

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.

Membership Meeting

Date held: March 11, 2014

Began: 7:35 PM

Mike Lessman Presiding.

There were 21 members in attendance.

Secretary's report accepted as read, motion by: Kenny Frymoyer, 2nd by: Ira Lessman, Motion carried.

Amount in the bank: \$11,574.12

CD: \$6,999.21

Reported profit from the January scrapple sales: \$834.83

Treasurer's report accepted as read, motion by: Ira Lessman, 2nd by: Kenny Frymoyer, Motion carried.

Old Business: Passed around the proofs for the show ad and the brochure colors.

Secretary read a thank you note from Perry Aitkin's church, the Little Valley Presbyterian Church.

Mike Lessman mentioned that the Massey Pony and the Wisconsin engine will be on the show buttons.

Mike also mentioned that the permit for the tractor run has been taken care of and approved. The State asked that if we get more than 25 tractors, they would like us to have breaks in the line of tractors at the State road intersections so traffic can get through.

We do have our own flaggers for the intersections

We will be leaving the show grounds via Old Colony Road. Mike Lessman went over the route that we will be taking. It was also mentioned that we do not need a SMV sign on the tractors because it is a procession. It is recommended though.

It was asked if we will be taking a break along the route. A stopping point is being looked into. It was suggested stopping at the Old Herman School House. The question was also asked about factory double seats on the tractors and if riders were allowed. Factory double seats are legal but riding on the fenders will not be allowed. Every rider must be in a seat.

We paid \$19.75 per jug of clear frying oil. We purchased a skid of oil that is now at the show grounds.

Discussed the fence at the parking lot. Jeff Radel mentioned that it will be only along the driveway to help keep people out of the wet field. It was also mentioned that the fence will be a high tensile fence. It was suggested that we should mark the fence with the yellow caution tape so people can see it. We will need to ask the Soil Conservation if it is OK to put up a fence. After discussion, Kenny Frymoyer made a motion to install the fence if we are given the OK, 2nd by: Dave Daku, Motion carried.

Discussed the show advertising. We started with the Snyder County Times. We discussed placing an ad with them. The cost would be for a 2x4 ad: \$48.00 for just Snyder County and \$80.00 for Snyder and Union County. During discussion, it was suggested that we use the Lancaster Farming ad in the 2x4 ad space. It was also suggested that we see what it would cost for a color ad and for the front and back pages.

B98.3's non-profit ad rate is buy-one-get-one-free for \$37.10. It was mentioned that we do 3 ads on Thursday and 3 ads on Friday the week of the show.

Discussed the club t-shirts. It was mentioned that we should look into Tri-County Sports. They have their own trailer and they will make your shirt right there while you wait.

It was mentioned that we will be needing a flyer made up for the tractor run. We will also be needing to set up a pre-registration so we will know what shirts to order and how much food we will be needing.

We then discussed advertising with Wheels 106.1 again. Their ad prices are the same as last year. We ran 12 ads last year for a cost of \$60.00. They also have a country station which is WJUN 92.5 which covers Juniata, Perry, Mifflin and the western end of Snyder County. The non-profit ad rates for WJUN are \$14.00 buy-one-get-one free. After discussion, Todd Willow made a motion to advertise with WJUN, 2nd by Greg Bingaman, Motion carried. It was suggested going with around 6 ads with them.

Secretary read a letter from Katie Kratzer asking if Todd Shimko Insurance Agency could set up a stand at the shows. They will have a cake wheel and other games available to win free marketing materials from their business. It was mentioned that if they are going to charge to play, they will be needing a "Small games of chance" permit. We will need to inform them of that. (Secretary did ask them about it and they will not be charging to play) It was decided that they are more than welcome to come to the shows.

We then discussed the Armed Forces Day that will be on the Saturday of our spring show. Irene Harris mentioned that the SUN Area Council of Republican Women would like to come to the

show and set up a booth. They would have cards and coloring pages for adults and kids to fill out to send off to the Veterans. It was suggested that we should put them up by the train station next to the Dairy Princess Activity tent. It was also mentioned that maybe we could get someone to do a flag burning ceremony. It was suggested that maybe the Boy Scouts would like to be involved with that. It was mentioned that we should try to keep all of the Veterans activities together. Irene also mentioned that if we would like any more information on other groups, that we should contact Roger Snook with the Veterans Affairs Office.

