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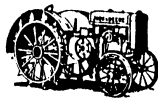
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**PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:**

Last weekend, June 5 and 6, numerous members gathered out at the show grounds to help prepare the site for the 2021 Heritage Days show. On Friday night, Dustin Johnson and I walked around the grounds and made a large list of tasks that needed to be completed. Some of them required equipment that we did not have, but nonetheless we gathered quite a number of things that proved to take a lot of manpower. Some of the tasks completed included: painting trim and repairing the door on railroad building, removal of bird nests on several buildings, lots and lots of weed whipping, scrap wood removal at loading dock, iron piles on the hill were consolidated, lightbulbs were replaced in the Barnaal building basement, most the trees on the grounds were trimmed which ended up being almost three utility trailer loads of branches! The outhouse by church was swept out, many gopher holes were filled in with soil, the windmill water pump was installed, plywood on the Hagen house porch was added for reinforcement, the brakes in the fire truck were repaired, concrete blocks were more evenly spaced on the pulling track to allow for easier mowing, the white-water tank for water trucks was filled, and other multiple other tasks. The church, schoolhouse, and Hagen house, and log cabin were all cleaned the weekend prior. Needless to say, we had a very successful weekend working on the showgrounds. It would not have been possible without the members that came to help. Thank you very much for your time and effort.

Besides all the work at the showgrounds, I have other exciting news as well...the Heritage Hill Secretary position has been filled. Kevin Norman, Watson, Minnesota, who is a relatively new member at Heritage Hill, said he would commit serving as the board secretary. Kevin has helped out at past shows running tractors around with Doug Norman and in other areas. Once again it is exciting to have a full board. Thank you, Kevin!

Sympathy is extended to Edna Neubarth and family on their loss of Wanda Heath who died on Saturday, May 22 at Norwood Young America, MN. Her devotion to the organization will forever be cherished by the membership. For those of you that do not know, Wanda donated the jail at the Heritage Hill show grounds. The family has asked that instead of sending memorials, they would like a donation that would go to Heritage Hill. This contribution to our show is extremely generous of them and we would be honored to accept.

Well, the first June Heritage Hill Days show is soon upon us. It will be exciting to see everybody again. By the inquires that continue to be received, it appears the 2021 Heritage Hills event will be a big event.



**See you all at the membership meeting, best regards, Grant Schmieg, President**

## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

<b>Membership Meeting</b>	Tuesday, June 15, 2021 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill
<b>COVID-19 Precautions Recommended</b>	
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sunday, June 27, 2021 6:00 pm at Heritage Hill
<b>Heritage Days 2021</b>	June 18 - 19, 2021
<b>Christmas Party</b>	December 4, 2021.

## THRESHING SHOW CHAIRS

The following members have agreed to serve as committee chairs during the threshing show:

