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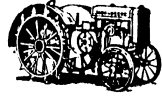
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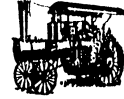
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**PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:**

Greetings from Heritage Hill. I hope you had a very enjoyable Labor Day weekend. Labor Day always seems to be the unofficial end of summer. Many of the lake goers tend to wrap things up at the cabin and take the dock out. The kids and grand kids are back in school starting September 8<sup>th</sup>, and we tend to get back to the groove of our daily routines. It is kind of nice to slow down after another very busy summer. Once the Heritage Hill Threshing show is a thing of the past, it is also very relaxing to be able to attend other threshing show in the area. The organizers of the LeSueur, Rollag, Dalton, Atwater and Albany Threshing Shows, to name a few, put together great events for all to enjoy. The only problem is that there is not enough weekend this time of the year to take in all the fun activities. Unfortunately, we are sometimes forced to pick and choose between events.

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Hill Threshing Show is now history. After all the preparation and anticipation is now seems like the show came and went with the blink of an eye. It was another very successful show, another show which will be remembered for a long time. I wish to take this opportunity to say thanks. Thanks to everybody who took part and volunteered to help where and when they could. There were many members who worked from early morning to late at night all three days during the show. There were many members who worked for many days in advance, even months in advance, preparing for the 2009 show. Thanks to all members who took part in producing this great event. I would love to acknowledge each of you by name, but no doubt I would miss some one or more. It would be very interesting to total the hours by everybody involved. The hours would include all volunteer time prior to the show, during the show, after the show, and time donated throughout the year. It would not only include the volunteer time of the members but also the exhibitors and others who work behind the scenes. I could make a real rough estimate of the total hours but I know I would be way off. Again, thanks to all who do their thing to just make show a complete success.

One of the most exciting events that culminated during the Threshing Show was the gathering of Stickney gas engines and the respective engine owners who came to make this great expedition possible. The Charles A. Stickney Company, a Saint Paul, Minnesota based manufacturer, made a line of engines from 1905 to 1913 that included the 1 ½, 1 ¾, 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, 16 and 20 horse power models. The collectors of these engines have formed a brotherhood of sorts. Even though this group of collectors has not formed any official organization, they all manage to gather each year, share stories, share restoration tips and educate anyone who has an interest in this very special hobby. In 2009 Heritage Hill was honored to host the gathering. Thanks are extended to David Bestland from Granite Falls who provided the data bank of Stickney collectors. David also exhibited 4 of his own engines. Rollie Rebers, Echo, MN brought his rare 13 horsepower Stickney which had not been operational for approximately 15 year. By the time the Stickney mechanics made some adjustment, the engine fired up and made for a nice weekend attraction. Other Stickney collectors included Vern Ellingson, Wood Lake; Mylan Larson, Slayton; Byron Boike, Willmar; Rick Barber, Pipestone; and Paul Johnson, Brookings, SD. Also in attendance was the legendary Charles Inman, from Havre, Montana, with his famous 20 horsepower Stickney. Inman's Stickney engine is only one of three 20 horsepower models now known to exist. Not only is Inman's engine special for its rarity, but also for its story of recovery from the banks of Montana's Milk River, after being buried in silt for 50 years. The other two 20 horsepower Stickneys are located in DeSmet, South Dakota and Carlton, Oregon. The collectors present noted that this was one of the largest gatherings of Stickney engines to date. Thanks again for all who exhibited at the show.



Equally as impressive was the huge gathering of Leader and lesser known tractors. It was an honor to have President Henry Hahn from Perryville Missouri at the Threshing Show representing the Leader Tractor Collectors Association. The Association began in 2001 when invitations were sent to 27 known Leader tractor owners throughout Canada and the United States. All 27 owners responded and then began the association which has now grown to 160 members. Heritage Hill was honored to host the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Leader Tractor Collectors Association annual show and reunion. Three Leader tractors are owned by Heritage Hill members including the 2009 Feature Tractor owned by Ervin Winter. There were a total of 20 Leader tractors assembled from many different states and displayed throughout the Threshing Show weekend.

