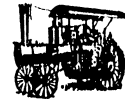


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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. Midsummer is upon us. Where does the time go? Only about five or six week until the 2014 Heritage Hill Threshing Show will once again be upon us. Plans for the show are in place and as always we are hoping for great weather. Not all threshing shows have experienced great weather conditions this year. Unfortunately, the West Central Antique Power Collectors located along Minnesota Highway 7 near Blomkest fell victim to Mother Nature as the annual power show scheduled for June 20 to 22 was canceled as a result of the extreme rains received. Weather is always a risk when planning an outdoor event. Since the annual threshing show has been located at Heritage Hill, the organization has seen its share of extreme weather conditions as well. The 2007 show as a complete rain-out. Although Friday was good, Friday and Saturday was an attendance disaster. Heavy precipitation was not the issue. Throughout the show Saturday and Sunday the rain was light, the air was damp and cool, the show site was muddy, and the spectators were not too inclined to spend the day at Heritage Hill in those conditions. Heritage Hill has experience other extremes including light frost one year, and high heat and humidity a couple of other years. Recently, extreme precipitation is the topic of conversation everywhere we go. Currently, the crop conditions are not good, with large volumes of acres damaged by excess water. Hopefully, there are better growing conditions ahead in July and August.

Thanks to all who participated in the annual Heritage Hill picnic on June 17. It was fun to see all the members and families in attendance. Thanks are extended to Kaylee Kleene, the 2013-2014 Heritage Hill Queen, for her participation and dedication to attending the parades and other events. Congratulation is also extended to Laura VanRavenswaay for being elected the 2014-2015 Heritage Hill Queen. With excessive rain the grass continues to grow at Heritage Hill. Thanks to all the volunteers who continue to help with the HH mowing. There was a good outpouring of lawn mowers and operators on June 26. If the moisture continues, there will be many more forthcoming mowing events. Please watch your email for announcements, and spread the word to those without email regarding the date and time to mow.

June 24 long-time Heritage Hill member Richard Emch hosted an auction sale, selling many tractors, collectables and parts. It was a good day with many friends and neighbors and bidders from far and wide in attendance. Richard reported that he was very satisfied with the results. Farm auctions are a great way to spend a day—offering a chance to socialize with rural neighbors, and the opportunity to buy anything from antiques and collectibles to land and livestock, or tractors and trucks. You just never know what you will find at a farm auction. The word "auction" is derived from the Latin augeō which means "I increase" or "I augment". The earliest recorded use of auctions dates back to about 500 years BC, in Babylon, when women were auctioned off for marriage. The Romans used auctions to dispose of all kinds of property, from grain and livestock, to the spoils of war. In fact, in 193 AD the Praetorian Guard sold the whole Empire at auction, after killing the ruling Emperor, Pertinax. The British style of auctioneering made its way to the New World with early settlers, but it was often used for selling out the property of debtors—or for selling slaves, giving early auctions in this country a bad name. After the Civil War, Army Colonels traveled around the country selling seized and surplus Army goods. Civilian auctioneers followed the Colonels around, and dressed similarly, so that soon the public began to address all auctioneers as Colonel, title still used by auctioneers today. At present, over 35,000 auctioneers practice the trade. Most are generalists, selling antiques one day, livestock the next day and used restaurant equipment another. The auctioneer works for a seller, and his or her goal is to maximize profit for the seller. Like all other facets of agriculture, farm auctions continue to change. Farm auctions become fewer every year, just as the number of farm operators continue to decrease. Technology is rapidly changing the logistics of farm auctions. Today, many auctioneers provide the farm equipment buyers the option to bid online wherever an internet connection can be established. Then of course there is eBay, where anything imaginable can be purchased via auction.



I hope you experienced a safe and enjoyable Independence Day. I hope to see you at the Heritage Hill membership meeting scheduled for July 15. The 34th annual Heritage Hill Threshing Show, featuring Minneapolis Moline, is just 1 ½ months away!

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

MEETING NOTICES AND COMING EVENTS

**Heritage Hill Membership Meeting , Heritage Hill
Heritage Hill Directors Meeting
Threshing Show featuring Minneapolis Moline**

**Tuesday July 15, 2014
Thursday August 7 2014
Aug. 15, 16, 17, 2014**

July Servers are Chet and Trudy Beavers, Doug and Marilyn Norman & Glen Hilden

TREASURER'S REPORT: June 2014

Financial Statement: June 1, 2014

Internal Accounts

\$14,662.36	General Fund
\$9,517.11	Building Fund
\$3,037.39	Chapel Fund
\$15,964.46	Farming Fund
\$43,181.32	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$2,311.58	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$40,869.74	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$43,181.32	TOTAL

\$0.00 Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$43,181.32 **Balance: June 1, 2014**

