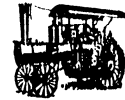


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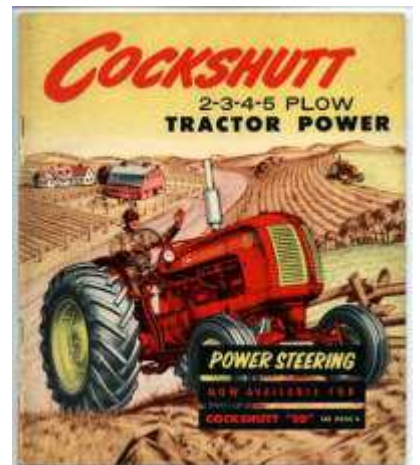
**PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:**

Greetings from Heritage Hill. Hopefully everybody had an enjoyable Independence Day. It is always fun when July 4 falls on or near the weekend as it makes for a longer weekend celebration. For those of us who grew up on the farm, Independence Day was usually not a day of celebration, but rather just another day of heavy work. It was the time of year when corn and soybean cultivation was in full swing and at the same time the hay needed to be mowed and baled. That is my memory of Independence Day from years gone by. With rapid changes in farming practices, as well as the changing demographics, Independence Day has become increasingly celebrated over the past couple of decades. Now being retired Dorraine and I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to spend this holiday, and many other weekends, at the lake with family and friends.



By now most of you are probably aware of the unfortunate incident that occurred at Heritage Hill on or about Thursday, June 12. On Friday Phil Thissen called me to report that he noticed what appeared to be moisture around the foundation of the Threshers' Kitchen. Phil left the message on my answering machine; I had already departed town for the weekend. Upon my return on Sunday, I headed for Heritage Hill to inspect. By now the water was running out of the doors and foundation. It is known that all was well early Thursday morning and the chain of adverse events started sometime late Thursday or early Friday. The water, typical of most area rural wells, has a high concentration of iron oxide and other dissolved minerals. The buildup of minerals was cause for the toilet valve to stick open. The water then drained into the underground sewage holding tank located outside of the Threshers' Kitchen. Once the tank was full the sewage backed up and overflowed onto the entire floor of the building. Thanks are extended to all Heritage Hill members, who dropped their plans on Sunday, June 14, to come to the hill and help with the water removal. The crew spent about 2 hours with squeegees and mops removing the water, and partially pumping the sewage holding tank. A call was made to Paul Larson, at Benson and Helgeson Insurance Agency, to report the damage. By mid afternoon the insurance company had dispatched a cleaning service to begin the remediation process. Since then I have met multiple times with the insurance adjuster and Larry Happy who has been assigned to repair the damages. The water saturated the lower 2 feet of sheet rock as well as the lower insulation. Once wet the sheet rock and insulation began to mold almost immediately. In addition all floor tiles have loosened due to the saturation of water. Currently, the contractors have removed the damaged building materials and are in process of drying out the facility so the walls can be repaired. Needless to say, this will be a very costly insurance claim. The Heritage Hill Board of Directors discussed this incident in detail at its meeting July 2 and took action to remediate the potential for reoccurrence. Electrical solenoid valves will be installed on the incoming water lines. The valves will be activated by the interior light switch. Therefore, when the Threshers' Kitchen interior lights are switched off, the inflow of water to the building is switched off as well. Due to the age of the water heater, the board decided to replace that unit as a proactive precaution. The cost to Heritage Hill will include the \$500 deductible, plus the cost of a new toilet and water heater. There always seems to be silver lining in every adversity. Thanks are extended to Elsie Holtan who has graciously agreed to donate funds to help offset the net reconstruction costs, in memory of her late husband Donald Holtan. The contractors are hopeful that the project will be completed in time for the 2015 Heritage Hill Threshing Show.

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual Heritage Hill Threshing Show, scheduled for August 21, 22 and 23, is only about 6 weeks away. This year Cockshutt tractor and farm equipment, as well as lesser known tractors, will be the feature. Heritage Hill is pleased to welcome, and will be hosting,



Minnesotans Go Pher Cockshutt Club, which will be holding its annual gathering during the threshing show. It will be interesting and exciting to see the collectables on display.

Like every year there is much work that needs to be completed prior to the Threshing Show. The wheat is starting to mature and it is anticipated that the wheat will be cut prior to the end of July. Crews will be needed to help load the bundles onto the wagons. Lawn mowing dates will continue to be scheduled as needed. A work day is currently planned for July 30. There are a number of projects that need completion on that date. More information will be forthcoming at the July 21 membership meeting. Hope to see you then.

*Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President*

## THRESHERS' KITCHEN

**2015 PIE DONATION:** As in past years, pie donations are requested from each family unit. **One nine-inch pie is requested from each family.** Due to health regulations, please prepare *fruit filled pies only*. Cream based, meringue, pumpkin, pecan or any pies made with milk or eggs are prohibited and cannot be sold at the show. Please bake the pies thoroughly prior to delivering to the Threshers' Kitchen. Any unbaked or partially baked pies are required to be discarded. Pies can be delivered to the Threshers' Kitchen Thursday night, Friday or Saturday. Please label each pie indicating the type of filling.

**VOLUNTEERS:** The Threshers' Kitchen food service will be available 7:00 am to 6:00 pm throughout the Threshing Show weekend. A pancake breakfast will also be available each morning. Volunteers are still needed for the kitchen. If you can volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Grace Zeller at 320-847-3131 or Dorraine Thompson at 320-269-8470.

**CLEAN-UP:** The annual kitchen clean-up is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2015, 9:00 am. The Kitchen Committee has asking volunteers to help clean thoroughly clean the Threshers' Kitchen after the Threshing Show. Lots of hands make for light work. A little coffee, good treats and great conversation will be shared by all. **Thanks, Kitchen Committee**

**Raffle 2015:** Raffle tickets for the 2015 Heritage Hill raffle are available from Ron Molde. There are many tickets that need to be sold prior to and during the annual Threshing Show. Please help by taking an active role in selling thicketts. 2015 prizes include **1) Benelli Montefeltro Silver shot gun; 2) \$750 cash; 3) \$250 cash.** All unsold tickets need to be returned to Ron Molde prior to the August 18, 2015 membership meeting.

## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

*2015 Parade Schedule – Doug Norman, parade chairman (Cell phone: 507.381.0208)*

*Clara City*

*Carson & Barnes Circus – Heritage Hill*

*Montevideo Chamber of Commerce – Business After Hours – Heritage Hill*

*Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill*

*(Servers: Chet and Truly Beavers, Ramona Bangsund, Beatrice Olson)*

*Work Day – Heritage Hill*

*Heritage Hill Directors' Meeting – Heritage Hill*

*Annual Threshing Show featuring Cockshutt Tractors & Gas Engines*

*Kitchen Clean-up*

*Christmas Party – Montevideo Community Center*

*Saturday, July 11, 4 pm*

*Sunday, July 19, 2015*

*Monday, July 20, 5 pm*

*Tuesday, July 21, 7 pm*

*Thursday, July 30, 9:00 am*

*Thursday, August 6, 7 pm*

*August 21, 22 & 23, 2015*

*Tuesday, August 25, 9 am*

*Saturday, December 12, 2015*

## DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: July 2, 2015

**Marlys Heath, Secretary**

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

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Hegna, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Grube, Kanten, Roe. Absent: Kleene, Sellman *Guests*: 3

Vice President Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes. **M/S/P** Hegna/Grube to approve the minutes

The Treasurer's report was unavailable.

