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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Hello to all Heritage Hill Members,

As I sit here in front of the schoolhouse, admiring the sunset while writing to you today, I am reflecting on the success of our annual Heritage Days this year. It has been a remarkable gathering of exhibitors, enthusiasts, and participants, graciously showcasing not just our love for tractors, engines, and history, but most importantly our community spirit. As you all know, it takes a village to put a show like ours on each year. I always enjoy seeing everyone come together and work as a team.

On behalf of myself and the board of directors, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every active member of our organizing committee. Your dedication, hard work, and passion have been instrumental in making this year's show a resounding success. From planning and logistics, to ensuring every detail was perfect, your efforts have truly paid off. We did it again! Despite some roadblocks like rain, I would say most everything ended in success.

To our exhibitors and attendees, your enthusiasm and support have made this event truly special. I am not sure what the total number of tractors and engines were on the grounds, but it was quite a bit. We had a heck of a Massey turnout as well! The whole hill was painted red. It is great to see contributions from local exhibitors. Events like ours are what bring us together, celebrating our shared interests and forging lasting friendships year after year.

Thank you once again to everyone involved. I cannot say it enough. As the summer continues on, I look forward to seeing everyone again soon. Safe travels to all, and until we meet again!

Grant Schmieg, President



MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting – August 5th via Zoom
 Membership Meeting – Threshers' Kitchen
 Christmas Party
 Heritage Days 2025

TBD
 June 20-22, 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT: April 2024 – Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

HERITAGE HILL TREASURER'S REPORT June 2024

Financial Statement: June 1, 2024

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$85,418.93	General Fund	\$1,979.04	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund	\$144,426.81	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$3,931.88	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund	\$146,405.85	TOTAL
\$2,346.88	Insurance Premium Fund		
\$146,405.85	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$146,405.85 **Balance: May 1, 2024**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
\$ 40.00	Membership Dues	(\$36.85)	Equipment Maintenance
\$ 100.00	Sponsorship	(\$42.00)	Office Supplies
\$ 100.00	Equipment Sales	(\$212.26)	Electricity
\$ 64.25	BINGO	(\$400.00)	Event Insurance
\$ 3,960.00	Raffle	(\$281.57)	Advertising
\$ 946.00	Pedal Raffle	(\$193.69)	Concessions
\$ 241.00	Concessions	(\$9,849.02)	Other Show Prep Expenses
\$ 1,690.00	Apparel	(\$1,840.00)	Raffle
\$ 2,564.09	Gate	(\$1,205.30)	Fuel
\$ 430.00	Camping	(\$14,060.69)	TOTAL
\$ 2,520.00	Tractor Pull		
\$ 590.00	Donations		
\$ 735.06	Kitchen Commissions		
\$ 69.97	Interest		
\$14,050.37	TOTAL		

\$146,395.53 Balance: June 30, 2024

Financial Statement: June 30, 2024

Internal Accounts

\$85,808.61	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$3,931.88	Farming Fund
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund
\$1,946.88	Insurance Premium Fund
\$146,395.53	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$9,398.75	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$136,996.78	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$146,395.53	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: Grant Schmiegl- Acting Secretary

No minutes to report.

DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: July 1, 2024

Board Members Present: Schmiegl, Grube, Miller, Peterson, Ashling, Lagred, Schumacher, Fjerkenstad, Hamann

President Grant Schmiegl called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Members present in person recited the Pledge.

President Schmiegl presented the Secretary report. M/S/P Grube/Lagred

Liz Peterson presented the Treasurer's report. M/S/P Grube/Miller

AGENDA:

Thank you: Thank you to everyone for the hard work through the year getting ready for the show and putting on the show. It takes every one of us to give it our all to make Heritage Days happen. Also, special thank you to Joe Schumacher and others who worked extensively on the pull track and were able to get it to go for the tractor pull.

Show Feedback: The general consensus was that it felt like the show ran smoother than previous years.

***Volunteers:** One of the needs is for volunteers to help make our show a success. We need to be sure these spots are filled prior to the show.

***Registration:** The idea was brought up to move registration into the Hansen building. This will eliminate the need for additional volunteers while also trying to streamline the process. This will also offer a space that is climate controlled and easy access to HH merchandise.

