

Rural Revival Minutes – January 2, 2017

Members Present: Gabrielle Eisenbeis, Larry Eisenbeis, Tim Eisenbeis, **S. Roy Kaufman, John Koch, Todd Koerner, Dennis Lehmann,** Dee Millar, **Lyle Preheim,** Glen Wollman.

Minutes of the December 5, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with the correction of typos. Approval moved by Dee Millar, second by Lyle Preheim & passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. No Report – Most recent report shows that Rural Revival has \$1,109.54 in its checking account.

Press Coverage – Our December article in the Courier focused on Tim Eisenbeis' sprout farming and was authored by S. Roy Kaufman

The January article will focus on cover cropping within Paul Ortman's operation. Tim Eisenbeis will serve as lead author.

Program Promoting Organic Practices – Will Ortman will be the presenter. Scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, January 9 at the Community Room – Freeman Community Center. All arrangements for use of the facility have been arranged. S. Roy Kaufman has informed the churches and Dee Millar will contact radio stations and distribute flyers.

Schmeckfest Presenter – No resolution yet.

FCDC/FEAR updates – John reported that the trip up to Gretna, Canada scheduled for January 12-13 to gather information on the theater at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute was cancelled due to bad weather.

Buffalo – Lyle reported that Nate was loading up a truck with 2,500 lbs of buffalo meat to transport to Florida for sale at Farmer's Markets. Nate's goal is to move to a breeding herd as soon as circumstances allow.

Brainstorming – Tim Eisenbeis suggested that Rural Revival should draw in young farmers and young "would be" farmers to hear their stories. This was universally well received and further discussion will be planned.

Adjournment – Moved by Dee Millar, seconded by Tim Eisenbeis and passed unanimously.