

Slow Boys News



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February 26th, 2024

Meeting Minutes February 2024

The Slow Boys Meeting was called to order by President Art Downs. About 27 members were present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Billie Conrad. Seconded by Addison Brown. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Hall gave the Treasurer's Report. Checking account balance was \$2821.00 and the savings balance was \$5512.20. Motion to approve made by Lucas Kroner seconded by Leroy Ritzma. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Christmas Auction: November's auction raised a total of \$1379. \$387 was raised by items donated by an estate earmarked for Hospice of Iroquois County. Allyn Kleinert motioned to divide the remaining funds, plus a little additional from our account, to donate to 7 organizations. \$150 will be donated to 4 food pantries (God's Food Pantry, Martinton, Clifton, and Watseka), Hospice of Iroquois County, The Garage in Gilman, and Shriner's Children's Hospital. Motion was seconded by Lucas Kroner. Motion passed by majority with one opposed.

Yearly Membership: A reminder that with the new year comes our yearly club dues! Membership fees remain at \$40 for the year. Please attend next month's meeting to pay your dues or mail them to our club address: P.O. Box 64, Gilman, IL 60938.

New Business:

Board Members: Two board positions were up for re-election. Dave Hall retains his position. Leroy Ritzma has stepped down. Corinne Downs nominated Matt Hall. The nomination was seconded and approved by all. Nominations were then closed.

Donation: We received a donation to the club from John Fuhs for \$1500. A big thank you to him for the donation! A card will be sent in thanks.

Russ and Mary Ann: The club would like to extend their thanks to Russ and Mary Ann Schuler for all their years of dedication and volunteering for the club. Steve Eilers motioned to send them a gift from the club. Ann Roach seconded and the motion was approved by all with enthusiasm.

Oak Grove Tractor Pull- Feb. 22-24, 2024: Art Downs attended the pull this year to announce. As a fundraising pull, this year they saw 1890 tractors pulled within the three days.

Spring Tractor Drive: This year's spring drive will be on April 6th. It will leave out of Mowery's Auction at 10am and head towards Cissna Park this year. See Corinne to sign up!

Club Fundraising Cookout: Hometown Family Foods Grocery in Gilman offers fundraising cookouts throughout the year from spring through fall to organizations that are willing to work them. After discussing it with the owners, the Club has received a date of April 13th to sell pork burgers/pork chops (option set by the store) this year if we wanted to try it. The club does not have to pay for anything, all we supply is the volunteers. Greg Roeder motioned that we go ahead and try it this year with the hopes of possibly getting a second date later in the year if all goes well. Motion was seconded by Addison Brown and approved by all. We will need about 9 volunteers for that day. Please contact Corinne if you will be able to help that day for at least a bit!

Iroquois Tractor Show/Pull?: Jim Marshal with the Iroquois Fried Green Tomato Fest contacted the club about a possible tractor show or pull for their event on August 24. Discussion was made about possibly doing a tractor show and kid's pedal pull. Details are scarce yet, so the topic was tabled for a later date closer to the event.

Barnyard Meeting: The annual tractor pulling meeting was held in January. Some minor changes were made/clarified. The updated rules will be posted on the club's website once they are received and emails should be going out to those that attended.

Pedal Tractor: Some discussion was made about what to do with the Farmall pedal tractor owned by the club. It was decided to table further discussions for March's meeting after a bit of research could be done and people could think on it.. Please attend the meeting to give your suggestions!

50/50 Drawing: Winning Ticket #3735 was \$35 to the Winner. As this month's winner, Mike Buhrmester donated it back to the club. Thank you Mike!

Events:

- Penfield Toy/Equipment Auctions - March 22nd/23rd
- Spring Tractor Drive - April 6th
- Donovan FFA Silent Auction - April 20th

Lunch Tonight: Art and Corinne Downs

Lunch Next Month: Greg and Adrienne Roeder

Adjourn the meeting: Motion made by Allyn Kleinert seconded by Leroy Ritzma. Motion approved.

Next Meeting - March 25th, 2024 at 7pm at the Crescent City Community Center.

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Additional Board of Directors:

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