Looking ahead the corn crop is looking good and starting to mature. The yield is anticipated to be quite respectable despite the drought conditions this summer. Once again it will be fun for the members to gather together for the corn harvest, pick the corn and load it into the cribs. The corn shelling during the Threshing Show always attracts the interest of spectators. In addition the plowing bee will be held again in late October. Hope to see you at the September membership meeting, September 15, 2009.

*Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President*

**HOUSE COMMITTEE:** The Nordaune family was present at the Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> Directors' Meeting to provide thoughts and suggestions regarding the house project. The committee will again be meeting September 29<sup>th</sup> with the Nordaune family. The results of the membership survey were shared with the board. The board was advised that the house committee has explored the possibility of relocating a house from the Big Bend area to Heritage Hill as well as the possibility of rebuilding a house based on the original Nordaune house floor plan. Information will be shared with the membership as plans further develop.

*Thank you, Steven Haugen, Gerald Kleene, Douglas Norman, James Roe, Mick Sellman, The House Committee.*

**THRESHER'S KITCHEN:** The Kitchen Committee would like to thank all volunteers that helped in the kitchen during the 2009 Heritage Hill Threshing Show. The success of the kitchen and the service provided to the Threshing Show guests could not have happened without you. Many hands make light work. **Thank you, The Kitchen Committee.**

**Pedal Pull Winners:** Congratulations are extended to the 2009 Heritage Hill Pedal Pull competitors who placed in their respective divisions. 31 kids competed in the pull. The first place winners are eligible to compete in the State Pedal Pull competition scheduled for Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>: **Age 4:** 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Winter; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sawyer Ashling; 3<sup>rd</sup> Jo Jo Hanson • **Age 5:** 1<sup>st</sup> Will Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyler Loe; 3<sup>rd</sup> Dylan Rud • **Age 6:** 1<sup>st</sup> Courtney Winter; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kasey Pauling; 3<sup>rd</sup> Kristian Louwagie • **Age 7:** 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Moist; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaylee Pauling; 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrea Rud • **Age 8:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jarvis Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Caden Bjornjeld; 3<sup>rd</sup> Erik DeZeeuw • **Age 9:** 1<sup>st</sup> Andrea Hanson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Heath; 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexandra Rud • **Age 10:** 1<sup>st</sup> Nathan Hanson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Koltyn Louwagie; 3<sup>rd</sup> Dana Rud • **Age 11:** 1<sup>st</sup> P.J. Bot

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: August 18, 2009, Sally Phillips, Secretary**

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

Quorum: 81 members were present.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Phillips Helling read the minutes of the **July 21st** membership meeting. **M/S/P Les Bergquist/David Heath** to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist reported the July financials. **M/S/P Doug Norman/Mick Sellman** to approve the report.

- **Announcements:** President Thompson informed the membership of members who have had surgery and others who are in nursing homes. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.
- **New members:** President Thompson welcomed new members, Paul & Ardyce Larson and Steve Brown.
- **Donation:** Gallery on First donated the name plaques and Doug Norman has mounted them on the tractors donated by the Mike Witte family.
- **Thresher's Kitchen acoustics:** Pam Baukal addressed the membership regarding the unsatisfactory result of the sound deadening ceiling panels and the additional cost to add more panels. The club has the option to remove the existing panels for a full refund and explore other solutions. One suggestion was to consider acoustical tile on a dropped ceiling. Further research is needed. Decision is deferred to a future meeting.
- **Show coordinators:** Floyd Hilbrands name was omitted in the August newsletter as coordinator of the slow tractor and barrel races. Please see Floyd and other coordinators for volunteer opportunities throughout the threshing show.
- **Road signs:** Highway 7 will be closed during the show. Directional signs will be placed at intersections prior to the show. Anyone who puts up a sign is responsible for removing it and placing it in storage following the show.
- **Raffle tickets:** Few raffle tickets remain for the primary drawing; pedal tractor raffle tickets will be sold throughout the show.
- **Toy building:** There is space available for toy exhibitors. Please see coordinator, Bob Kellen.
- **Trees in memory:** **M/S/P Ron Molde/Vince Welling** that donations made in memory of departed members be used to purchase and plant trees in the spring of 2010.
- **Trophies:** The trophies for the tractor pull were displayed.
- **Telemarketing calls:** Anyone wishing to restrict one's cell phone from solicitation calls can call 1.800.382.1222. The restriction will extend for 5 years.
- **Kitchen cleaning:** President Thompson called on members to assist in cleaning the kitchen following lunch after membership meetings.
- **Threshing show preparation and follow up:** President Thompson thanked everyone who contributed to preparing Heritage Hill for the 2009 threshing show. The grounds look great, thanks to the many members who donated their time and energy. He thanked everyone in advance who will work throughout the show to welcome our guests and make the show a success. Monday, August 24, will be the day to clean the grounds and secure the buildings.
- **Presentation:** Steve Haugen, Mark Bigaouette and Richard Emch presented a John Deere toy tractor to President Thompson to round out his collection.
- **Gratitude:** President Thompson thanked those who served this month's lunch.

