to see if their FFA is interested in helping as well. Ron Leighty said he has been hearing rumors about the Fair moving their dates up in the calendar year. Dave Kleine made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry McGarr and passed at 8:10pm. 23 members present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Fritz

Secretary