RECEIPTS

\$187.76	Cooperative Dividend
\$570.00	Donations
\$4.73	Interest
\$70.00	Swap Spaces
\$832.49	TOTAL

\$38,029.30 **Balance: June 30, 2014**

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$30.00)	Advertising
(\$143.53)	Electricity
(\$100.00)	Montevideo Ambulance Service
(\$196.00)	Office/Postage
(\$4,343.53)	Picnic Shelter Project
(\$1,004.02)	Repairs
(\$167.43)	Threshing Show Food
(\$5,984.51)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: June 30, 2014

Internal Accounts

\$13,683.87	General Fund
\$5,173.58	Building Fund
\$3,207.39	Chapel Fund
\$15,964.46	Farming Fund
\$38,029.30	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$1,154.93	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$36,874.37	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$38,029.30	TOTAL

\$0.00 Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: July 3, 2014 Marlys Heath, Secretary

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

Quorum: *Present* – Hegna, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Bangsund, Kleene, Kanten, Roe, Grube. Absent: Thompson *Guests:7*

Vice-President Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the June 5, 2014 Meeting M/S/P Kleene/Roe to approve the minutes

The July financial report was unavailable.

- **Show Guide:** The show guides have been delivered to Heritage Hill and are ready to be distributed.
- **Car Parkers:** Cory Butler and his family have agreed to park cars from horseback on Fri, Aug. 15, Sat. Aug 16 and Sun Aug.17 for a fee of \$600.00.
- **Mowing:** Mowing dates will be set for later and e-mail notices will be sent out.
- **Threshing Machine:** Doug Norman reported that Dustin Shourd, who lives south of Heritage Hill, has an Allis Chalmers Threshing Machine for sale for \$500.00. M/S/P Roe/Kleene to authorize the Directors to inspect the machine and make arrangements for the purchase, for no more than \$500.00 if it can be of use to HH.
- **Repairs and cleanups:** The roads within Heritage Hill need the pot holes filled and grated. The work shop and office need to be cleaned out and straightened up before the Threshing Show.
- **Kitchen Acoustics:** Jim Roe reported on estimates and ideas given to him for improving the acoustics in the Threshers Kitchen. No decisions were made at this time.
- **Usage of the Grounds and buildings:** At present time the cost of using the building is listed as free or a donation. The wording will be changed to require a free will donation and the payment should be made out to HH and given to Jim Roe in order to keep better records of payments. A

discussion was held about requiring a security deposit. No deposit will be required at this time but will be changed at a later date if problems arise. At present time everyone is required to leave the area in the same condition that they found it.

- **Street Lights:** The 3 light poles and globes which are installed along the road way were donated to HH by Doug Norman and were not previously owned by HH. Thank You Doug for the donation of the lights.
- **Toy Building:** The new siding has been completed and Jim Roe is working on installing some new windows in the Toy Building.
- **Work Day:** Jim Roe reported that work days need to be scheduled in order to get all the repairs and clean-ups completed before the Threshing Show.
- **Saw Mill Logs:** Donations have been delivered to HH to be used during the Aug. Threshing Show. Interested people have been located to haul away the unneeded logs.
- **Rock Picking:** The farm committee reported that the time has not been set and may not be needed this year.
- **Pastor:** A pastor or lay speaker is needed for the Sunday, August 17, 2014 church service.
- **Kitchen Storm Door:** Jim Roe has purchased the storm door and it needs to be installed.
- **Gate and Car Parking:** Wayne Spiess and Bob Christensen reported some ideas they have been working on to make the flow of cars into the grounds and ticket sales go more smoothly. A discussion was held and board members also added ideas. No changes will be made at this time.
- **Barnall Building retaining Wall:** The blocks have been moved and the dirt will be filled in following the preparations of newsletters on Tues. July 8, 2014, Floyd Kanten is the coordinator of the project.
- **M/S/P Bergquist/Grube to adjourn**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: June 17, 2014 Marlys Heath, Secretary
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Following the Annual Potluck Picnic Meal, President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo

Quorum of 60 Present: VP Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the May 20, 2014 Membership meeting. M/S/P Les Bergquist/Doug Norman to approve the minutes

Treasurer Bergquist gave the May financial report M/S/P Mick Sellman/Peter Anderson to approve the report.

