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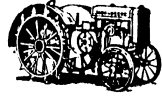
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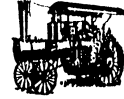
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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. I hope you are enjoying the autumn weather. We have finally been getting some rain. As always beggars cannot be choosers. It would have been nice to receive the precipitation during the mid-summer growing season when it was really needed; not now when the harvest is in full swing. Guess we will take the moisture when we can get it. To prepare for the 2010 growing season, there is much subsoil moisture recharging needed. The subsoil will need large volumes of rain to recover from the moisture deficit. Often we need to be reminded not to be concerned about things beyond our control, including the weather. We all seem to be fascinated, if not obsessed, by weather patterns and daily weather conditions. Why that is I will never know. I guess it gives us something to talk about at morning coffee. Speaking of things beyond my control, I managed to spend a couple days in the hospital this past month. I had not been feeling the best for some time. After some coaxing from the family members, I went to see the local physician and a few hours later I was in the Saint Cloud hospital getting a stint installed in an artery near my heart. This is not the first time I had this procedure done and it probably will not be the last. A couple of days later I was feeling good, back home, running errands and resumed drinking coffee with the boys. For all of this, I would like to extend my appreciations to all medical staff involved and to my family and friends for their thoughts, prayers, cards, calls and support. I am also very thankful for answered prayers and blessings from the Good Lord above. All of that is greatly treasured. I am also very amazed at the research, discovery, implementation and advancement of medical procedures that lessen the effects of such medical events. If my heart condition would have surfaced 30 or more years earlier, there is a good chance that I would currently be on the wrong side of the sod, pushing up daisies. Of course these medical advancements all come at horrendous costs, which could lead me into discussing the great Nation health care debate that is currently at front and center. That conversation, which could be cause for another coronary, will be saved for another day!

Good things are taking place out at Heritage Hill. Ever since the April 15th loss of the Nordaune House, Heritage Hill members have been busy exploring opportunities for the replacement of the house. Ideas that have been considered include replacing the Nordaune House with a stick-built replica of the original facility, finding another like prairie house and relocating the same to Heritage Hill, and replacing the house with an entirely different structure. A new House Committee was appointed to solicit ideas from the members and formulate a recommendation to the membership. Along the way an opportunity arose to acquire the Hagen family house near Big Bend, Minnesota. Back in 1860 Nels K. Hagen homesteaded a quarter in Section 4 of Big Bend Township. Later the farm was acquired by Edward and Ida Hagen, who built a new house circa 1900. Later the real estate was passed on to their son Norman Hagen who also operated the family farm for many years. Recently, family member and farm owner Ruth Bye from Onamia, agreed to donate the farm house to Heritage Hill. Edward Hagen is noted for serving in both the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate. With the assistance of building contractors Gary Bedel and Jim Thein, the structure has been deemed sound and in good condition – a good candidate for relocation to Heritage Hill. Plans, specifications and cost estimates were summarized and a proposal was put before the membership on September 21. An overwhelming majority of the members present voted to approve the committee's recommendation. Moving forward the plan is to have the footings and foundation installed, hopefully yet this fall, and subsequently have the house moved to the site as soon as it is possible. The use of the Hagen House at Heritage Hill opens the door to many possibilities as the house is roughly twice the size of the Nordaune House. It has already been decided that one room in the Hagen House will be used to memorialize the Nordaune House and all the related efforts of the Nordaune Family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gerald Kleene, Steven Haugen, Douglas Norman, Mick Sellman and James Roe, members of the House Committee, who have worked endlessly since their committee appointment last May, to bring this project to fruition. I would also like to thank Douglas Nordaune and the entire Nordaune Family for their understanding and support of the latest house project. Once the house has been relocated to Heritage Hill, many hours of volunteerism will be to recondition the house and bring this project to a close.

Heritage Hill member Richard Emch recently had the opportunity to travel back to his home state of Ohio, visiting friends and relatives. When Richard wore out his welcome, the friends and relatives sent him back to Minnesota, which you may note only took about two weeks! While visiting Ohio, Richard had the opportunity to visit the Historical Construction Equipment Association - Antique Construction Equipment Show that was held in Bowling Green, Ohio, September 18th through 20th. This show site was of special interest to Richard Emch as many years ago, prior to moving to Minnesota, Richard produced crops on the land where this show is now held. This was a one-of-a-kind show as only antique construction equipment was featured. Throughout the weekend there were demonstrations of all sorts. Soil was scraped from the surface, hauled to one location, loaded, unloaded, piled, scooped and re-scooped, moved from one place to another, all with old construction equipment. It was kind of like big boys playing in their big sand boxes. Of even greater interest, especially to the Oliver collectors, was an Oliver 77 scraper, another one-of-a-kind. It was actually made at the Oliver factory and reportedly the only one ever manufactured. As with most threshing shows, the spectators and exhibitors were plentiful and a good time was had by all.



