

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.

Membership Meeting

Date held: September 9, 2014

Began: 7:35 PM

Mike Lessman Presiding

There were 11 members in attendance.

Secretary's report accepted as read, motion by: Todd Willow, 2nd by: Ray Hummel, Motion carried.

Amount in the bank: \$12,917.57

CD: \$4,001.66

Treasurer's report accepted as read, Motion by: Donald Athey, 2nd by: Ira Lessman, Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussed the Garden Tractor Pulls. It was mentioned that Mid Penn might be looking at doing 3 pulls next year to be held around the holidays and maybe one in the evening.

It was also mentioned that if things don't change with the garden tractor pulls, it wouldn't pay for us to open the Trackside Food Stand because it is starting to cost us money to open it up. Ronnie is looking at maybe doing money pulls instead of points pulls to see if that would also help bring in more tractors.

We also discussed trying a Stone Boat Pull to make a little extra money. Mike Lessman mentioned that the places that have them do very well with them. It was suggested that maybe we could have a stone boat pull and the garden tractor pulls during the same day. It was also mentioned that it would take a couple of years to get established, but it should get to be a big event.

The question was asked if the Trackside Food Stand could handle the extra volume of people. They should at first, but if the crowd gets too big, we might have to open the main food building to help them out.

This is something to look in to for next year.

Mike Lessman asked Dave Stamm how he felt the entertainment went. Dave said that he felt that the entertainment went very well and that the stage is great. It was also mentioned that there were a lot of folks dancing during the entertainment too.

Nancy Lessman mentioned that there are packs of sausages left to be sold for \$7.00 per pack.

Nancy also suggested that when we butcher again, we should make sausage patties for the breakfasts. It would save us money (we are paying \$41.00 a case now) and we would get a better patty than what we are getting now. We will need to look for a patty press.

New Business: The question was asked about the bus and cars that were used for the simulated rescues. The car will be going and the bus is going into storage. It was mentioned that the bus can be used again for another simulation.

Discussed putting the stage away for the winter. It was suggested putting the stage under the pavilion for winter to help preserve it. If we need to, it was suggested removing the one center post under the pavilion to make room for the stage.

We will need to get 35 bags of potatoes ordered for the Selinsgrove Street Fair on the 25th.

The question was asked again about separate money boxes in the food building. Why can't we have one money box for all of the food building? We should keep a box at the chip area for those that just want chips, but at the end of the day, they could pay down at the register.

Todd Willow mentioned that we need to get some more shirts made. We only have a few left. We then discussed the shirt designs. It was suggested putting a tractor and engine on the back in color with the logo on the front.

We need t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts and hoodies made.

It was mentioned that that the logo should have a collage of pictures on it; a tractor, hit and miss engine, steam engine, etc.

Question was asked about raising the price of our dues one dollar to help pay for our advertising. This will need to be discussed further.

Also discussed the sign at the top of the show grounds. It is in really bad shape and should be replaced.

Question was also asked about the security that we have at the show and if he should be sleeping during the night. A couple of members found him sleeping during the night when he should be watching over the grounds. This will also need to be looked into further.

Discussed marking the fence that is in the upper parking lot. The wires should be marked so no one gets hurt by them if they would run into them. It was suggested using reflective tape that is used on trailers. It is very sticky and the sun won't fade them. This should be brought up to the Snyder County Tractor Pullers.

It was also mentioned that we need to do something about the people driving through the ditches. It was suggested that fencing should be installed.

Mike Lessman mentioned that he had found a Frick edger that is all steal and is complete. The gentleman selling it will sell it to us for \$1,250.00. After discussion, Greg Bingaman made a motion to get the Frick edger, 2nd by: Donald Athey, Motion carried.

At 9:20 PM, Ray Hummel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by: Nancy Lessman, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Clark, Secretary