- **Car Parkers:** Gerald Kleene will contact Cory Butler and His family to park cars during the Aug. Threshing Show
- **Donations:** Pres. Thompson read a card from Elsie Holtan and acknowledged the donations totaling \$150.00 which were donated in memory of Don Holtan
- **Queen:** Carmen Haugen thanked Kaylee Kleene, Threshing Show Queen 2013-2014 for her year of service and parade participation. She also thanked everyone who provided a vehicle for the queen to ride in the parades. Kaylee spoke to the members about her year as queen. Carmen introduced Laura Vanravenswaay, who read her essay about why she would like to be the queen for 2014-2015. There were no other candidates. Laura was elected by a unanimous vote to be the queen for the upcoming year. Laura's parents are Alan and Delaura Vanravenswaay of Montevideo.
- **July Board Meeting:** Pres. Thompson inquired if there would be any conflicts to hold the July Board Meeting on scheduled night of July 3, 2014. There were no conflicts and the meeting will be held as scheduled at 7PM, July 3rd at Heritage Hill.
- **August Membership Meeting:** M/S/P Merlin Hanson/Wilbert Mackiewski to hold the August 2014 membership meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM instead of August 19th to accommodate the meeting being held before the Threshing Show weekend of August 15, 16, and 17.
- **Parades:** 5 tractors were shown at the Montevideo Parade along with the Pickup Containing Queen Kaylee. Coming Parades: Granite Falls, June 21, Dawson June 29, Maynard July 4 and Clara City July 12.
- **Farm Report:** The soybeans have been planted. No time has been set for rock picking. E-mails will be sent if the date is set and everyone is asked to pass the news to other members.
- **Raffle Tickets:** Turn in sold tickets and the money to Ron Molde. More Tickets are available to be sold. All tickets and money should be turned in to Ron Molde by the 1st week in August.
- **Chippewa County Fair:** The fair board has requested the use of one of the people movers to be used during the County Fair. M/S/P Merlin Hanson/Mick Sellman to loan the people mover to the fair board. Steve Haugen gave a Thank You on behalf of the Fair Board
- **Kitchen Storm Door:** The storm door on the kitchen was damaged in the wind and needed to be replaced. Everyone should be careful to make sure the door is latched to prevent the wind damage from reocure.

- **Painting:** Chet Beavers volunteered to paint the benches located on the front porch of the Threshers Kitchen. Merlin Hanson volunteered to paint the Cupola.
- **Landscaping:** The landscaping by the shelter house was completed and looks very professional. The grass is starting to grow.
- **Toy Building:** Matt Olson will be completing the addition of the new siding on the toy building this coming week.
- **Trophies:** Gerald Kleene and Glen Coon will coordinate the purchase of the trophies needed for the Threshing Show.
- **Usage of the grounds:** Jim Roe reported a \$100.00 donation which was given for the use of the kitchen for a graduation party. Thank you also to Jim and Yvonne Roe for the donation of several kitchen items for the Threshers Kitchen
- **Event Coordinators:** If anyone is unable to continue coordinating an event during the Threshing Show, please inform the officers or board. Coordinators who will continue their positions do not need to report.
- **Retaining Wall:** The Board will coordinate the reconstruction of the retaining wall by the Barnell Building. Glen Coon will remove the Cement blocks.
- M/S/P Les Bergquist/Peter Anderson to adjourn the meeting.

News and Notes:

Please remember that the next meeting of the membership will be **August 12, 7:00 p.m.** due to the Thresher's Show beginning on Aug. 15.

Raffle Tickets for 2014 are ready to sell. Please take an active part in selling the tickets. The sale of raffle tickets is a great fundraiser for Heritage Hill and generates about \$4000 for the club. Prizes for 2014 are first prize – Black Super Eagle II Shotgun, second prize - \$750 third prize - \$250,

The signup sheet for kitchen volunteers will be sent around at the July meeting. Please give volunteering in the kitchen some thought and sign up for a work schedule when the sheet comes to you. You may recruit family and friends who are not HH members. The schedule will be flexible in order to limit the time standing. A donation of two pies from each family is requested for the show. Only fruit pies are acceptable – no cream or meringue pies or pie filling made with eggs or/and milk. Pauline Strandlund of Montevideo is again willing to bake pies for you at a cost of \$7.00/pie. If you wish to have Pauline bake your pies please sign the list that will be available at the July meeting, but we ask that you leave your payment with the Kitchen Committee at that time so we can contact Pauline with the number of pies ordered and pay her at that time. This is offered as a convenience to you but you may bake your pies yourself or order them from Pauline yourself or from whomever you wish. Pauline's phone number is 320-841-1234.

Please take notice of the new picnic shelter located by the Kitchen. The landscaping looks great. The new grass crop is thick and green - perhaps because of the good job of planting and the frequent rains.

We are very pleased to introduce the new threshing queen, Laura VanRavenswaay. She was introduced at the June 17 meeting and will be crowned at the Threshing Show in August. Again we want to thank Kaylee Kleene for her fine job as 2013 Queen.



Bert Faehn's MM Feature Tractor



Queen Kaylee Kleene

The above pictures taken at the Dawson Parade on Saturday June 29, 2014