The annual Heritage Hill plowing bee is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 1st at 1:00 pm. Due to unfavorable growing conditions throughout the summer and related corn maturity delays, it is uncertain whether or not the Heritage Hill corn will be harvested in time for the event. Therefore, if the corn is not harvested by November 1st, the Heritage Hill Plowing Bee will then be rescheduled for a later date, or may be canceled. It all depends on what develops – please stay tuned. For those of you engaged in crop production, best wishes on a safe and successful autumn harvest season.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

Treasurer Bergquist presented the August 2009 Treasurer's Report. M/S/P Robert Kellen/Lynn Wittman to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

- **Farming Committee:** The farming committee reported the need for a stalk chopper. President Thompson asked if anyone knew the whereabouts of a chopper that might be donated. M/S/P Patty Kurtzbein/Glenn Coon to appropriate \$1500 to purchase a stock chopper if a donated one does not appear. The fall plowing is re scheduled for October 18th with an alternate date of November 1st.
- **ATV/Golf Carts:** The discussion of golf cart safety was brought up; President Thompson reported his findings to the membership. It was decided that Les Bergquist would check with our liability provider and Gerald Kleene would also bring it up at the next MAAPS meeting to see what other organizations are experiencing.
- **Ambulance Service:** M/S/P Lynn Wittman/Robert Kellen to send a \$100 donation to the Montevideo Ambulance service for their standby service during the 2009 tractor pull.
- **First Aid Kits:** President Thompson reported that the Heritage Hill first aid kit needed to be updated, Kleene volunteered to update the kit.
- **Equipment Donation:** President Thompson reported that the Phillips Family had a silage chopper to donate to Heritage Hill. The Board of Directors will view the chopper and decide if it will be an asset to Heritage Hill.
- **Nominating Committee:** It was suggested that the nominating committee be expanded from the usual incoming directors. The floor was opened up for volunteers; Gerald Loe volunteered to assist the directors in their task.
- **Equipment Repair:** Bob Kellen will donate an auger for the Witte John Deere combine to make it usable for the 2009 corn harvest.
- **Ceiling Panels:** M/S/P Lynn Wittman/Thorlen Berg to remove the ceiling panels and look for alternative methods to suppress the sound in the kitchen.
- **Building Maintenance:** Discussion concerning building maintenance was brought up by President Thompson. M/S/P Les Bergquist/Floyd Kanten to hire painting of the Barnaal building.
- **House Committee:** President Thompson turned the meeting over to Gerald Kleene, a member of the house committee, who reported on the committee findings in replacing the Nordaune House. He reported visiting with Doug Nordaune who endorsed the unanimous recommendation of the committee to move in a house donated by Ruthie Bye, located in Big Bend Township, known as the Hagen House. The committee agreed to dedicate space in the next house to display history of the former Nordaune house. Kleene reported the estimated cost per square foot on moving in the house compared to building a replica of the Nordaune House. M/S Waunita Kanten/Mary Ann Berg to approve the recommendation of the House Committee, accept the donated Hagen House and vote by ballot. Ballot vote result: 51 yes 8 no. M/S/P Les Bergquist/Patty Kurtzbein that the House Committee, to include the current committee people, assume responsibilities of coordinating the moving and reconditioning of the Hagen House.

LOST AND FOUND: A thin-leathered left-handed black glove was found in close proximity to the Thresher's Kitchen shortly after the September membership meeting. Since the prosecution for the O.J. Simpson trial had no interest in the glove, it is assumed that the glove belongs to a Heritage Hill member. If this glove should be of interest to you, please contact Carol Winter at 320-321-1027.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: October 7, 2009, Sally Phillips Helling, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo.

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Kleene, Bergquist, Phillips Helling, Molde, Zeller, Sellman, Kanten, Winter, Emch. *Guests:* 2.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Phillips Helling read the minutes of the **September 3rd** directors' meeting. **M/S/P Zeller/Bergquist** to approve the minutes.

There was no treasurer's report, due to the early meeting date.