### **Threshing Show Manager** – Wesley Thompson

**Announcer** – Jordan Zeller/Leslie Bergquist

**Antique Automobile** – Open

**Audio** - Daniel Winter/Garret Winter

**Barnaal Building** – Floyd Kanten/Richard Emch

**Blacksmith** – Dan Poach

**Camping** – Curt Berg

**Chapel Service** – James Roe

**Children Activities** – Liz Ashling/Brenda Ashling

**Concession Stand** – Beth Finn

**Corn Sheller** – Farm Committee

**Dust Control** – Orlynn Hegna

**Fairbanks-Morse Building** – Mick Sellman

**Food Service Pulling Track** – Beth Finn

**Gate Admission** – Scott Thissen

**Hagen House** – Karen Kleene

**Hanson Building Displays** – OPEN

**Lawn Mower Pull** – Kyle Ashling/Tim Stensrud

**Log Cabin** – Ron Molde

**Music** – Daniel Winter

**National Anthem** – Sally Philips

**Parade** – Mick Sellman

**People Movers** – John Lyngen; Gary Olson

**Pedal Pull** – Beth Finn

**Portable Toilets** – Douglas Norman

**Queen Program** – Beth Finn

**Registration/Office** – Jackie Coon

**Sawmill** – Kim Jacobson

**Schoolhouse** – Open

**Shingle Mill/Planing** – John Bangsund/Ron Molde/Mick Sellman

**Merchandise Sales** – OPEN

**Small Engines** – Kyle Ashling/Lannie Ashling

**Steam Engine** – Earl Dezeeuw/Curtis Dezeeuw

**Swap Vendors** – Floyd Kanten/Waunita Kanten

**Threshing** – Farming Committee

**Tractor Display** – Mick Sellman

**Tractor Drive** – Stephen Coon/Dustin Johnson

**Threshers' Kitchen** – Threshers' Kitchen Committee

**Toy Building** – Stephen Coon

**Train Building** – Marlys Heath

**Tractor Pull** – Group effort

If you have not registered to help on one of the committees, please contact the listed chair to volunteer your services.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: May 18, 2021 Dustin Johnson, Acting Secretary

In the absence of President Grant Schmieg and Vice President Bob Schultz, director Dustin Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Ost Building at Heritage Hill.

12 members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was not said since no flag was present.

The minutes of the April membership meeting held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> had been published in the newsletter and read by those present, so they were not read aloud. M/S/P Gerald Kleene / Orlynn Hegna to approve the minutes as printed.

The April Treasurer's report had been published in the newsletter and Dustin Johnson presented the totals. M/S/P Orlynn Hegna / Richard Emch to approve the report.

• **Show workers:** See the list of chair positions published in the May newsletter. Points mentioned at the meeting are below.

- It is unknown whether Dan Poach has been confirmed as the Blacksmith.
- Someone is needed to coordinate camping and collect payment.
- There will be no chapel service this year to coordinate.
- Mick Sellman needs helpers with the parade.
- People movers will be run on a volunteer basis.
- Jackie Coon will do tractor registration with help from Wayne Spiess.
- Someone is needed to do merchandise sales and raffle ticket sales.
- Marlys Heath will not be operating the model trains this year.
- Volunteers have been found for operating the Benson Fairbanks-Morse engine. Mick Sel
- reserve a trailer for compressed air to start the engine, and he will make sure the air compressor is operable.
- The planer and shingle mill need bodies to run them; Mick Sellman and Ron Molde will help and teach new operators.

• **Mugs, Buttons, and Plaques:** Gerald Kleene has ordered mugs with this year's feature. There will not be buttons this year. Gerald will check around to see if plaques can be ordered to give to exhibitors.



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- **Fuel:** The gas and diesel barrels need to be filled. Gerald Kleene will take care of coordinating this.
- **Portable Restrooms:** Have been reserved for the show by Chip Grube.
- **Dumpsters:** Still need to be reserved. Grant Schmiege will ask Bob Schultz to coordinate.
- **Food Vendor at Show:** Knutson Concessions has been booked for the show. They will open around 7:00 each morning and sell coffee, etc. They also sell mini-donuts. They will sell food during the band on Fri. night and the tractor pulls on Sat. night until demand tapers off. If Knutson Concessions is open to menu requests, it was suggested to keep it simple with hamburgers, bratwurst, etc. The location of the food truck was discussed – Would it be best for them to be near the picnic shelter where people can sit to eat? Would it be better for business to be located more centrally on the grounds to be more easily accessible? Will the small patio near the Popcorn Shack be available for picnic tables, or used for a kids' corn pit again? The food truck likely will need to move for the evening activities.
- **Snacks:** Darrel Dey is coming to the show bringing a ¼ scale steam engine and a trailer that he makes and serves homemade ice cream out of. He is covering all the permits and COVID plans necessary to serve food. It was discussed whether any additional snack food vendors are needed in addition to this and the main food vendor. It was said Knutsons have capacity to cover meals and snacks, so an additional outside vendor is not needed.
- **Alcohol license:** Has been received to cover the beer garden Friday and Saturday nights.
- **Lumpy's Bar:** Has been reserved to serve beer Friday beginning at 5:30 and Saturday beginning at 4:30.
- **Farm site replica:** Lowell Haff has brought in his farm site replica to the toy building. Prior to that, Grant Schmiege and Stephen Coon added missing plywood to the wall and Liz Ashling and Chantel Hamann painted the wall.
- **Wooden Threshing Machine:** Scott Vouk and family have been working on the wooden threshing machine. They put new belts on. They pulled it out of the Chippewa building on Sunday May 16 and belted it up to Kyle Ashling's tractor to run it for the first time in about 75 years. It mostly ran well and they are tying up some loose ends, hopefully before the show.
- **Equipment Preparation:** The Yellow Packer and fire truck have been pulled out of the Chippewa building and have been started up and ran.
- **Pulling Track:** Alex Lamkin, Grant Schmiege, and James Lee disked the pulling track and packed it. It will need to have rocks picked out of it and possibly some more leveling.
- **Oil for Benson Engine:** Mick Sellman completed a trade with Galen Crosby exchanging the I-beams on Mick's trailer for 3 barrels of oil for the Fairbanks engine. That is enough oil for at least 3 years.
- **Gravel for Driveways:** It might be nice to have more gravel in certain spots on the driveways. They will be graded first and then see if more gravel is needed.
- **Bleachers:** Scott Thissen reported that his son Parker has removed about 25 boards from the bleachers that absolutely needed replacing and will be installing new ones before the show. Maybe in the future another Boy Scout can continue the project when the price of lumber is back down to an affordable level.
- **Publicity:** Anyone with a story or exhibit they want to share is encouraged to contact Grant Schmiege who is planning to make videos or Connie Reinert who is working on the Show Guide publication.
- **Tractor Drive:** Will leave from Heritage Hill at 3:00 on Thur. before the show and pass the care facilities in town. A room has been reserved at Toppers for supper. Stephen Coon is working on the final route and preparations.
- **Covid Requirements:** The directors will check the most recent requirements prior to the show and make sure the event is in compliance.
- **Field demonstrations / plowing:** The steam engines at the show might want to do some plowing. Exhibitors are reminded to be courteous by not plowing more than their share of the land. We should promote our fall plow day for those who want to see more plowing.
- **Threshing Queen:** There are no candidates. If none is found, there won't be a Queen this year.
- **Well Test:** It was asked if the well has been tested, or if it even needs to be since it would not be used for food service. It is believed Knutson Concessions do not need a water supply.
- **Work Days:** A group of members is planning a work weekend at Heritage Hill June 5-6. This is before the June newsletter is published. A list of tasks remaining to be done before the show after June 6 will be published in the newsletter.
- **Lawn mowing:** The grounds will be mowed on Sat. June 12, and once before then. Trimming is especially needed so everything looks nice for the show. Mick Sellman offered to repair the gas leak on the VAC Case mowing tractor.
- **Pedal tractor:** Chip Grube has secured a pedal tractor to be raffled off at the show. Gerald Kleene will print tickets.
- **Camper passes:** In past years, Curt Berg has coordinated camping spots and collected payment of \$30 per spot. A new coordinator is needed this year. A question was raised if workers pay for camping spots. The directors will take up this topic and define the policy.
- **Show passes:** The June newsletter needs to be a mailing to all members with show passes. Scott Thissen advised that the gate usually hands out around 20 passes each year to exhibitors, but does not sell multi-day passes. Wanita Kanten sends out passes to indoor swap vendors. Gerald Kleene will contact Wanita, then print enough passes to cover the members, exhibitors, and vendors.
- **Electric light repair:** Ron Molde noted that light bulbs in the Chippewa building need to be replaced since the lights had been left on. He also noted that two lights at the south end of the pulling track do not work, which he believes to be a wiring issue. Ron agreed to resolve both of these problems.
- **Meetings:** The next membership meeting is June 15, 7:00 at Heritage Hill. The June directors meeting is Sun. June 6, 6:00 at Heritage Hill.

## DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: June 5, 2021 Dustin Johnson, Acting Secretary

President Grant Schmieg called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00 on Saturday June 5, 2021 at the back room of Toppers in Montevideo.

Board members present were Grant Schmieg, Chip Grube, Kyle Ashling, Dustin Johnson, Chantel Hamann, Beth Finn, and Scott Thissen

Les Bergquist provided the May 2021 Treasurer's Report via email. M/S/P Chip Grube / Kyle Ashling to approve.

The minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Board of Directors meeting were read by Schmieg. M/S/P Beth Finn / Chantel Hamann to approve.

- **Radio Ads on KDMA:** Grant Schmieg did an interview with KDMA and approved commercials they have prepared. Andy Coulter is looking for interviewees with interesting stories.
- **Show Grounds Usage:** M/S/P Dustin Johnson / Chantel Hamann to open the grounds for outside use again on July 1. Dustin Johnson and Beth Finn will be the coordinators and will get a copy of the facility usage policy from Jim Roe.
- **Swap Vendors:** Wanita Kanten is unable to coordinate indoor swap vendors this year, as she has in the past. Lannie and Brenda Ashling are coordinating outdoor vendors and will also do the indoor vendors.
- **Popcorn Stand:** The Popcorn Stand will not be open this year to prevent the hassle of dealing with health regulations since other food service has been lined up. The building sustained damage from winds over the winter and will need work before next year.
- **Light bulbs:** The Barnaal building needs 11 light bulbs replaced in the basement. Schmieg and others working at the grounds this weekend will take care of this.
- **Threshing Queen (and Princess):** Isabel Norman, daughter of Kevin and Sarah Norman, was nominated for Threshing Queen. Chip Grube's granddaughter, and former threshing queen Becky Grube's daughter Braelyn, who is good friends with Isabel, would be interested in participating, as well. M/S/P Kyle Ashling / Grant Schmieg to select Isabel as Threshing Queen and Braelyn as Princess. Beth Finn agreed to resume her duties as queen coordinator.
- **Trash:** It was noted that trash has been dropped off on the junk pile at Heritage Hill. A number of tires and other unwanted items have shown up.
- **Storage:** Many unused pieces of equipment are stored in the various buildings at Heritage Hill, both privately-owned and club-owned. We should store only items that benefit the show. M/S/P Kyle Ashling / Chantel Hamann that any privately-owned equipment stored at Heritage Hill must run and must be displayed. M/S/P Ashling / Hamann to form an Excess Inventory Committee to make a list of unused club-owned equipment to be brought to the membership to determine what to get rid of.
- **Thank You:** Thank you to all who have been working to prepare Heritage Hill for the upcoming show. New members Beth & Derek Lee cleaned the school, chapel and house. Ron Molde cleaned the log cabin. A number of people spent this weekend working on various projects.
- **Dumpsters:** Bob Schultz has lined up dumpsters for the show. There will be twice as many as in previous years to ensure adequate capacity.
- **Propane Tank Repair:** Thank you to new member Marshal Lagred for repairing the valve on the propane tank near the Holtan Powerhouse. Due to crossed communication, Hutt Oil came out to repair the valve and found it already done, so we will need to pay a bill for their travel time.
- **Yellow Shirts:** Directors will be wearing safety-yellow shirts during the show for ease of identification for anyone needing information or assistance
- **Defibrillator:** Schmieg and Dustin Johnson looked at the defibrillator in the Threshers Kitchen and found that the battery is good but the pads are expired. Bob Schultz will be asked to call the ambulance service and request an inspection.
- **Fire Extinguishers:** Member Daniel Lee will check fire extinguishers at Heritage Hill and make sure all are ready for use.
- **Tractor Drive:** Dustin Johnson will update the tractor drive waiver form for this year and make copies so they can be signed by everyone participating in the tractor drive on Thur. June 17.
- **Covid Plan:** Minnesota requires a written Covid Plan until July 1 unless 70% of the population is vaccinated. Schmieg agreed to reference the guidelines on the MN Department of Health website and draft a plan for Heritage Days.
- **Pedal Tractor Raffle:** Raffle tickets for the pedal tractor will be sold for \$2. Chip Grube has secured a pedal tractor from Arnolds Equipment and will pick it up when it is available. Gerald Kleene has agreed to print the raffle tickets.
- **Show Guide and Schedule:** The Show Guides are printed and will be available for distribution soon. The schedule and events published in the show guide were reviewed to make sure all listed activities are covered.
- **Tractor Display:** Some tractors will be displayed in various places around the show grounds at Heritage Days instead of all in the same area. In order to prevent interference with swapper and exhibitor spaces, directors will either put up sign posts or paint lines on the ground to indicate where tractors should be parked.
- **Chippewa County Fair Request:** The County Fair requested a donation or volunteers to help with fair activities. MVAFPMA cannot commit to either this year.
- **Camping at Heritage Days:** The camping policy needs to be updated and defined. M/S/P Dustin Johnson / Grant Schmieg to charge all campers (including members and workers) at Heritage Days \$20 per primitive spot and \$30 per electric hook-up spot for the weekend. Scott Thissen will ask Gerald Kleene to print camping passes and coordinate fee collection.