- **Kitchen Repairs:** Thompson reported on the repairs in progress in the Threshers' Kitchen following the water damage. Thompson has contacted the insurance company concerning the coverage of the expenses. The insurance will cover all the cost minus the \$500.00 deductible. Black mold was found on one of the bathroom walls which was created before the water damage occurred. The bathroom wall will be replaced and the cost will be incurred by MVAFPAMA. The Board of Directors gave Thompson authority to make any decisions concerning repairs on behalf of the association. A deadline was set for August 10, 2015 to have the kitchen area completed and ready for use. If the dining room area is not completed by that date, it will be cleaned up and made ready for use during the threshing show.
- **Usage of Equipment:** Ramona Bangsund has requested the use of the car trailer during the first week in September 2015 to transport LuVerne's equipment to the auction site. The Chippewa County Fair Board requested the use of some wooden picnic tables and a couple of people movers during the county fair the end of July and first days in August 2015. The fair board also invited members to bring their tractors for display during the fair. Both requests were approved by the directors.
- **Usage of the Heritage Hill Grounds:** The Carson and Barnes Circus sponsored by the Montevideo Lions Club will be on Sunday, July 19, 2015. The Montevideo Chamber Business After Hours event will be held on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 5:00 pm. The membership meetings will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 and Tuesday, August 18, 2015. A family reunion is scheduled for August 8, 2015. A class reunion is scheduled for August 29, 2015.
- **Show Guide:** The show guides have been delivered to Heritage Hill and are available to be distributed to the public in as many communities as possible. Everyone is asked to thank the advertisers for their support.
- **Celebrate Fall at Heritage Hill:** Bob Christensen reported on plans he has been working on to have a Fall Celebration at Heritage Hill on Saturday, October 3, 2015 during the Arts Meander. Bob suggested a chili cook-off and also renting spaces for craft sales, garage sales, swap meet, and flea market. The largest expense for MVAFPAMA would be advertising and prizes offered for the chili cook-off winners. After a time of questions and discussion **M/S/P** Bergquist/Grube to bring the plan to the membership for the final decision.
- **Heritage Hill Clothing Sales:** Sandy Faehn has agreed to be in charge of the clothing sales and the registration of exhibitors in the Ost Building during the 2015 Threshing Show.
- **Motor Vehicle Parking:** President Thompson has received confirmation from the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce and the Montevideo Lions Club; they will provide assistance in motor vehicle parking during the 2015 Threshing Show.
- **Fence Line Display:** After a discussion about cleaning up the weeds growing around the machinery on the fence line, it was decided to pull the machinery away from the fence and mow the area shortly before the 2015 Threshing Show.
- **Sponsors:** Sponsors are needed to cover the expense of the tractor pull and lawn mower pull. All directors are encouraged to secure sponsorships. A donation of \$200.00 or more is suggested. The sponsor would be able to

provide a sign to be posted and their names will be listed in a brochure to be handed out during the tractor and lawn mower pulls. Each sponsor will receive 2 free passes to the 2015 Threshing Show.

- **Free Passes to the Threshing Show:** The Montevideo, Madison and Willmar radio stations will each receive 2 dozen tickets to be given away to those who call in to the station during the week starting August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Water Shut off:** After a discussion about the need to have a water shut off switch installed in the Threshers' Kitchen to prevent another occurrence of water damage **M/S/P** Molde/Bergquist to install 2 valves controlled by the main light switch. When the lights are off the water will be off.
- **Gas Grill:** A discussion was held about having a gas grill available on the grounds for miscellaneous usage. The plans were tabled until a later time.
- **Work Day:** Many repairs and cleanups need to be completed at Heritage Hill. Gene Zeller has consented to be the coordinator of the work to be completed. A work day was set for Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM.
- **Adjourn:** **M/S/P** Hegna/Grube to adjourn the meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: June 16, 2015

Marlys Heath, Secretary

Following the annual potluck supper, President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo, MN.

Quorum: 60 were present. Vice president Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the May 19, 2015 membership meeting. **M/S/P** Mick Sellman/Peter Anderson to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist gave the May 2015 financial report. **M/S/P** Marilyn Norman/Wilbert Macziewski to approve the report.

