

Stephenson County Antique Engine Club

Membership Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2013

Officers: Steve Rognas, Kerry DeBoer, Bunky Mease, and Michelle DeBoer

Directors: Ron Pieper, Lucille Lee, Eugene McMahon, Ed Keech, Terry DeBoer, Scott Engelkens, Spencer Yeoman, Becky Taylor

Absent: Peg Althoff

Steve called the meeting to order.

Doris Last read the memorial report.

Michelle DeBoer read the secretary report and was accepted as read.

Bunky Mease gave the treasurers report; current balance for all accounts \$75,149.51

Siri McMahon read the Museum minutes and approved as read.

Old Business:

Sarah DeHahn is in charge of doing an activity at Krape Park for their Bunny Trail on March 30, 2013. She will be handing out free train rides for the kids and have a page to color with a train on it.

Spencer Yeoman will step in as director to finish Bill Stimpert's term on the board.

Steve Rognas and Kerry DeBoer attended the Fair Board Association meeting on February 28, 2013. The Fair Board has invited us to have a presence at this year's fair. This could be advantageous to the club by generating interest in our activities that the general public may not know about; such as the threshing show, train, museum and the cooper. We could hand out brochures and posters and meet and greet part of the public we normally wouldn't see. It was discussed to have some run the people wagons as a tram through the parking lots and a way to get from gate to gate. Time frame would be at 11am until 4pm and possibly have different displays each day by the red building near the saw mill. This will be free advertising for us and get more exposure for the club.

The Fair Board took a copy of our contract and will be looking into what can be done about our lease with them. Steve Rognas and Kerry DeBoer will attend their next board meeting March 28, 2013 to see what we can negotiate with them.

Terry DeBoer wanted to say Thank You for a job well done by Steve Rognas for the flyers and business cards that he made up. Terry took them down to Sublette Illinois to hand out at their show.

Still looking for someone to take over camping at show also. If interested, let one of the board members know or talk to Ed Keech.

New Business:

Sarah DeHahn, whom is in charge of checking our club's e-mail site, said that Andy Barr has opened a barber shop in Downtown Freeport, 11 E. Main St. Andy sent us pictures and it has quite a vintage feel about his place. He has several items of yesteryear and it's a working barber shop! So if you're in the area, make sure you stop down to check it out!

Sarah also stated that the club needs to utilize the internet and what it has to offer to get the word out about the club. Especially to social pages like Facebook, Twitter, and others. Siri McMahon and Becky Taylor volunteered to set up a Facebook page.

Kerry DeBoer has been looking into getting toy tractors to sell again at this year's show. The cost per tractor for the club will be \$45.00. We will have to sell them for \$55.00 to make a profit and we will have to buy a minimum of 100. The tractor will be a gas Massey-Ferguson 50. It will also have a nameplate that will say "The Freeport Show" and the shows dates on it. Scott Engelkens made a motion to get tractors and Ruth Yeoman second, motion carried.

Joe Maurer would like Steve and Kerry talk to the fair board about getting the threshing show back to its original date, the last weekend of July. Too many other fairs and shows are going on the first weekend of August and it's affected the clubs attendance with vendors, flea marketers and participants. Joe made motion to have the clubs threshing show back to its original date, Kerry DeBoer second it, motion carried.

Kerry announced that there needs to be someone to take over the gates yet. Siri McMahon and Brittany Kurth volunteered to run it and make sure there are workers for it.

Door to red building at fairgrounds keeps unlatching and needs to be fixed.

Committee Reports:

Pancake Supper is April 6th from 4pm to 7pm at the museum. Bake sale items are needed also.

Larry Buttel said that the new windows are in and the siding is up, thanks to Joe Stebbins. The ceiling in the new storeroom needs to be painted yet. Needing volunteers for that. They also need stuff for the new display in the gallery. They want to put a milking parlor in and need items to display. Time is getting short and need to have everything ready for Memorial Day Weekend when the museum opens.

Fehr Graham to do inspection on railroad bridges for the Federal Government. Ron Pieper had received two bids, one from Fehr Graham and one from a company in Iowa. Fehr Graham had a better rate.

Goodie Bringers: Ida DeBoer, Joyce Shade, Lucy Lee, Glenda Keech, and Michelle DeBoer

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Joe Maurer, second by Spencer Yeoman, motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2013

Submitted by Michelle DeBoer