## **DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: September 3, 2009, Sally Phillips, Secretary**

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

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Kleene, Bergquist, Phillips, Molde, Zeller, Sellman, Kanten, Winter. *Absent* – Emch. *Guests:* 22.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Phillips Helling read the minutes of the **August 6th** directors' meeting. **M/S/P Bergquist/Zeller** to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist delivered the August financial report. **M/S/P Phillips Helling/Sellman** to approve.

- **Nordaune family discussion:** Lowell Gemsey, Nordaune family member, read a prepared statement on the history of the house, its donation to the club and a desire to see it rebuilt. The house committee reported that several options are being explored. A decision is pending and will require membership approval. The family indicated tentative support for another form of recognition such as a designated room in any house placed on Heritage Hill in the future. They will continue to meet as a family and will bring feedback and additional ideas to the house committee on 9/29 at 7 p.m.
- **Threshing show summary:** The weather was great, crowds were good, vendors were pleased. Stickney and Leader exhibitors complimented us on the organization of the event, the fellowship and gratitude expressed by our members. Vender receipts were approximately \$300 higher than in previous shows. Advertisers provided excellent coverage.
- **Threshing show follow up:** The bleachers borrowed from Granite Falls need repair. The popcorn machine needs significant repairs (\$300). **M/S/P Sellman/Bergquist** to repair the popcorn machine. The saw mill and the shingle mill blade need work. **M/S/P Kleene/Sellman** to recondition both blades for next year's show.
- **Barnaal Building:** Ron Molde will provide a lift to a volunteer who can repair loose shingles.
- **Chamber of Commerce:** Annual dues are \$116. **M/S/P Kleene/Bergquist** that Heritage Hill join the Chamber of Commerce.
- **Plowing:** October 25<sup>th</sup> is Reformation Sunday. Plow date is moved to October 18<sup>th</sup> with November 1<sup>st</sup> as a backup.
- **Nominating committee:** Although not in the club's bylaws, past practice has called for board members in the 1st year of their 2-year term to serve as a nominating committee. Secretary Phillips Helling proposed that the committee be introduced to the membership at the September meeting. She urged the committee to commit to presenting a roster of viable candidates for membership consideration no later than 1 month prior to the 2010 annual election of officers. **M/S/P Phillips Helling/Sellman** that the nominating committee will recruit 1 or 2 at-large club members to join them on the nominating committee.