Next, we discussed getting a new Vice President to replace the opening recently left by Perry Aitkin. After asking around, we found one of our members, Josh Martin, is willing to give the position of Vice President a try. Mike Lessman mentioned that we do need to get more younger members involved with the club. It was also mentioned that Josh has been a member since the Association started.

Discussed doing the money classes for the tractor pulls. We looked at the more popular weight classes that would fit the most tractors for the money pulls. Those classes are: 4500 lb., 5500 lb., and 6500 lb. classes.

It was asked if we have a dyno to use. We do but it needs to be repaired. It was mentioned that we will need to get it fixed. It was also mentioned that we can borrow one to use if we would need it.

Discussed the pay back for the money pulls. We could pay 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

It was mentioned that there will still be ribbon pulls for those same classes but you will not be able to pull in both pulls of the same class, you will need to pick one class to pull in. It was suggested that we should add the money classes to both Friday and Saturday nights pulls. It was mentioned that we will need to go over the pulling rules and also look into the rules for tire sizes.

It was mentioned that we will need to get started on time and that we should try to get finished by midnight. It was then suggested that we should look into getting rid of the truck pulls on Saturday night. It was mentioned that this is an antique tractor show, not a truck show and we don't get many trucks anyway. It was also mentioned that the trucks are using our show as a test and tune for the bigger pulls and they take a lot of time. After a lot of discussion, Mark Cromley made a motion to end the truck pulls, 2nd by: George Frymoyer, Motion carried. It was mentioned that the ads and brochures will need to be changed to remove the truck pulls.

New Business: Discussed the hours for breakfast. We now have breakfast from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM. It was mentioned that people are asking if we can go until 10:00 AM. Irene Harris mentioned that a lot of people come in around 9:00 AM and are upset because we are finished

with the breakfast. After discussion, Crissa Martin made a motion to change the breakfast time to 6:30 AM to 10:00 AM, 2nd by: Greg Bingaman, Motion carried.

Discussed our food prices. The question was asked if we are going to be OK with the food prices we have now with the price of food going up. It was mentioned that we can't go up too much with our prices, but some of the food items that we get have come down in price, so we should be OK with our food prices.

Irene Harris ask why don't we have a special for our breakfasts. It would be a combination of our breakfast foods, like a pancake and sausage platter. Most of the items we have are priced separately. Irene will work on setting that up.

Nancy Lessman asked about the freezers and why can't we get another chest freezer for storage. The chest freezer we have now is full and the walk in freezer is also full of meat. It was suggested looking into a dented freezer if we can get it cheaper. After discussion, Nancy Lessman made a motion to buy another chest freezer, 2nd by: Greg Bingaman, Motion carried.

John Clark asked about the 3 Organizations that would like us to come make potato chips at their events. They are in Thompsontown, Richfield and Beavertown. The one in Thompsontown (Thompsontown Fall Fest) is the same time as the Selinsgrove Street Fair which is September 27th. The one in Richfield is for the Richfield Dutch Days and will be held July 16-19. It was also mentioned that the event in Beavertown, we would need to get permission to use electric and water from the home owners that we would be parked in front of. It was decided to table discussion until a later meeting.

It was mentioned that if we are going to be doing any traveling with the chip trailer, we will need to do some work to it like getting new tires for it and getting the lights to work properly.

The Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association pulling dates for this year are: April 27th, (Test and Tune), May 31st, June 22, August 2 and September 27th with the rain date set for September 28th.

*At this time the membership meeting temporarily adjourned so the Board Members could hold a special meeting for the position of Vice President.

An Executive Board Meeting was opened to discuss the opening for Vice President and to discuss Josh Martin. Josh is willing to give it a try. As of right now, he will be just filling in the open position. If he wants to stay on, then next year he would automatically move up to position of President. If not, we would have to elect a new Vice President and a President for the following year. It was mentioned that he wants to help us out and help us where we need it. He also wants to learn how to do the job of Vice President.

It was also mentioned that we might have someone for the position of Treasurer by the end of the year. We will try to get them to help out at the shows.

After discussion, Kenny Frymoyer made a motion for Josh Martin to fulfill the position of Vice President, 2nd by: Mike Lessman, Motion Carried.

*The Membership meeting was then brought back to order.

It was mentioned that Josh Martin will be placed in the position of Vice President for the remainder of the year. It was also mentioned that if he would feel that he couldn't do the job, he could step down.

A question was asked about the Community Gardens and if we did any planting there. We do have wheat planted there already. We also have some wheat planted behind the Quonset hut as well.

At 9:55 PM, Kenny Frymoyer made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by: Greg Bingaman, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Clark, Secretary