

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

General membership meeting 3-8-2021

The general membership meeting was called to order by President Bill Wiater. We had a moment of silence for Virginia Wagonblast, Virginia Parks, Jan Conlon, Juanita Zurbriggen, Bub Wise, Russ Franzman, Lucille Kester, Cecil Wright, Anna Mae Kerr, and Larry Hine.

A copy of the secretary's minutes was available on the website and at the meeting. Kim Peterson gave the treasurer's report as follows.

November 2020 beginning balance \$25,317.79 Income \$20.08 Expenses \$1104.62 2020 Ending balance \$24,233.25. 2021 Beginning balance Checking \$19087.24 Income \$203.31 Expenses \$1641.01 Leaving a checking balance as \$17649.54 and a savings balance of \$5146.05. February has a beginning balance of \$17649.54 and an ending balance of \$12,683.76 in checking and \$5146.09 in savings. Devin Mueller made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and Jerry Heick seconded and the motion carried. There were no outstanding bills. We received a bill from Purdue to pay this year \$200 for ag awareness and \$125 for farm model trophies for the fair. Since both were cancelled last year, they still retained the money from 2020. Jim Burk made the motion not to pay the bill to Purdue and seconded by Devin Mueller and the motion carried.

Old Business: Kim Peterson said that she would like to purchase the club's old computer that the treasurer uses. Kelly Miller made the motion to sell the old club computer to Kim for \$50, seconded by Irene Doty and the motion carried. Kim Peterson is working on the budget. If you have budget changes, please let her know by the board meeting in March otherwise the numbers from last year will be used. Lori Zemaitis reported that Quickbooks is going well, we are reconciled for 2020 and 2021, all of our bank accounts and PayPal are flowing in, budgeting is starting, and it was all balanced from the old system to the new system. If you would like a swath of ground to plant at the club buildings let Bill know. Jerry Heick and Perry McLemore both asked for a piece. Bill Wiater presented a plaque to Sandy Monroe for 25 years of service as secretary and to Perry McLemore for his years as president.

New Business: Dave Kleine has wheat for the show, half of the ground will be planted in soybeans and the other half in corn. Our property insurance sent an inspector out to see our buildings, Dave Fritz met him out there, the first thing he looked at was the fire extinguishers. We need to put them on a yearly rotation to update them.

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Bill would like to pursue building a meeting room or a new multipurpose building at our grounds. It was suggested that we put together a fact-finding committee to research it. The committee will be Jerry Heick, Perry McLemore, and Bill Waiter. There will be a farm equipment auction at Bill Sander's home on March 25, 2021. Irene Doty made a motion to purchase 125 membership cards, seconded by Perry McLemore and the motion carried. Kelly Miller made a motion for us at this time to go forward with having the show, seconded by Kim Peterson and the motion carried. Perry McLemore made a motion to send a letter of intent for the show to the Fair board and to the commissioners, seconded by Lori Zemaitis and the motion carried. Devin Mueller reported that the skid steer has a rear left flat tire, it apparently has a slow leak. Herman Monix said that he tried to start the C and it was dead. Devin Mueller said he would look at it. Bill will talk to Culvers about having another mini show at their store in Crown Point, there was interest expressed about attending.

Kelly Miller made the motion to adjourn, Devin Mueller seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Fritz

Secretary