

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

General Membership Meeting 2-14-2022

The general membership meeting of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. We had a moment of silence for Diane Horst. Julie Fritz read the minutes from the November general membership meeting and the November board meeting. The motion to approve them as read was made by Jerry Heick and seconded by Perry McLemore. Lori Zemaitis read the treasurers report. The Gaming account remained the same from November to current at \$898.48. Our Savings account from November to the end of January went from \$5143.41 to \$5143.53. Our checking account from November has a beginning balance of \$19,778.43 with Deposits of \$4847.22, Expenses \$14,209.64 leaving an ending balance of \$9411.65. Jim Burk made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Ron Leighty and passed. The motion to pay the outstanding bills of \$100 was made by Jerry Heick and seconded by Sandy Stropky and passed.

Old Business: The auditing of the books will be done by Bill Wiater, Jerry McGarr and Perry McLemore. They will set up a time to get together. We received a letter from Dan Klein resigning from Vice President. Bill asked for any volunteers for his position. He will still preside over the Gate during the show. The final copy of the bylaws is available. Bill Wiater handed out copies and they will be placed on the website. Garden Plots were discussed, Bill Wiater, Sandy Stropky and possibly Sandy Strader and Ann Marie Wicik want to do it again this year. Please turn in 2022 budgets for the show by the next meeting. Julie Fritz went over the budget for advertising and Porta potties. There are two suggestions for other quotes for porta potties that she will contact. Bill Wiater talked to Grant Hagberg about the fire extinguishers, and he said he would take care of them, Bill will deliver them to him. The volunteer fair was discussed, it was decided not to participate. There was some discussion about locations in the show grounds. It was decided to form a show committee. The committee will consist of Kelly Miller, Jerry Heick, Ron Leighty, Ira Biggs, John Berens, Julie Fritz, Perry McLemore, John Marshall, Sandy Stropky and Bill Wiater. The next workday on February 19 will be devoted to looking at tires on all the equipment and decide what

needs new tires. Bill Wiater will contact Dave Kleine about Ag Awareness Days. Kelly Miller made the motion to fund our scholarship for \$500 again this year. Seconded by Irene Doty and passed. Ira Biggs said the Tractor Pull sled needs a little work on the pulley and bracing up the front and they will potentially modify the pan for the weights. He will work up something for a budget. Tractors for a Cure is coming up on March 12, it will be a dinner this year, if you want more information, please see Bill. Julie Fritz discussed suggestions that Kelly Dykstra had for the show including creating a QR code or using a square for credit card purchases, selling glow sticks on Friday and Saturday night, a scavenger hunt to earn tickets for the sponsorship raffle, and having another ice cream vendor at the show. Sandy Stropky said she would take over overseeing the kid's area. Pam Heick asked about using a square reader for salables and memberships and it was discussed. Kim Peterson will talk with Whitney Cross about help from the Lowell FFA for the show. Bob Kester mentioned that Momenca also has an FFA program and wanted to know if he could ask if they would like to participate and help at our show, he will talk to his daughter about it. He also asked about doing a Steam Feature as well. John Berens will talk to Castognia about doing another display for us. Irene Doty asked that the audit committee also audit her books. John Marshall discussed the projects going on at the Fairgrounds. The Fine Arts building restoration to a 4-season venue, there will be a bathroom redo prior to our show, a new ramp and update. They will be running natural gas to all the buildings, they will tear down the maintenance building and replace it with a parking lot, remodel the 4H roof and bathrooms and running fiber optics throughout the fairgrounds for Wi-Fi, but that will probably be next year. Motion to adjourn made by Ron Leighty and seconded by Kyle Molden and passed. 21 members present.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Fritz

Secretary