

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Show Meeting March 20, 2023

The second meeting of the month of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. The second meetings of the month will not have minutes read or a treasurer's report read and they will be devoted to show business only and each section of the show will be discussed.

We need to talk to Sandy Monroe to see if she will continue to send out letters to area nursing homes. Bill Wiater will touch base with Sandy Strader to see what her participation will be. The show booklet is full, there are ~4 ads that need to commit. One half of the money is in already and the booklet will go to the printer by the end of April. Chris Proctor said that the cost per unit for 4000 booklets is \$.65: 5000 is \$.60 and 6000 is \$.56 per unit. Kelly Miller made the motion to purchase 6000 booklets, seconded by Ira Biggs and passed. Chris Proctor said that we can pay when they are finished rather than have to send a deposit. Kelly Miller is working on T Shirt designs. Ron Leighty said that his garden tractor area is ok and they are ready for the Bolens display. We need to contact Lindy Cergizan about Gas Engines. Rusted Knuckles are ok. Steam is ok. Nancy Kleine will do Registration again, and we have stuff for her from Steiner. Bill Wiater will call for Ice. The info booth will be in the same place again and Irene Doty will be there and will sell raffle tickets for the garden tractor raffle. Sandy Stropky will take care of the kiddie korrall. The kiddie tractor pull needs trophies, information given to Gloria Miller and Ray Mattox on where we got them last year. Pam Heick said she still has stuff from last year for the salables, including 75 shirts from last year. We discussed selling them at our cost and she will get the raffle tickets. Bill is working on donations for the sponsorship raffle. Perry McLemore will be getting the tickets for the raffle tractor. The tractor has been ordered and McCullough asked about bringing a Kubota display. We will talk to Kelly Dykstra about it. Gloria Miller will announce again. The sound system was discussed, and Dave Fritz said that if something wasn't working right, he needs to know. We need a wireless microphone and better coverage in the show arena. It was discussed contacting Bruce McKee about setting it up again. Camping was discussed. Irene said that last year no one registered when we had the price at \$10 per weekend. It was suggested that we leave the power off until they register and pay and have a hang tag to identify those that have paid. Lori Zemaitis made the motion to charge \$10 per night for campers needing electricity and \$5 per night with no electricity, seconded by Kelly Miller and passed.

We expect to have 3-4 people movers running. Kelly Miller will message Deb

Armstrong about borrowing one of their people movers. Chris Proctor said he and his friend Bob would drive again this year. Greg Kleine said that the complex displays and that he will talk to Seth Nichols about blacksmithing. Ron Leighty said he would give Gloria Miller a map for the Fine Arts building and that we need to talk to the model RR guys early as to where to park their trailers. Trailers will be parked in the northwest corner of the fairgrounds by gate 6 unless it's muddy and then they will be parked by Gate 5 like last year. Karen Wiater is making the quilt for the quilt raffle, Irene will help to mail tickets out and we need 3500 tickets. Lori Zemaitis will contact Centier Bank about sponsoring our tickets. Kitty Peart did our quilting demo previously and she needs to be contacted and Julie Fritz said that she was contacted by a person that would demo spinning yarn and she will follow up with them. Ron Leighty will arrange the dumpsters. Electric will be done by Chris from MJ Electric; Dave Fritz will contact him. Dave will also be the Fair board liaison and attend the Fair board meeting. It was decided that anyone in the campground can only use 110 electric service. The Flea Market was discussed, it was decided not to have it. Golf Carts were discussed, we will be getting 6 regular golf carts and 2 4 passenger carts to be delivered on Thursday. Debbie will be contacted to make sure there is food for Thursday and Mondays work days. Julie Fritz said that the social media is mostly set up. It was decided that we need to have 2 day security officers, John Marshall will contact Scott Musgraves about getting them and see if they have another golf cart or if we need to provide one for them. Greg Kleine will contact the FFA to see about them working on the people movers or parking. Mike Rippe will be contacted about the ding a ling RR. Jerry Heick will contact the Merrillville American Legion about helping with opening ceremonies. It was decided to have Knowbodyz band again for Friday night and they will be playing in the arena or on the porch of Farmers Hall. Sandy Stropky's bags tournament will be in the show pavilion. Food Vendor prices were discussed. Ira Biggs made a motion to charge \$250 for their base 10 foot price for all food concessions. Seconded by Jerry Heick and passed. Tracy Biggs will announce the parade. The tractor pull sled needs a little work. John Marshall suggested moving the tractor pulls up to the afternoon. We need to think about having the parade at 1pm and immediately following the parade to have the tractor pulls. Registration for the tractor pulls should be done at registration to prevent people not signing up early for them. Ron Leighty will take care of the fire extinguishers. We will decide at a regular meeting on the number of complimentary tickets to have. Ryan Wiater will take care of parking. Eric

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Zurbriggen will contact the petting zoo again to answer their questions. John Berens said he has an auctioneer that would donate his time for an auction. It was suggested that we bag our corn and sell it by bag for deer or squirrel corn for more than we would make at the elevator. We need a sign to sell our wood during or after the show. The Exceptional Equines will set up again at the pony barn. Raising the gate fee was brought up again and discussed, Ira Biggs made the motion to not discuss the gate fee until after this year's show, seconded by Ron Leighty and passed. Jerry Heick made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Leighty and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Fritz

Secretary