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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Howdy Heritage Hill Membership,

WOW what a change of weather we have had! As we embrace the arrival of spring, our agricultural regions and others are facing a significant challenge; the persistent wet weather that has characterized the beginning of this season. The excessive rainfall has saturated the soil, making it difficult for farmers to begin planting their crops. I got into the field just briefly for work (I work in soybean research for those of you who are unaware) and have gotten very little accomplished due to it being too wet. As I write this, rain pours on my window and the crackling of thunder arrives every so often. It sure is quite the turnaround from the last few years of dry weather. The challenges posed by a wet spring are not to be underestimated, but I am thankful for moisture to be replenished in the sub-soil thus providing crops with some well-deserved water in the later summer months.



This delay in planting not only impacts our farmers' livelihoods, but also could have some positive effect on our Hill! With great luck our wheat will grow tall enough to make bundles, drive our corn yields high, and give our awesome lawn mowing volunteers plenty of work all season. The rain is great for a lot, but not everything. As the show approaches this year, there still is a lot to do in preparation for Heritage Days 2024. At the board meeting tonight, we discussed a

few projects that need to be completed yet this spring. They are general maintenance jobs mostly but are still important. During the last few weeks a few members have had the chance to spend some time on the Hill observing buildings. The house probably needs the most work. The steps on the west side are broken and need replacing, numerous gutters are off, the upstairs window needs to be permanently sealed because for whatever reason it keeps breaking, landscaping needs to be cleaned up, and a few other small things. If anybody is interested in upholding the house, please go right ahead. Other areas of interest include: Hay shed tin needs re-screwing, weeds need to be pulled around buildings, long grass around everything always needs weed whipping, all buildings need to be gone through and cleaned/organized in preparation for the show. I hope we can all find some time to come out and put some hours in at the Hill to keep it nice! If anybody has any other projects they need help completing please contact a board member so we can get them posted.

Thank you for everyone's hard work keeping this place alive, we cannot do this alone. May we all look forward to a successful spring planting season ahead.

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MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting – Zoom

Membership Meeting – Threshers' Kitchen

The Oiler: Gas engine meetup

Christmas Party

Heritage Days 2024

Monday, June 3rd – 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 18th – 5:00pm

May 18th – 10am HH Showgrounds

TBD

June 14 - 15, 2024

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

HERITAGE HILL TREASURER'S REPORT April 2024

Financial Statement: April 1, 2024

Internal Accounts

\$87,581.67	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$4,801.00	Farming Fund
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund
\$15,000.00	Insurance Premium Fund
\$162,090.83	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$1,354.62	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$160,736.21	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$162,090.83	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$162,090.83 Balance: April 1, 2024

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
\$ 210.00	Membership Dues
\$ 100.00	Raffle Sales
\$ 17,500.00	Equipment Sales
\$ 86.36	Interest Paid
\$17,896.36	TOTAL

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
(\$580.67)	Equipment Repair
(\$348.00)	Equipment Maintenance
(\$80.00)	Office & Postage
(\$157.20)	Electricity
(\$624.97)	Miscellaneous Expenditures
(\$4,000.00)	Equipment Purchase
(\$11,808.12)	Property Insurance
(\$17,598.96)	TOTAL

\$162,388.23 Balance: April 30, 2024

Financial Statement: April 30, 2024

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$99,687.19	General Fund	\$17,945.66	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund	\$144,442.57	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$4,801.00	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund		
\$3,191.88	Insurance Premium Fund		
\$162,388.23	TOTAL	\$162,388.23	TOTAL
		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: Grant Schmiege- Acting Secretary

No minutes to report.

DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: May 6, 2024

Board Members Present: Schmiege, Grube, Miller, L. Ashling, K. Ashling, Peterson, Lagred, Schumacher

Secretary Minutes were presented by President Schmiege. M/S/P Peterson/Miller

Treasurers Report was presented by Peterson. M/S/P L. Ashling/Schumacher

AGENDA:

Insurance: We were able to find liability insurance through Strehlow Insurance in Willmar, MN. Everything is transferred over and in place.

Show Prep:

***Rock:** We are looking to get a few loads of rock brought out to the show grounds so we can complete the pathway up to the house and to put near the Power House.

***General Prep:** There is a list of projects that need to be completed prior to the show in a few weeks. If you have the time and/or ability, please reach out to either Grant or Joe to see what needs to be completed yet.

Equipment Update: The John Deere was sold. We are now on the lookout for a skid that would be suitable for use at the grounds. We would prefer something that comes with a bucket and forks but we can be flexible if the price is right. If you have a lead, please contact Grant or Joe.

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.

***May 11th** – MAAPS Meeting

***May 18th** – The Oiler: Gas engine meetup.

***May 22nd** – Private Event using Chapel and Kitchen

***June 8th** – Private Event

***June 14-15** – Heritage Days

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

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

Farming Committee: Looking to sell about half of the corn that is being stored at the elevator. Market prices are up.

Board Update: Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are needing to appoint a new board member to take the place of L. Ashling effective immediately. There was a motion made by K. Ashling to appoint Elijah Fjerkenstad in her place. M/S/P Shumacher/L. Peterson

Future Meeting: June 7th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. M/S/P L. Peterson/Miller

Member Passing

I write to you today with great sadness about the loss of a wonderful member, Erwin Winter. Erwin was quite an asset to the Heritage Hill over the years. He has had quite the impact on our club in more ways than we will ever know. Blessed be the memory of Erwin Winter.

<https://www.andersontebeest.com/obituary/Erwin-Winter>

Grant Schmieg, President



MONTHLY MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Our names are Liz Peterson and Becky Miller. We are sisters who have quite an extensive and “full circle” involvement with Heritage Hill. Our late grandpa, Duane Grube, Sr. became a member of this club when it was still meeting out at the Swenson Farm. He got our dad, Chip Grube, involved. With dad being heavily involved in the club, Becky and I along with our cousins basically grew up on the show grounds. We would help with garbage patrol riding around with our Uncle Glen Coon, we would help serve in the kitchen, we would visit all the flea market vendors, and we would spend countless hours between the Fairbanks-Morse building, the blacksmith shop, and the petting zoo.

I (Liz) was voted as the 2006-2007 Threshing Queen and Becky was voted in as Threshing Queen in 2008-2009. During our times served, we went to all the surrounding communities and drove tractors in the parades and celebrations, we helped in the kitchen, we helped tend the grounds during the show, and we attended other local events like the Queen’s Tea.

After I (Liz) graduated and went to college, I would attend the show yearly, but my involvement severely dwindled. In 2021, we moved back to the area. I KNEW that I wanted to be more involved and give my boys the same experiences and memories as I had on the grounds. My husband Shane and I became members and for the first year, kind of took a back seat and helped where needed. By 2022, I was feeling pulled to offer to fill the vacant Secretary position. I served as secretary until the end of 2023 when I was voted in as Treasurer. Currently, I am serving as Treasurer and trying to help in other areas as I can. I am excited to continue building memories at Heritage Hill with my family!

Heritage Hill has also held a special place in Becky’s heart as well! She is currently serving as Royalty Coordinator and serving on the board of directors. Becky had the honor of crowning her daughter Braelynn as the Threshing Princess for the 2021-2022 show. Becky and her husband Travis were united in marriage in October



2022 in the Heritage Hill Chapel. Becky is also wanting to build memories with her daughters being able to grow up on the grounds and having the opportunity to make memories with their cousins just like we had.

We are excited to be serving the club in the ways that we are, and we are hopeful for what the future holds for the club and our family's involvement.