- **Combine Donation:** The Dahl family has donated an Oliver combine. It has not been run for a number of years and will be stored outside. The combine will likely not be at Heritage Hill until after Heritage Days.
- **Bleacher Project:** Scott Thissen reported that the bleacher project will be completed around Wed. June 9. For his Eagle Scout project, Parker Thissen has been working to replace all bleacher boards that are at risk of breaking. The new boards are not treated. Parker will seal them after the show so that there is no residue on them when used during Heritage Days.
- **National Expo:** Kyle Ashling obtained an application to host the national expo of the Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club (ACMOC) in the future. The board of directors will complete and submit this application in the coming months.
- **Parades:** A registration form for the Clara City Prairie Fest parade was received in the mail. The Dawson Riverfest parade will be the weekend after Heritage Days. Interested members should plan on bringing tractors to various city parades around the area to promote Heritage Hill even though they will be after our show this summer.
- **Secretary:** Kevin Norman has expressed interest in filling the vacant Secretary position. M/S/P Kyle Ashling / Beth Finn to appoint Kevin Norman to Secretary.
- **Lawn Mowing:** Sat. June 12 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- **Membership Meeting:** Tue. June 15 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Hill. Although June has historically been the club picnic, no meal will be served at this meeting.
- **Directors Meeting:** Sun. June 27, 6:00 p.m. at Heritage Hill. The date was changed to one week earlier due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: May 2021

### Financial Statement: May 1, 2021

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$26,833.88	General Fund	\$4,439.16	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,558.00	Chapel Fund	\$47,650.64	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$18,665.60	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$2,032.32	Insurance Fund	<b>\$52,089.80</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

### Operating Statement

<b>\$52,089.80</b>	<b>Balance: May 1, 2021</b>		
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
	\$3.19 Interest	(\$88.00)	Office/Postage
	\$30.00 Membership Dues	(\$170.90)	Electricity
	<b>\$33.19</b>	(\$4,667.15)	Farming
	<b>TOTAL</b>	(\$573.57)	Advertising
<b>\$46,623.37</b>	<b>Balance: May 31, 2021</b>	<b>(\$5,499.62)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### Financial Statement: May 31, 2021

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$26,034.60	General Fund	\$8,969.54	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,558.00	Chapel Fund	\$37,653.83	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$13,998.45	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$2,032.32	Insurance Fund	<b>\$46,623.37</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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