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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. Well over a year ago, the Heritage Hill membership embarked on a major decision to discontinue the annual Heritage Hill swap meet. The decision was based on a number of factors, the lack of growth, the inability to attract additional vendors, the shortage of significant buyers and the aging Heritage Hill membership being most prominent. At the time little did we know how important that decision may have been. The day before the 2013 swap meet would have been scheduled, southwest Minnesota was met with a significant late spring snow storm. The days leading up to the event, and the swap meet itself, would have been miserable to say the least. So far the 2014 spring season has not yet yielded in any real warm days either. The Montevideo Xpo, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26, will be arriving sooner than we think. We can fully anticipate the outdoor temperatures to be warming rapidly, the agricultural crops will be planted as soon as possible and great weather for the next Heritage Hill event. The Montevideo snowbirds are slowly returning. That is always the sure sign of better things to come.

The baseball season is upon us once again. It seemed a bit early this year with the Minnesota Twins regular season opener on March 31. I suspect it is all about money. The earlier the opener, the more games played and the greater the revenue. The baseball season always brings back memories from years ago. While growing up my son Jamey, like all boys his age, went through a time when collecting baseball cards was of great interest. I am not sure what happened to all those baseball cards, but I am sure Jamey has them tucked away somewhere in safekeeping. Like all collectables the older the card and the better the condition, the more the value. Baseball card collecting started back in mid 1800's. Actually, baseball and photography evolved together. With the advancement of the camera, baseball clubs group pictures became popular as the photos were printed on hard cardboard. From there baseball cards collecting began. Many years later in 1993 Ageless Iron came up with the grand idea of placing tractors on cards, and soon the hobby of collecting tractor cards began. Ageless Iron antique tractor cards were produced by Successful Farming magazine in conjunction with the Goodyear Company. Each card features a full-color photograph of a restored antique tractor. On the back is historical information about the tractor. In addition, the owner of that particular tractor is listed. There were six editions of 36 cards each. John Deere also produced a tractor cards from 1994 to 1996. Each year there were 100 cards in each set. Each John Deere set featured professional sports players with their tractors. In 1994, Jay Novacek from the Dallas Cowboys, and Nolan Ryan were highlighted on the cards. Reggie Jackson and Richard Petty were on the cards in 1995, and Larry Bird was featured in 1996. Each card back carried information about the tractor the athlete used and some statistics about his sports career. Some of those cards were signed by the athletes – those cards are rare and costly. Harvest Heritage cards, were issued by Ertl, included tractors and machinery including John Deere, Case IH, Ford New Holland, and AGCO. There were two sets. The first one was called the inaugural set and the second one ended the production. Harvest Heritage cards featured photos of tractors that were reproduced in scale models by Ertl. Historical information about the life-size and toy model appeared on the card backs. Ertl also had a few Super Card Heritage Gold cards in each set. If you are a collector and running out of space, there is always room for tractor cards.

The membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, at Heritage Hill.....assuming there is no snow! Hope to see you there.

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Wilbert and Betty Macziewski, Bob and Arvella Kellen, Jim and Marlys Heath

Heritage Hill Directors' Meeting – Heritage Hill

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Montevideo Xpo – Heritage Hill

Friday/Saturday, April 25 & 26,

Annual Threshing Show featuring Minneapolis-Moline Tractors August 15, 16 & 17, 2014

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: March 18, 2014 – Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Community Center, Montevideo
Quorum: 35 present.

Vice President Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the February 2014 Membership meeting. M/S/P Peter Anderson/Chip Grube to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist gave the February 2014 financial report. M/S/P Floyd Kanten/Mick Sellman to approve the report.