- **J. I. Case feature tractor:** Vice-President Kleene will confirm with Donald Hendrickson, originally asked in June 2007, if he will provide the feature tractor for the 2010 show.
- **J. I. Case threshing machine:** M/S/P Bergquist/Winter that Vice-President Kleene should check out the cost of getting the largest Case threshing machine ever made for display and demonstrations at the 2010 show.
- **Budget request:** President Thompson raised the topic of Heritage Hill buildings which need painting and maintenance. A discussion followed regarding the significant cost to the club to hire the work completed. The 2009 budget does not allocate funds for this purpose. The suggestion was made to include it in the 2010 budget which requires approval by the membership at the annual meeting. Guest Jim Roe suggested that the membership first be approached and asked to volunteer for projects of this nature.
- **Written policies:** President Thompson will contact Paul Larson, Leentrop Insurance, to discuss a policy for ATVs and golf carts. Such policies will become more important as we grow and host national conventions.
- **House committee:** The thorough report included a summary of input gathered from members, a description of the Hagen house, a comparison of the Hagen/Nordane houses and a financial analysis (cost/square foot and total cost) for each option. The committee will report to the membership in September.
- **Sound deadening ceiling panels:** M/S/P Kleene/Bergquist to bring the decision to remove the panels to the membership at the September meeting.

## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>
<i>Heritage Hill Membership Meeting</i> (September servers: Jim/Marlyns Heath, Glen/Jackie Coon, Dick/Barb Oleson, Bob/Arvella Kellen)	<b>Tuesday, September 15, 2009 – 7:00 PM</b>
<i>Directors' Board Meeting – Heritage Hill</i>	<b>Thursday, October 1, 2009 – 7:00 PM</b>
<i>2009 Plowing Bee – Heritage Hill</i>	<b>Sunday, October 18, 2009 – 1 PM</b>
<i>2009 Christmas Party</i>	<b>Saturday, December 12, 2009 – 6 PM</b>
<i>2010 Swap Meet</i>	<b>April 16 &amp; 17, 2010</b>
<i>2010 THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Case Tractors</i> Hosting the J.I. Case Collectors Association and Northland Case Collectors Club conventions	<b>August 20, 21 &amp; 22, 2010</b>

REMINDER: The MVAFPMA BOARD of DIRECTORS must authorize all expenditures prior to incurring the expense. With limited funds available, advanced planning is necessary to assure expenditures can be paid in a timely manner. Cooperation of all members is necessary to assure future success of HERITAGE HILL. This newsletter is published with the hopes of keeping our ever-growing membership informed of current events, issues, concerns and status of projects. Comments, concerns and constructive criticism are always welcome. If you have information you wish to have published please send to Sally Phillips, Secretary or email to Les Bergquist, Treasurer. The Membership and Directors' Meeting articles are high-lights of the respective meetings. Copies of the meeting minutes are available by contacting the Heritage Hill Secretary.

## EXTRAS: And did you know.....

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle • BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye • CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people • CHICKENS: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead • COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours • DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out • EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation • HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage • INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper • MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better • RAISIN: Grape with a sunburn • SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time • SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off • TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction • TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today • YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed • WRINKLES: Something other people have, similar to my character lines •

## The BROCKWAY TRACTOR COMPANY – by Al Brockway

On or about 1936 the Brockway family formed the All American Tractor Company. Shortly thereafter the name was changed to the Brockway Tractor Company. A very few tractor were built each year and no records remain. In 1939 the Brockways Truck Company asked the tractor company to change its name. In 1940 The Leader Company was formed. Up to this time 4 cylinder 1928 Chevrolet engines powered the tractor. Transmissions and final drives were variations from General Motors. 1940/1941 continued to use the 1928 4 cylinder engines. 1942 brought a lot of changes. The biggest change was the World War II curtailment of the tractor manufacturing business. The Geauga County Board of Education approached the Brockways to instruct welding classes. Students from all over Geauga County signed up for these classes. Because there was no material available during WWII for manufacturing tractors the family did work for Thompson Products, Hercules Motors and others. In 1944 the Brockways got permits to get steel and other materials to build tractors. This time a 201 cubic inch displacement 6-cylinder Chrysler rebuilt engine was used. Mrs. Brockway started keeping records. According to this information 12 of these tricycle tractors were built. A former customer came forward and insisted the Brockways build a new one for him. By 1945 most manufacturing materials became available. Post WWII tractors were powered by Hercules IXB5 engines. These were the first Brockway tractors to use brand new engines. Records were kept and blue prints were on file. In 1946 the Walter Schott Company took over sales. Business was good and the tractors became more refined. In 1948 Walter Schott decided to force the Brockway family to buy or sell. The Brockway family had to sell. Within two years The Leader Company was liquidated, the records destroyed and the parts inventory scrapped. The end of the Leader Company did not signal the end of tractor manufacturing for the Brockways. The Leader Company had done well, and Lewis and Walter Brockway knew how to build tractors. With engineers and office personnel on the payroll, they decided to start over. They bought the Intercity Foundry Building, and in April 1949, began production of a greatly improved tractor called Brockway. The model 49G used a Continental F-162 gasoline engine. The model 49D used a Continental GD-157 diesel engine. Although The Brockway Farm Tractor was in production for 10 years, less than 500 units were built and production ceased in 1959.



