

Union Thresherman, Incorporated

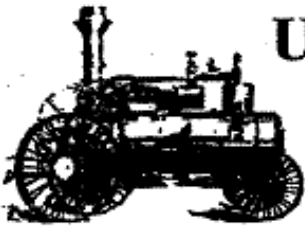
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March 3rd, 2022 General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:01 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Mark P., Merlin B. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Buddy F., Roger K. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - We have three get well cards going around to be signed for Kenny Raisler, Bob (Hoss) Grunwald, and Avery Eplett.
 - Manawa Area Food Pantry sent a thank you card for our continued support and donation.
 - Manawa Snodeo sent a thank you, along with \$1,500 for helping them out.
 - Gave a round of applause to those who helped out.
- **Old Business**
 - Radio Communication – Still looking into prices.
 - Man-Lift – Still looking into pricing and options.
 - Group Pay
 - Iola Car Show pays \$3.50/hr. for a child and \$6/hr. for an adult in their concession stands.
 - Manawa Rodeo pays \$8/hr. per person.
 - Roger K. said we should stay in check with the other groups, or we won't get anyone to work.
 - Kelly N. asked where we would put these groups.
 - We need to come up with a list of areas we need them, and then we would place accordingly.
 - Andy M. recommended we raise to \$8/hr. and pay it to the people that are actually helping us.
 - Dan C. said that the board has had a lot of discussion about this and no one has complained yet.
 - Valerie S. said other places might require an eight hour shift, whereas our shift are three to four hours long.
 - Mary G. said that other clubs offer food coupons and free passes if they are working. Might draw more attention.
 - Rick T. made a motion to leave the group pay at \$7 per hour for 2022 and revisit next year. Mike B. seconded, motion carried.
- **New Business**
 - Tractor Pull Meeting Recap
 - Willie R. - Objective is to shorten the length of the pulls, timewise. Here is our plan to do that.
 - Shorten full pull line to 250'
 - Change start time for Thresheree pull to 9 AM
 - Offer pre-registration options
 - Have intermission at 2 PM for awards and best restored



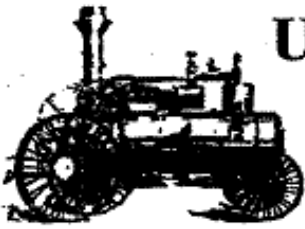
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- Hire Mares eliminator for \$1,000 per day. This will save two guys.
- Raise hook fee to \$25, pre-registration will be \$20, \$5 discount for pre-registering. The additional \$5 will go towards eliminator expenses.
- Friday fun pull will continue on Friday and will start at 1 PM and run till 3 PM
- Middle of May they are looking to have another Tractor Pull meeting.
- Main goal is to encourage the pre-registration.
- Roger K. asked what the tractor pull actually makes the club.
 - 2021 – It made \$4,900 before expenses.
- Mark P. made the motion to raise the hook fee to \$25 with a \$5 discount for pre-registrations and to hire Mares eliminator for \$1,000 per day. Andy M. seconded, motion carried.
- Lion's Club Trailers
 - Agreement is we would use the Lion's Club advertising trailers to house our signs after the Rodeo is done. They have six trailers currently.
 - Mark C. would make two more trailers for \$750 each. This would benefit both us, and the Lion's Club for advertising purposes.
 - There was good feedback last year about having the trailers with our signs in them.
 - Dan C. asked who would own them, us or the Lion's Club.
 - We would own them.
 - Willie R. made the motion to build two more trailers for \$750 each. Roger K. seconded, motion carried.
- Gate Fee – Keep current price of \$5 per person, or raise?
 - Mary R. said to keep at \$5. If we raise, we will lose people. If we keep it the same, we will keep the people.
 - Valerie S. said to keep \$5, it's not about the money, and it's more about the atmosphere the people come to enjoy.
 - Andy M. said that it will also cost the club more money for upkeep. He stated he goes to many tractor shows, and Symco is the cheapest show. He strongly encourages to raise.
 - Rick T. stated that there isn't much happening anymore on Sunday as there is Saturday.
 - Kelly N. said to maybe do daily prices
 - Dan C. said to touch base what the board had thought.
 - If we raise the gate price, the board thought about adjusting the age limit we let in for free. Raise to 16 and under free instead of 12 and under free.
 - Willie R. recommended 15 and under free.
 - John R. said that this would hurt the big families to spend money elsewhere inside the show for food and beverages.
 - Sherry T. stated that change would be a hassle versus the current \$5 increment.
 - Mark P. asked about the membership fees and if those would be affected?



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- No, membership fees would stay the same.
- Zane B. said that we should start considering accepting credit cards.
 - We would need to get internet throughout grounds.
- Kelly N. asked about adding admission fee to the camping site.
 - Jake - Yes, it can be added, but would need to pay for that addition to the site.
- Gary S. had said that the cheapest show he goes to is \$8 and recommends we be no less than \$7. We could offer them a \$3 credit ticket to use somewhere else in the show grounds versus giving them change.
- Gary thanked everyone for their input and we will need to make a decision at the April meeting.
- Scholarship forms are available to a relative of any club member. See Gary if you would like one for someone.
- Bartender applications should be available next month with Jolene.
- Shelia Schmidt Memorial Benefit to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society – We have donated in the past. Roger K. made the motion to donate \$250 to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. Jeff S. seconded, motion carried.
- New Members: Adam Bartel, Byan Griffin, Mary Griffin, Aaron Pethke.
- Next Meeting is April 7th @ 8 PM in the Saloon.
- Mark made the motion to Adjourn, Buddy F. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:53PM

Recording Secretary: Jacob Elsner – *Jacob R. Elsner*

