

# Slow Boys News



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### Meeting Minutes May 2023

The Slow Boys Meeting was called to order by President Art Downs. About 33 members were present

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve by Richard Conrad. Seconded by Lucas Kronos. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Matt Hall gave the Treasurer's Report. Checking account balance was \$2603.89 and the savings balance was \$4369.58. Motion to approve made by Lucas Kronos seconded by Russell Tjarks. Motion approved.

### Old Business:

**Calendars:** Calendars are ordered and due to be delivered between May 26th and 31st. An anonymous donor paid for the printing of the calendars. They will be sold for \$15 per calendar and will be 100% profit to the club. Thank you to our mystery donor for your contribution!

**Coloring Books:** They have been completed and were picked up. We will be passing them out during the Iroquois County Fair.

**Membership and Mailing Lists:** We have been cleaning up the memberships and mailing lists to receive the newsletter. If you are up to date on your dues, and have not received your copy of the newsletter, please let us know at one of the meetings or give one of the officers a call.

**Sibley - Burr Oaks Drive** - July 1st. Contact Russell Tjarks with any questions and to register for the ride! Forms are available at our club meeting if you need one.

**Butterfield Tractor Ride:** If you have any questions regarding the ride on June 3rd and 4th, please contact Corinne.

**Tractor Rides:** Will County Threshermen's, Shelby County, and Bureau County Tractor Trek all have rides on June 10th. For the Will County Drive you must join the association to participate. Tractor Trek benefits the Ag in the Classroom program.

### New Business:

**Sign up Sheet for Fair:** We will be passing around the sign up sheet for volunteers to man the club's tent at the Iroquois County Fair at June's meeting. Please think about volunteering for a shift!

**Donovan FFA:** This month's meeting was attended by the Donovan High School's FFA Sponsor Katy Libbey along with two of her current club members. Kaelannie Lafond is the club's current Vice President and Kayden Lafond will be next year's Reporter. The funds donated by Slowboys went towards several different club activities and projects. The kids participated in 2 conventions (National in Indianapolis and State in Springfield) where they attended workshops and worked on leadership skills and personal development. Kaelannie participated in a job interview competition which included a resume with cover letter, a job description, and an interview. She was judged from her initial entrance into the interview room until she left. Kayden participated in several

SAE projects. He chose a Lawncare Business, Ag Mechanics and Wood cutting. Wood cutting included everything from cutting the wood, to splitting it, to stacking it, all the way to its use in the home. For his lawncare business, he learned different ways to promote it, such as Facebook to gain clients-which did grow his client list. One club member did an SAE project with plants and learning to grow them in different ways, while another member was writing a book. Ms. Libbey makes the club members choose 3 skills for their SAE projects to start, and then they break them down and branch out into more specific topics. Funds are also used by the club to grow their FFA Chapter and to give back to the community. Ag and diesel mechanics are popular for the boys, and currently only a couple of the club's members are actual farm kids. Among other items, this year the club did a bulb sale fundraiser, bake sales, and a raffle. They are aiming for a silent auction next year if they can manage it. In the past the Slowboys club has donated funds for some high school club members to purchase their FFA jackets. Currently, Donovan's items run \$60 for a jacket, \$13 for a scarf, and \$16 for a tie (which is still about the same as in previous years).

**Prairieview Lutheran Home:** The club was contacted by Prairieview Lutheran Home. They are having a tractor show in Danforth on June 16th from 10 am to 1 pm. Please think about bringing a tractor for nursing home residents to view that day. Tractors can be dropped off the day before if needed.

**Looking for:** Dean Bettenhausen (708-243-8877) is looking for wrap around 3010 front weights.

### Events:

- **Roanoke-Benson FFA Tractor Pull:** May 27th, with Rain Date set for the 29th.
- **Butterfield Tractor Drive:** June 3rd and 4th
- **Bonfield Tractor Pull:** June 17th, Starts at Noon
- **Will County Thresherman's Drive:** June 10th
- **Bureau County Tractor Trek Drive:** June 10th
- **Shelby County Tractor Drive:** June 10th
- **Prairieview Nursing Home Tractor Show:** June 16th
- **Covered Bridge Tractor Drive:** June 24th and 25th
- **Sibley-Burr Oaks Tractor Drive:** July 1st
- **Kickapoo State Park Tractor Drive:** July 29th, Free will donation to drive.

**Lunch Tonight:** Ann Roach

**Lunch Next Month:** Rita Eilers and Mary Ann Schuler  
**Adjourn the meeting:** Motion made by Richard Conrad, seconded by Addison Brown. Motion approved.

**Next Meeting** - June 27th at 7pm at Crescent City Community Center.

Secretary – Adrienne Roeder

### 2023 Officers:

President, Art Downs 815-471-6166 - Vice President, Mike Minor – Secretary, Adrienne Roeder – Treasurer, Matt Hall

Additional Board of Directors:

Mike Buhrmester, Leroy Ritzma, Dave Hall, Russell Schuler, Mike Minor, Milton Blume, and Allyn Kleinert