

Union Thresherman, Incorporated

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April 7th, 2022 General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:08 PM
- Secretary's Report Motion to accept by Jeff S., Bill J. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report Motion to accept by Hoss G., Bill J. seconded, motion carried.
- Correspondence
 - No Correspondence for April

Old Business

- Scholarship forms are due back by April 15th, see Gary if you need one.
- Bartender applications Jolene was not present, but will be next meeting. There is no notary needed.
- Gate fee We have a yes/no ballot here that asks if we should raise the gate fee, or not.
 - Gate worker opinions would lose gate workers, counting change would be a nightmare.
 - Mary R. said that other prices might need increasing due to inflation. The club has control over the gate fee, not over the other prices. She also stated that Larry Werth didn't want to start the show to make money, he started it to show the younger generation what we are about and how farming used to be done.
 - John R. said that some families might just come for the kiddle pull, and raising the gate fee would affect them for the short time they are here.
 - Jim C. said that gas prices already will affect anyone coming to the show with their exhibits to put our show on.
 - Tammy M. said our upkeep is still present. There is good and bad to each side.
 - Keith T. asked if the new price would be daily? Yes, no weekend pass discussed.
 - Paper ballot on should we raise the gate fee, yes or no. 43 No and 13 Yes
 - We will keep as is for 2022 and revisit again next year.

New Business

- Clean-up day is April 30th @ 9 AM Please bring rakes and shovels.
- Membership camping Call Margaret if you'd like a site by April 15th.
- Bleacher Budget There were some bleachers on auction that sold for \$35,000; 15 rows 170'. The board is looking to get a number that they can spend if something like this came available again.
 - Rick T. asked if it would just be for bleachers. Yes
 - Hoss G. made the motion to have a \$20,000 bleacher budget if something like this were to arise again, Jim C. seconded, Motion carried.
- o ATV/UTVs on the grounds A member approached Gary and said we should charge for them with how many we have.
 - Dan C. said if they are not handicapped, they shouldn't be allowed.
 - Ryan R. said it should be a \$10 charge if not handicapped.
 - Mark C. stated that it is a perk, if you want it, pay a tax for it.

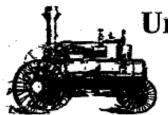


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- Valerie S. asked if there was a rule stating when they are allowed? No, there is not currently. Just too much congestion during the day.
- Dan C. said that most shows need a handicapped sticker to have them allowed.
 Up by the food stand there can be 15-20 at one time.
- Avery E. said that Edgar charges \$20 to have them between 8 AM and 6 PM, handicapped do not have to pay. Recommends having set hours they can be allowed.
- Tammy M. asked who would monitor on the grounds? Would need to have set hours
- Mary R. stated that the tractor pull is still going on at 6 PM and has a good crowd yet.
- Avery E. made the motion to charge \$20 per vehicle on the grounds that are not handicapped for Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 AM – 6 PM.
 - Rick T. said that this will open up a can of worms for age limit restrictions.
 - Sharon R. asked if we could just limit the type of vehicles.
 - Mark C. read the Rules of the Road to membership.
 - Mary R. asked if there was a consequence? Vehicle would not be allowed anymore.
 - Valerie S. said that if they are not handicapped or working, there is no need for them on the grounds.
 - Bryan G. said that it is hard for the tractor pullers if they have tools and weights to haul.
 - Willie R. asked why not just make the money off of the problem?
 - How would we distinguish who we charge?
 - Mary R. asked if we could add a rule of a timeframe and have different color placard to depict from?
 - Gary K. said we opened a can of worms tonight and we want a to get a group together to get more information to bring back.
 - Pete G. said there are too many moving parts to bring to a vote.
 - Kelly N. said we would need to make a decision quickly to let the campers know.
- Avery rescinded his motion.
- Hoss made the motion to form a committee on this issue, Randy seconded.
 Motion carried.
- o JP H. asked about rule #9 in the campground rules.
 - He paid for 14 sites with people from other states coming and can't have any entertainment for them.
 - The rule was made because of a band playing after quiet time hours and disturbing others.
 - Band and stereos are the same thing.
 - Curt S. made the motion to strike rule #9 in the campground rules, Jim C. seconded, motion carried.



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- o Jim C. showed everyone the t-shirt design for this year.
- LuAnne is looking for pictures of Symco. Please send to LuAnne if you have any.
- Michelle V. said that Jackie will be taking over the candy store and Michelle will be doing kids activities outside the General Store.
- LuAnne is looking for input on the poster/flyer and also has some feature cards up front for people to take and spread out to businesses.
- o Randy E. looked into a man-lift at Spiegelberg. For one month it is \$1,800 for a 40' lift.
 - Zane B. made the motion to rent the 40' lift and to ask him if we need a 60' lift, Troy S. seconded, motion carried.
- Nate B. brought up a project needed attention, which is the sawmill and it needing new concrete. He is looking into cost.
 - Mark C. asked if it was feasible to put concrete in a swamp area?
 - Preliminary cost is \$40,000 for concrete.
- New Members: Owen Schuelke
- Next Meeting is May 5th @ 8 PM in the Saloon.
- Gary S. made the motion to Adjourn, Merlin B. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 9:25 PM

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