- **Golf carts & ATVs:** Treasurer Bergquist consulted several insurance professionals and was advised that neither collecting insurance cards from owners/operators nor establishing a written policy would offer any protection to the club. Therefore it was decided to continue the practice of self-policing. Members are encouraged to politely ask offenders to operate machines in a safe manner.
- **Thresher's kitchen acoustics:** A couple of ideas were presented that will be tried on an experimental basis to attempt to manage the noise. Results will be reported at the next meeting.
- **Equipment donation:** Dennis Boraas offered a Farmall on steel with a unique loader. President Thompson asked for a volunteer to take a look at it to see if it would be of value to the club. The board declined to accept a drill since it would be a duplicate.
- **Witte combine:** Floyd Kanten and Bob Kellen are working on the Witte combine. They discussed it with the farming committee and decided to repair it using parts from the other combine.
- **Heritage Hill tour:** Floyd Kanten met with a group of 4 people lead by Trigve Trooyen. He provided historical information on the formation of the club, how we function and our growth since moving to Heritage Hill. He gave them a tour of the grounds and several of the buildings and exhibits.
- **House donation:** Gerald Kleene read the letter from Ruthie M. Bye in which she officially donated her house, located in section 4 of Big Bend Township, Chippewa County to the MVAFPMA. The letter is filed in the secretary's manual with this month's minutes.
- **Choppers:** There are 2 choppers, a John Deere and a Woods, in Raymond. Floyd Kanten will look at them on October 2nd. He will also check with Kibble Implement on a chopper that was advertised. Report to follow.
- **Pedal pull:** Guest Waunita Kanten suggested that participation in the pedal tractor pull might be greater if it were held on Saturday morning when show attendance is highest. One age class had only one participant. **M/S/P Phillips Helling/Bergquist** to schedule the 1020 pedal pull for 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2010.*

* Note: This bullet was omitted to the minutes published in the September 2009 Newsletter.

EXTRAS: Bible and a Haircut

A young boy had just gotten his driver's permit and inquired of his father if they could discuss his use of the family vehicle. His father said he would make a deal with his son. "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut and we will talk about the car." The boy thought about that for a moment decided he would settle for the offer and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, I have been real proud. You brought your grades up and I have observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I am real disappointed you have not gotten your hair cut." The young man paused a moment

then said, "You know, Dad, I have been thinking about that, and I have noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there is even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair." And his father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>
<i>Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill</i> (October servers: James/Evon Roe; Curt/Mary Ann Berg; Lynn/Elda Wittman; Bert/Sandra Faehn)	<i>Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – 7:00 PM</i>
<i>2009 Plowing Bee – Heritage Hill</i>	<i>Sunday, November 1, 2009 - 1 PM</i>
<i>Directors' Board Meeting – Heritage Hill</i>	<i>Thursday, November 5, 2009 – 7:00 PM</i>
<i>2009 Christmas Party</i>	<i>Saturday, December 12, 2009 – 6 PM</i>
<i>2010 Swap Meet</i>	<i>April 16 & 17, 2010</i>
<i>2010 THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Case Tractors</i>	<i>August 20, 21 & 22, 2010</i>

TREASURER'S REPORT: September 2009

Financial Statement: September 1, 2009

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$31,189.14	General Fund	\$1,961.13	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$250.00	Decibel Reduction Fund	\$119,403.96	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$248.75	Defibrillator Fund	\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
\$5,780.31	Farming Fund	\$121,365.09	TOTAL
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund		
\$48,800.45	Nordane House		
\$1,073.39	Other Memorial Fund		
\$189.24	Stage Fund	\$9,500.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund		
\$30,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund		
\$121,365.09	TOTAL		



Operating Statement

\$121,365.09 Balance: September 1, 2009

Donations:	
\$50.00	Sally Phillips Helling
\$150.00	Erwin Winter

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
\$200.00	Donations
(\$12.00)	Gate Admission
\$113.23	Interest
\$53.00	Meeting Lunch Donation
\$8.50	Merchandise Sales
\$711.24	Oat Sales
\$10.00	Swap Spaces
\$95.50	Thresher's Kitchen
\$1,179.47	TOTAL
\$112,558.48	Balance: September 30, 2009

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
(\$559.01)	Advertising Cups
(\$239.50)	Advertising Sign Letters
(\$274.35)	Electricity
(\$1,068.10)	Equipment Repair
(\$565.71)	Farming Expense
(\$70.00)	Gate Passes Printing
(\$20.00)	Henry Knapper Memorial
(\$91.00)	Liability Insurance
(\$100.00)	Montevideo Ambulance Service
(\$116.00)	Montevideo Chamber Dues
(\$2,438.00)	Portable Toilets
(\$292.00)	Postage/Office Supplies
(\$187.20)	Refuse Removal
(\$1,884.83)	Threshing Show Advertising
(\$1,855.38)	Threshing Show: Food
(\$225.00)	Tractor Pull Trophies
(\$9,986.08)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: September 30, 2009

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$22,818.81	General Fund	\$43.38	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$303.00	Decibel Reduction Fund	\$112,515.10	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$248.75	Defibrillator Fund	\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
\$5,241.03	Farming Fund	\$112,558.48	TOTAL
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Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer