

October 2018 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

There were (24) members present.

The minutes for the September meeting, as previously emailed to the members, was approved unanimously.

October 2018 Birthdays were recognized as: Richard Landis, Brian Carter, Robert Gusek, David Spitzer, Bruce Weschler, and James McManus.

No new members at this time.

Ken Kayser reported the October Operating Balance as \$9,286.59, with a total bank balance, including the Future Fund of \$7,000.00, sitting at \$16,286.59. Said budget was also unanimously approved by all members present.

OLD BUSINESS

- It was noted that the Swap Meet bill of \$1,529.28 finally came in and was paid.
- Ken Kayser stated that the board had discussed the possibility raising the Future Fund. Steve Usher suggested having year end money automatically go into the Future Fund if the club goes over a certain amount. It was mentioned that this could be risky due to the uncertainty of the following years events and revenue. Tom Dollenmayer asked if there are any restrictions in drawing from the Future Fund. It was stated that the club does have to keep a minimum of \$5,000.00 due to land reclamation. Michael Molbrook suggested adding another \$3,000 to make an even \$10,000. Rod Stauffer touched on the fact that we have to be careful with the budget planning, followed by Ken Kayser reminding everyone that we are only one or two really bad weather weekends on top of our event(s) that could really put us in serious need of money.
- Ron Mealga mentioned that the new flag pole is now in place.
- Charlie Lasley reported that the \$2,407.75 worth of grass seed is down.
- Ken Kayser reminded the club that the Giant Scale event is this weekend. Several good raffle prizes will be available. It was asked that people please back trailers into the slips instead of driving around since the field is still very wet. It was noted that the generator is full of oil and in good shape.
- Ken Blackford and Rod Stauffer spoke to their progress on the 2019 Swap Meet. Ken mentioned that 274 tables is all we can really fit in that space, 165 more than the current layout, and while he is still waiting on a reply from the facility, it could be less depending on where the facility plans to store the 165 that we would pull from as needed. Obviously, if they plan on

using that floorspace it will eat into the (274) table layout. Rod reported that he looked into what other Swap Meets charge for their tables and that we actually are on the high side of those figures of \$15.00 for an aisle and \$20.00 for a wall, hence, the once idea of raising the table cost by a buck to cover the foreseen 2019 increase is probably not a good idea. It was noted that the biggest challenge has always been to get more people in through the front door at \$5.00 each. It was also suggested that we consider opening the doors a little later so people don't have to get up so early. Rod did say that we did open this year an hour later, at 8:00 instead of 7:00. It was also noted that people travel all the way from New York down to the largest 2-day Swap Meet in Perry, GA for the very fact that it is the largest Swap Meet on the east coast. The point to be made was if we want it to be a large event, we need to sell it as a large event and not like it's a small event. Ken stated that the ball is in his court to finish the flyer as soon as possible and get it to John Welcome or whoever to start pushing it on social media as soon as possible and don't forget to make it public so everyone can see it. Rod spoke to the idea of having a static display in that the space required would only take away from more potential table sales. Rod suggested that we focus on the table volume at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Charlie Lasley opened the floor for nominations for the 2019 board positions. Accepted nominations are as follows:
President - Michael Holbrook
Vice President – Butch Pendergrass, Howard Bass, Randy Covington
Treasure – Ken Kayser, James Miller.
Secretary – Ken Blackford
- It was mentioned that the voting will be a closed ballot.
- The 50/50 was won by Ron Mealga who donated his half back to the club for a total of \$78.00 to benefit the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45