The Black Knights Car Club of Estherville,Iowa September meeting was held at the Estherville VFW on Tuesday September 7, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Houseman at 7:00 pm. In attendance were 21 members.

Secretaries Report:

               The August meeting minutes were read by Gary Crandall; secretary. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurers Report;

               Presented by Bob L'Heureux; treasurer. Bob emphasized that this has been a busy month with several events. Sweet Corn Days and Lakes Car Show. The Club now has 64 paid members. Thankyou for your dues and participation.

$11,775.46 Total receipts this year.

  -$9778.86 Total expenses paid.

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   $1996.60 positive cash flow.

$11,740.78 Current cash balance.

               Thankyou to everyone who has volunteered to help and all who have paid their dues.!

               Dues can be mailed to Bob L'Heureux at 1517 250th Ave. Spirit Lake, IA 51360 or paid at the monthly meeting.

Communication / correspondence:

               Dennis Houseman informed the club of several very positive comments regarding the Sweet Corn Days and the Lakes Car Show. They were good shows and everyone seemed to enjoy the shows.

               Dennis thanked Ron Anderson for the organization of Sweet Corn Days show and for his work on the internet notifying members of upcoming events.

               Dennis thanked Kenny Billings for his organizing The Lakes Car Show. It was a good show and was enjoyed by all who attended.

               A big Thankyou to all who volunteered and helped in events this year!

               The Cruise In at O'Les this year was probably the largest ever. Thankyou  to Bob and everyone who  helped. This is always a lot of fun. The Car Tunes were great this year.

               Clay County Fair asks that everyone who brings a car in for display on September 12 be there by noon and stay until 5:00 pm.

              Spencer Drags Sunday September 26

Gates open at 9:00 am. Everyone helping needs to be there earlier to be help set up and be ready. There was a large turn out last year and we are thinking this year will be very good also. The radio and printed adds have been very good.

We need to be there by 8:00 am to make sure we are set up to go. Kenny Anderson stated everything is arranged and we are good to go.

We will need help with registration, tech., gates, traffic control and flow. Some people will need to leave at 12.00 pm. so afternoon help with registration at both gates will be needed.

We need to maintain an orderly safe flow to the dragstrip lanes and that people follow the guidelines set out in drivers meeting.

Last year we had people getting in and out of cars all the way up to actual starting lanes. we need to watch for that and stop it.

It was noted that last year we had people coming in after the cut off time. We want to discourage that from happening.

Registration needs to obtain complete addresses from participants. It is important to have towns and counties listed. Spencer Chamber wants this information. It makes a difference on our receiving monetary help from the Chamber.

Safety is very important and cannot be over emphasized. We have not had any accidents or claims in the past and want to strive not to have any this year A bad incident ruins the enjoyment for everyone.

Insurance is a tough item to secure, The underwriter who has handled this before is not doing it this year. This means we are dealing with new people. Insurance is hard to obtain and it will cost more this year. A couple of problems for us are: we do not know up to the last week if we will be covered and we do not know the final cost. It is hard to plan when we do not know if we are going to be covered. This was discussed. We will need to find an answer to this situation. One question that came up was do we need to be under a larger national group to have coverage. This has its own set of problems for us.  This is a matter that we all need to give some thought on in seeking to find a solution. Your ideas and suggestions are needed.

Adjourn:

               Motion was made and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Submitted by:

Gary Crandall; secretary.