# TREASURER'S REPORT: August 2009

## Financial Statement: August 1, 2009

### Internal Accounts

\$3,358.12	General Fund
\$176.00	Decibel Reduction Fund
\$248.75	Defibrillator Fund
\$5,780.31	Farming Fund
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund
\$48,800.45	Nordaune House
\$1,073.39	Other Memorial Fund
\$189.24	Stage Fund
\$1,752.81	Tractor Pull Track Fund
\$30,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund
<b>\$94,889.58</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### Investment Accounts

\$269.29	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$94,620.29	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$94,889.58</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$9,500.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank

## Operating Statement

**\$94,889.58**      **Balance: August 1, 2009**

<b>Donations:</b>
<b>\$100.00</b> <b>Jevnaker Lutheran Church</b>
<b>\$100.00</b> <b>City of Milan</b>
<b>\$25.00</b> <b>Richard/Barbara Oleson</b>

### RECEIPTS

\$130.00	Button Sales
\$30.00	Church Baptism
\$184.30	Church Offering
\$1,001.82	Concession Stand
\$1,666.06	Corn Sales
\$225.00	Donations
\$270.00	Dues/Memberships
\$1,817.00	Food Sales - Tractor Pull
\$10,385.00	Gate Admission
\$99.68	Interest
\$74.00	Meeting Lunch Donation
\$746.00	Merchandise Sales
\$40.00	Oat Sales
\$1,555.00	Raffle Tickets - Gun
\$387.00	Raffle Tickets - Pedal Tractor
\$65.00	Shingle Mill
\$868.00	Swap Spaces
\$15,189.15	Thresher's Kitchen
\$1,685.00	Tractor Pull - Friday
\$840.00	Tractor Pull - Saturday
\$2,257.79	Wheat Sales
<b>\$39,515.80</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

(\$900.00)	Audio
(\$210.56)	Barrow/Slow Race Trophies
(\$200.00)	Belt Splicer
(\$111.11)	Electricity
(\$720.04)	Fuel
(\$45.00)	Insurance - RC Flyers
(\$200.56)	Loan Interest
(\$600.00)	Music
(\$52.11)	Parking Lot Stripping
(\$100.00)	Pastoral Service
(\$192.00)	Postage/Office Supplies
(\$250.00)	Raffle Expense
(\$968.07)	Repair
(\$600.00)	Security/Parking
(\$130.00)	Septic Service
(\$80.84)	Swap Meet: Food
(\$125.00)	Tent Rental
(\$544.47)	Threshing Show: Advertising
(\$4,215.02)	Threshing Show: Food
(\$1,000.00)	Tractor Pull Sleds
(\$1,429.51)	Tractor Pull Track
(\$366.00)	Tractor Pull Trophies
<b>(\$13,040.29)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$121,365.09**      **Balance: August 31, 2009**

## Financial Statement: August 31, 2009

### Internal Accounts

\$31,159.14	General Fund
\$250.00	Decibel Reduction Fund
\$248.75	Defibrillator Fund
\$5,780.31	Farming Fund
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund
\$48,800.45	Nordaune House
\$1,103.39	Other Memorial Fund
\$189.24	Stage Fund
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund
\$30,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund
<b>\$121,365.09</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### Investment Accounts

\$1,961.13	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$119,403.96	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$121,365.09</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$9,500.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