***Schedule of Events:** There was a lot of feedback that people were looking for schedule of events. We talked about options and will be looking into the best and most cost-effective way to address this.

***Donation Boxes:** It was stated that it would be nice to get permanent donation boxes in a few locations across the grounds. If anyone enjoys woodworking and would like to make a few up, please contact a board member. It would be

GREATLY appreciated if we could get some help with these! Construction and placement of donation boxes will hopefully help us collect some more funds to continue to function.

***Apparel:** Apparel sales were great this year!! There was a lot of feedback regarding the lack of buttons. We are looking into cost effective ways to add these back as an option for purchase.

***2025 Show Ideas:** As much as we appreciate entertainment, it is not sustainable to continue to offer this annually. We are open to ideas of things to potentially add into the schedule to appeal to the community. Some topics were yard games (bean bags, yard Yahtzee, gunny sack races, etc.), moving the pedal pull to Sunday, and doing 2 nights of spark shows. If you have any input, please reach out to a board member.

***Time Change:** Due to changing our show to 3 days in 2025, there was discussion held to change the gate open time to 8am instead of 7am. This helps ease the demand on volunteers and kitchen staff.

***Tractor Pull:** Will need to make a list of every job required to operate the tractor pull and have designated positions.

Frame Update: HUGE thank you to Becky Miller for her willingness and dedication to obtaining the completed Presidents board! We will be working on rearranging wall art in the Kitchen to be able to accommodate the new addition. We are looking into other options to have the Queens board updated prior to the 2025 show.

Grounds Security: There is rising concern with how much access there is to the facilities throughout the club. There have been events hosted without approval/scheduling and it's becoming a liability risk. Discussion was held and there was a motion to repair the kitchen. All Board Members will receive a new key. If you feel the need to possess a kitchen key it must be approved by the board. M/S/P Lagred/Peterson

Facility Use: Discussion was held that we need to address fees obtained in order to host events. Our expenses are far more than what we are receiving. We are seeking legal advice to see what our options are.

Refrigerator Policy: Due to continued rising costs in utilities, (and inefficiencies of old appliances) anyone who has a fridge plugged in is going to be asked for a donation of \$25/month in order to keep them plugged in. Any fridge that is plugged in that has not received a donation will be unplugged to save on electric use. M/S/P Schmiege/Schumacher.

Grounds Storage REMINDER: Storage on the grounds is not free. Any item stored on the show grounds needs to be shown at least once every three years. If the item is NOT shown or used, you will be contacted to remove your item. Failure to remove the item will result in a storage fee bill decided by the board.

Final Show Expenses: Donations need to be made to the CCMH Ambulance crew and the Montevideo 4H group. M/S/P Lagred/Hamann

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. M/S/P Schumacher/Lagred

Grounds Use:

There are quite a few events happening on the grounds. Please make note of these dates. For private events, please avoid being on the grounds if at all possible.

***August 17th-** Private Party using the Kitchen

***August 28th -** Private Event using Chapel and Kitchen

***September 27-29th –** Private Event

***May 31st, 2025-** Private Event utilizing different areas of the grounds

***June 20th-22nd 2025-** Heritage Days

***September 19th-21st-** Private Event utilizing the grounds.

MONTHLY MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Hello, My Name is Geoff Voorhees.

I got the engine bug when I was about 14 or 15 years old, nearly 35 years ago!!! I have collected engines to some degree ever since.

About 13 years ago, I started making replacement parts for gas engines and antique equipment. I do the pattern work and machining; a commercial foundry does my cast iron castings. Recently I have started making and servicing gas engine igniters at my shop in Wisconsin, so you can say I'm quite dedicated to the hobby!

My first experience at Heritage Hill was 2 years ago when they featured Economy engines. I really enjoyed the show and the time spent there that weekend. When I was offered an opportunity to display some of my collection in the Phillips Building, I jumped at the chance. I was excited to get set up and permanently display my



engines at such a nice showground. Also, to be able to share with the public not just my collection, but also knowledge and experiences over the years working on and playing with gas engines.

I am already looking forward to next year's show. We will be featuring Waterloo Gas Engines, of which I have many to display! I would like to see more club members and more spectators next year! Heritage Hill is turning into one of Minnesota's biggest gas engine shows! I hope to see everyone there next year; June 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 2025!