- **Show Guide:** Sally Phillips will be coordinator for the 2014 show guide and will be working with Connie Reinert and Pat Schmidt. They will meet with the Board of Directors' at the April 3, 2014 meeting.
- **Raffle Tickets:** Ron Molde is the coordinator for the 2014 raffle. Contact Ron to get tickets to sell.
- **Board of Directors' meetings:** The site for the directors' meetings held in January, February and March will change in 2015. The meetings will be held at the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce Board Room. All other directors' meetings will be held at Heritage Hill Threshers' Kitchen at 7:00 PM on the 1st Thursday of the month unless otherwise announced.
- **Donations:** Mick Sellman reported on a donation of a Minneapolis Moline Grain Drill and a Corn Picker for a Farmall H. M/S/P Orlynn Hegna/Chip Grube to accept the grain drill. M/S/P Orlynn Hegna/Glenn Coon to not accept the corn picker.
- **Heritage Hill Clothing:** Contact Merlyn Hanson to purchase HH clothing.
- **Queen:** Queen Candidate applications are now being accepted for the year of 2014- 2015.
- **Unused Equipment:** Floyd Kanten is coordinating the sale of the unused equipment. He has received some interest and has opened the sale up for bids.
- **Membership Dues:** Les Bergquist will send out postcard reminders to members who have not paid their dues for 2014. Please send in your memberships dues as soon as possible.
- **Montevideo Xpo.** Plans are continuing for the Xpo to be held at Heritage Hill on April 25th and 26th with alternate date set for May 3rd and 4th. New Chamber director, Emily Sumner with the help of Bob Christensen are coordinating the event. Moonstone Farms will be serving sandwiches etc. from the concession stand. HH will have a bake sale and serve coffee in the Threshers' Kitchen.
- **Chamber of Commerce:** President Thompson suggested hosting the Chamber of Commerce After Hours meeting at some time in the future. President Thompson will research the number of persons involved and the type of food expected to be served and report to the membership at a later date.
- **Shooting Range:** The plans are still in the very preliminary planning stages and not enough information is available to bring the plans to the membership for a vote.
- **M/S/P** Peter Anderson/Glen Coon to adjourn the meeting.

DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES: April 7, 2014 – Marlys Heath, Secretary

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

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Hegna, Bergquist, Heath, Kleene, Molde, Bangsund, Roe. Absent: Grube, Kanten. *Guests:*4

Vice-President Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the March 6, 2014 meeting M/S/P Bergquist/Roe to approve the minutes.

The treasurer's report was unavailable.

- **Show Guide:** Pat Schmidt was present at the meeting to review and update the information contained in the show guide. Suggestions were given for feature articles to be included in the guide.
- **Refrigerator and Vacuum Cleaner:** Gerald Kleene will get prices for a refrigerator, which is used at the Pulling Track during the Threshing Show and in the work shop. Price will also be secured for a vacuum cleaner to be used in the kitchen.
- **Tribute to Don Holtan:** Don Holtan's name will be added to the sign on the Power House Engine Shed.
- **Shoe Repair Machine:** The donated machine will be moved on Sat. April 12th to HH. The machine will be located in the Power House.
- **Montevideo XPO:** The XPO will be held on April 25th and 26th at HH. The Chamber of Commerce has given Treasurer Bergquist the proof of Insurance for the show. Buildings to be used for the 48 vendors are the Chippewa, Ost, Phillips, Popcorn Shed, Kitchen, Hagen House, Hanson, and the Toy Building. The sign will be modified with the XPO dates and set alongside Highway 7.
- **Event Times:** Specific times for the events during the Threshing Show will be finalized at the next Directors meeting.
- **Unused Equipment Sales:** The John Deere D tractor was sold for \$2750.00. The other equipment is still listed for sale.
- **Pioneer Public TV:** Chip Grube will make a request to Pioneer Public TV to have them film the HH Threshing Show.
- **Farm Committee Report:** M/S/P Bergquist/Bangsund to authorize Orlynn Hegna, Leslie Bergquist, Douglas Norman, Wesley Thompson, and Duane "Chip" Grube, Jr. to execute documents and discuss programs at the Chippewa County Farm Service Agency. The tiling, which is needed on the County Land, is still in the organizing stage.
- **Work Days:** A coordinator is needed to organize the work needing to be done on work days.
- **Trap Shoot:** A discussion was held about the pros and cons of having a trap shoot range at HH. M/S/P Bergquist/Roe That HH will not further pursue the plans for a trap shooting range at HH.
- **Toy Building:** Estimates will be secured to put permanent siding on the Toy building.
- **Jim Roe report:** Jim will be doing some repairs to the chimney on the log cabin. Graduation Parties are scheduled for the Threshers Kitchen on June 6th and June 7th and also for 2015.
- M/S/P Kleene/Molde to adjourn the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: March 2014