- **Water Damage:** On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> it was reported that the toilet had overflowed in the Threshers' Kitchen and flooded the floor in the entire building. The building was cleaned up and dried to the extent possible by several of the members prior to the membership meeting on Tuesday evening June 16<sup>th</sup>. Professional contractors will be hired to do the repairs that are needed.
- **Circus:** The Montevideo Lions Club will be hosting the Carson Barnes Circus at Heritage Hill on Sunday, July 19, 2015.
- **Montevideo Chamber of Commerce:** Heritage Hill will host the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce After Hours event on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 5:00 pm at Heritage Hill.
- **Motor Vehicle Parkers:** President Thompson is requesting the help of the Montevideo Lions Club and the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce to assist in parking vehicles during the 2015 Threshing Show. Their participation has not been confirmed at the present time.
- **Fanning Mill:** A Clipper fanning mill has been donated and delivered to the saw mill area at Heritage Hill. The mill was originally owned by Warren Knight, who was the original owner of the saw mill.
- **Fiesta Day parade:** Montevideo Fiesta Day Parade will be on Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 1:00 pm.
- **Queen:** Carmen Haugen thanked Laura VanRavenswaay for her participation in the past year and reported on the upcoming events where she will represent our club. Laura gave a short talk about the past year. Carmen presented two candidates, Kaylee Pauling and Alexandra (Allie) Rud, for queen for the 2015-2016 year. They both gave short recitations about their desire to be Heritage Hill's queen and the members present voted by written ballot. Alexandra Rud was elected. Allie is the daughter of Phillip and Jennifer Rud, the granddaughter of Galen and Ruth Rud and the great-granddaughter of Les and the late Irene Rud.
- **Fence Line:** President Thompson reported on the need for cleaning up the fence line area at Heritage Hill. It will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- **Keyboard:** Sally Phillips Helling reported on the purchase and delivery of a piano keyboard to the Heritage Hill Chapel. The keyboard was paid for from donations in the chapel fund. It is a Yamaha 105 which features a built in speaker and a line level out so it can be hooked up to the speaker system in the chapel. The key action is similar to a standard piano. In addition to the sound of a grand piano, it offers a wide variety of instrument sounds and other tones. Its portability will make it easy to use in other areas on the Hill. Thank you to Jim Roe for arranging the purchase of the keyboard and to Gerald Loe for assembling the keyboard and the bench.
- **Stove:** Ramona Bangsund donated a stove for the log cabin in memory of LuVerne Bangsund. Thank you, Ramona.
- **Show Guide:** The show guide is being printed and will be delivered to President Thompson on June 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. All members are encouraged to distribute the show guides to the public in as many geographical areas as possible. Also remember to thank the advertisers in the book since through their sponsorship, they paid for the publication of the show guide.
- **Water Heater and Fixture Replacement:** After the water problem this past week, a discussion was held about replacing the water heater and the toilet to reduce the risk of future incidents. **M/S/P** Doug Norman/Les Bergquist to replace the water heater and toilet. Following the approval of this motion, Elsie Holtan offered to pay for the water heater, the required fixture and all installation expenses. She continues to support Heritage Hill as a remembrance of her husband, Don, a valued, long-term member. Thank you, Elsie, for your generous donation.
- **Pauling Family Donation:** The Pauling family donated \$500.00 to Heritage Hill following the open house graduation party held for Baylee Pauling on June 6, 2015.
- **Mowing:** Mick Sellman thanked everyone who helped mow at Heritage Hill. Mowing will be scheduled about every 2 weeks as needed.
- **Clean Out Kitchen:** Following the meeting, several members helped to clean out the Thresher's Kitchen to prepare for the contractors to start working on the water damaged areas. Thank you to all members who volunteer for the many tasks and projects at Heritage Hill.
- **Adjourn:** **M/S/P** Peter Anderson/Gene Zeller to adjourn the meeting.





Gerald Loe, lifetime member of Heritage Hill, drove his 1950 McCormick Deering tractor in the 4th of July parade in Maynard, MN.

Ron Molde promoted the Threshing Show, driving the club's Oliver.

Queen Laura VanRavenswaay rode in style in the 2001 Mustang convertible owned by Lloyd and Carol Norman.

A huge THANK YOU to all the members who drove tractors in the parade. It was an impressive showing!

## TREASURER'S REPORT: JUNE 2015

### Financial Statement: June 1, 2015

#### Internal Accounts

\$10,395.73	General Fund
\$2,279.07	Building Fund
\$3,742.39	Chapel Fund
\$10,621.01	Farming Fund
<b>\$27,038.20</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### Investment Accounts

\$1,121.49	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$25,916.71	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$27,038.20</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

### Operating Statement

**\$27,038.20**      **Balance: June 1, 2015**

Donations	
\$200.00	Montevideo Chamber of Commerce
\$500.00	Jerry & Bonnie Pauling
\$250.00	Fagen Fighters WWII Museum

#### RECEIPTS

\$950.00	Donations
\$25.00	Dues/membership
\$2.29	Interest
\$10.00	Memorial - Darrell Streed
\$91.79	Refund - Fastenal
\$35.00	Reimburse - Popcorn Supplies
\$265.00	Swap Spaces
<b>\$1,379.08</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

(\$40.00)	Advertising
(\$155.61)	Electricity
(\$380.52)	Farming
(\$530.00)	Keyboard
(\$353.98)	Picnic Supplies
(\$57.00)	Popcorn Boxes
(\$268.00)	Postage/Office Expense
(\$273.85)	Repairs
(\$150.00)	Septic Pumping
(\$1,386.92)	Storage Building
<b>(\$3,595.88)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$24,821.40**      **Balance: June 30, 2015**

### Financial Statement: June 30, 2015

#### Internal Accounts

\$10,466.37	General Fund
\$892.15	Building Fund
\$3,222.39	Chapel Fund
\$10,240.49	Farming Fund
<b>\$24,821.40</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### Investment Accounts

\$1,902.55	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$22,918.85	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$24,821.40</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer