

Rural Revival Minutes – April 3, 2017

Members Present: Larry Eisenbeis, Phillip Eidenbeis, Richard Ensz, **Dennis Jurkovich, S. Roy Kaufman, John Koch, Dennis Lehmann,** Dee Millar, **Lyle Preheim,** Arden Wek, Glen Wollman.

Minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. Approval moved by Dee Millar, second by S. Roy Kaufman & passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. No Report

Website: It was reported that our website was hacked and some inappropriate articles were posted. Paul Ortman has taken steps to remedy this and posting will be limited to a few authorized people.

Courier Articles: The story for April will be coordinated by Dennis Lehmann and will focus on strip cropping (Jenna/Tom Graber).

Schmeckfest: Dennis Lehmann reported that the table had received good attention and the copies of the Courier articles were well received.

Young Farmers Event: Tim Eisenbeis is considering what the structure of such an event should be. The sense was that this should focus on young farmers stories and challenges. A rural setting for the event is preferred. Food may be hamburgers or casseroles. September may be the best timing, We need to do both public and personal invitations.

Chautauqua: John Koch reported progress on the plans for a Summer Chautauqua in late July or early August. Discussion on possible ways that Rural Revival might participate took place. There were numerous suggestions including: (1) repeating Will Ortman's presentation on organic farming (2) a milking demonstration (3) pioneer games (4) young farmers panel (5) bees (6) conservation talk by Perlman (7) threshing demonstration (8) manual corn shucker (9) older farmers. There was considerable interest and Koch indicated that the subject would be on the May agenda. At that time some decisions would need to be made.

Wholistic Management Workshop: Paul Ortman had previously shared his enthusiasm for the workshop on this topic. Tim Eisenbeis introduced the idea of using some Rural Revival funds to support scholarships.

Adjournment: Moved by Tim Eisenbeis, seconded by Dennis Jurkovich and passed unanimously.