Financial Statement: March 1, 2014

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$24,268.12	General Fund	\$6,969.41	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$6,017.11	Building Fund	\$43,853.21	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$3,037.39	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund	\$50,822.62	TOTAL
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		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$50,822.62	Balance: March 1, 2014		
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
\$220.00	Dues/Membership	(\$313.68)	Electricity
\$90.00	Merchandise	(\$2,463.04)	Insurance: Liability
\$2,750.00	Tractor Sale	(\$34.04)	Insurance: Property
\$5.93	Interest	(\$384.21)	Office/Postage
\$0.00	Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$360.00)	Website Annual Fee
\$300.00	Raffle	(\$3,554.97)	TOTAL
\$3,365.93	TOTAL		
\$50,633.58	Balance: March 31, 2014		

Financial Statement: March 31, 2014

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$24,079.08	General Fund	\$6,774.78	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$6,017.11	Building Fund	\$43,858.80	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$3,037.39	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
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Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

Raffle 2014

The 2014 Heritage Hill raffle is off to a great start. At the February 1 Ole and Lena Days, Granite Falls, 45 tickets were sold. The Great Minnesota Get Together was held at Lac qui Parle High School February 8 and 9, with 167 tickets sold. Daily prizes were given away at the Great Minnesota Get Together. Congratulations are extended to Gary Eliason, Appleton, MN and Scott Croatt, Madison, MN for each winning a toy 1/16th scale tractor. Thanks are extended to all members who attended these events and helped with the sales. The 2014 raffle prizes include Benelli Eagle 12-gauge shotgun, \$750 cash and \$250 cash. Ticket prices are \$10 and the 2014 raffle is limited to 750 tickets. Members are encouraged to participate in the ticket sales. Please contact Ron Molde, raffle coordinator, for a supply of tickets.

April Extras

Wanted: John Deere two-bottom steel wheel plow. Russell Moseng, Dawson, 320-769-2507.

RETURNING HOME— we were much aware of the extreme weather conditions that the rest of you were enduring in Minnesota from calls of family and friends. Hope spring is just around the corner. The first half of our travels was in Arizona and then across the south through Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and then to Florida. In a later newsletter, I will

Once again we had a wonderful winter down south but



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tell you about the area around Yuma, AZ, which was very interesting. One of our goals this trip was to visit the “Florida Flywheelers” Farm show at Fort Meade, and extend an invitation to the “Prairie Gold membership to attend Heritage Hill this summer”. Minneapolis Moline has two different collector groups, MM Collectors and Prairie Gold. Prairie gold was one exhibiting at the Flywheelers this year.

We had received an invitation from the MM people to make a short presentation at the Banquet held in a neighboring town telling them about our show and facilities and inviting them to visit us this summer. We passed out brochures and answered questions concerning Heritage Hill and had a wonderful evening. We gave our best and feel we created some interest.

We had some time to kill before heading to Fort Myers for the MN. Twins Spring Training Games, so we went to another farm show called Zolfo Springs Pioneer Park days.

It was a great show exhibiting probably 300 single and two cylinder gasoline engines – some so rare that we have never seen nor heard of.

We were there four days and walked around looking at things every day and each day we saw something different. There were daily demonstrations on pioneer living in the antique village. Every afternoon, there were musical programs by various bands and singing groups.

These programs were held a roofed area which could seat about 300 people and was walk in – walk out as you wished with food and beverages served in side We intend to go there again next year.

Another winter has come to a close and it will soon be time for spring cleaning. That goes for HH also with many things that have to be cleaned, repaired, moved, etc., to get ready for the Monte Xpo first and then the threshing show in August. Information as to work schedules will be forthcoming

A few more rare items found at Prairie Park Days at Zolfo Springs, Florida



25 HP Fairbanks w/ winch



“Ideal” Concrete block machine

