

Dates set for 2014 Fourth of July Celebration

Written by George Browning
Wednesday, 25 September 2013 00:00 -

The following are the minutes of the Pekin Community Betterment Organizations regular meeting, which was held Sept. 19.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm at the Pekin Park Shelter House by President Anita Temple.

Additional attendees were Gene and Jeanie Lewellen, Darlene Hall, Taylor Humphrey, Mary Bell, Lou Ann Kindrick, Rhonda and Steve Burnett, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Lois Greene, Mike Bowling, John Perry, Paula Ratts, and Alan Bishop.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Lois Greene. A prayer was said by Steve Burnett.

Mary Bell made a motion to accept the minutes of our last meeting after they were corrected. Brenda Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Brenda Fitzpatrick reported a balance of \$23,335.77. She also reported the earnings on activities of the year as follows: Safari Bicycle Ride \$1775.51, 5K Walk/Run \$451.26, Queen Contest \$42.50, Prince/Princess Contest \$354, Carnival Rides \$245, Food Vendors \$1919.60, Flea Market \$2059, 3 on 3 Basketball \$120.76, Program Book \$7111.50, Pekin Idol (-\$205).

Gene Lewellen brought up some concerns about the Fourth of July Parade. He felt that everyone who comes to be in the parade should be considered as a trophy winner whether they preregistered or not.

He also questioned how a person who did not ride in the parade could be a trophy winner. Gene thought the move to line up the parade at the Eastern High School parking lot was an excellent one. He recommended that the entries be lined up farther back in the parking lot. Having the walkers line up at the church parking was also an excellent plan.

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Alan Bishop made a motion that the Motorcycle Ride re-scheduled for September 28 be canceled since the Pekin Betterment would have to get additional insurance for this event. Mike Boling seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gene Lewellen recommended that next years' ride be started earlier in the day because of the heat.

Steve Burnett found a lawnmower that will work with the PCBO's train we put in 3 parades this past June and July. The train is now running on it's own. Steve will be reimbursed for the cost of the lawnmower.

John Perry nominated each of the present Pekin Community Betterment Organization's officers continue in their jobs. Seconds to these motions were seconded by Gene Lewellen, Mike Bowling, and Brenda Fitzpatrick.

The slate of the 2014-2015 officers is as follows: President – Anita Temple, Vice-President – Steve Burnett, Treasurer – Brenda Fitzpatrick, Recording Secretary – Lois Greene, Corresponding Secretary – Darlene Hall.

Alan Bishop reported on Old Settler's Days, September 20-22, 2013. He also asked for volunteers to help with children's games on Sunday afternoon. Taylor Humphrey and Anita Temple volunteered.

A motion was made by Alan Bishop and seconded by John Perry for next year's Fourth of July celebration to be held on July 3, 4, and 5, 2014. The motion carried.

It was noted that the Pekin Historical Society has reorganized with new officers. Mary Bell is now President. Their next meeting will be on October 21, 2013 at the Pekin Park Shelter House.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by Lois Marshall Greene, Recording Secretary.