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Greetings Heritage Hill members! March sure seemed to go out like a lamb just like it came in, for which I am thankful!! I am sure you all know how the classic spring saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers, and May flowers bring Threshing Shows!" That is right, the June Heritage Hill Threshing show is right around the corner! There is just a little more than two months to prepare for the annual event.

A Greek philosopher once said: "The only thing that remains constant is change." This seems to be the case with many things in our lives, and so is the case at Heritage Hill. Over the years many of the Heritage Hill founding members have passed on to better places, and some members have been faced with life-changing issues forcing them to pass the torch on to others. Since the 2019 Heritage Hill Threshing Show, many vacancies have been created that need to be filled prior to, and during the forthcoming Threshing Show. I ask all of you with much sincerity to please invite whoever you may know that can volunteer to help during the upcoming event! All hands-on deck will be needed. It takes a lot of great people like yourself to make this wonderful show a huge success. The board of directors and I are very appreciative of the awesome Heritage Hill membership.

That being said, on April 20, 2021 membership meetings will resume at the Hill! I cannot wait to see all of you again in a social setting. This is exciting news because we have a lot to discuss! It has been an honor to meet with many members since I joined the organization three years ago. I am looking forward to the opportunity to get acquainted with each of you in the near future. With the show coming up this year, there will be numerous crucial and time sensitive issues to address at the meeting. I encourage all of you to attend, if possible. The meeting will be held at 7pm at the Heritage Hill showgrounds, where the seating will be in the bleachers by the stage,,,,,,weather permitting of course. This will allow the membership to properly social distance, to keep everybody safe. There will not be food served as a precautionary matter. With the vaccines rolling out in great numbers, I am confident that we will get over this significant life interruption in no time! As for now, we will do what is necessary to keep everybody secure.

Extensive spring thawing generated much mud around the farm yard, a vivid memory for most who endured such conditions. I cannot wait for nice weather to come around, firming the soil, allowing us to get back to the showgrounds, resume working on projects and preparing for the show. Hopefully, I can finish my exhibits before the June 18 and 19 Threshing Show. The main project in process is a 1948 Case VAC tractor, which may you recall from my February Presidential Address. The tractor is running well, but since then it has developed a coolant leak from the water pump. I believe it is in need for a rebuild. Hopefully, I can find someone with access to the right parts to give the water pump a tune-up. As for now, I will continue to search for assistance.



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

## **MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS**

<b>Membership Meeting</b>	Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill
<b><i>COVID-19 Precautions Recommended</i></b>	
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Monday, May 2, 2021 6:00 pm at Heritage Hill
<b>Heritage Days 2021</b>	June 18 - 19, 2021
<b>Christmas Party</b>	December 4, 2021.

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: March 16, 2021 – (Open), Secretary**

COVID-19 Cancellation

## **DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: Monday April 5, 2021 Dustin Johnson, Acting Secretary**

The Board of Directors met Monday April 5, 2021 at Heritage Hill under the outside picnic shelter.

Board members present were Grant Schmieg, Les Bergquist, Dustin Johnson, and Kyle Ashling. Also in attendance was club member Mick Selman.

President Grant Schmieg called the meeting to order. There was no Pledge of Allegiance since no flag was present outside. Grant Schmieg read the minutes of the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. A correction was noted that the motion made in to transfer ownership of the wood threshing machine to Scott Vouk also included an agreement that he will display the machine at Heritage Hill for four years. M/S/P Bergquist/Ashling to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Les Bergquist presented the March 2021 Treasurer's reports. M/S/P Johnson/Ashling to approve the report.

- **IH Collectors:** Grant Schmieg and Chantel Hamann represented Heritage Hill at the IH Collectors board meeting on March 13, 2021 in Arlington, MN. The IH Collectors are looking forward to attending our show and requested space to set up six tables to sell merchandise. M/S/P Bergquist/Ashling to have them use the Hansen building.
- **Alcohol Permit:** Paperwork has been submitted to serve beer on the grounds during Heritage Days.
- **Food at show:** A discussion was held before the board meeting with some directors and part of the kitchen committee. The committee has begun research into the Covid-19 precautions that are required. A Covid preparedness plan will be required for food service held at the show as well as a separate plan for the Heritage Days event as a whole. A permit from the MN Dept. of Health is required for each food stand instead of just one permit as in the past. The kitchen committee is willing to run the kitchen during the show, serving through the outside windows with no food service inside the kitchen. Hiring a food truck for the show is also an option. Show attendance numbers are unpredictable due to this being the first Heritage Days in June and the pandemic. It was discussed that having both our own kitchen and a food truck would provide more options; however, if attendance is small, food truck operators may not want competition. Since only four board members were present, no decision will be made until another board meeting held on Zoom later in the week. It was mentioned that this topic should be brought to the membership at an upcoming meeting.
- **Membership meeting:** A membership meeting will be held Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Hill outside at the stage and bleachers. M/S/P Ashling/Bergquist to have no food at the membership meeting.
- **Queen Nominees:** No nominees for Threshing Queen.
- **Band for Friday night:** None locked in yet. Waiting to hear back from one band on availability.
- **Secretary position:** Still open.
- **Steam Engines:** Earl Dezeeuw will bring his steam engine, as in past years. Brian Vouk will bring his steam engine with transportation arrangements as were planned for 2020.
- **Raffle tickets:** Tickets have been printed. After last year's show cancellation, Gerald Kleene contacted people that bought raffle tickets and created a list of who wanted their money applied to a new ticket in place of the old one; new tickets will be held for this list. Raffle tickets will be available at the April 20 membership meeting for members to take books of tickets to sell.



- **Swap Meet Spaces:** Outdoor swap spaces will be spread around the grounds at this year's show.
- **Camping Spaces:** It was discussed if camping spaces should be created west of the Threshers' Kitchen since the camp area behind the Barnaal building was full at the last show. This area is level, close to the kitchen, and does not get as muddy as the current camp ground. The camping area behind the Barnaal building would remain to increase camping capacity. Power would need to be provided to the new camping area with plug-ins on poles. Schmieg reported that after researching costs, he learned that putting in a new transformer near the road for approximately \$1800 would be less cost than a new cable from the current transformer to the new camp ground. However, an additional transformer would add a \$50 monthly service fee to the electric bill. Use of a trencher and labor to make the installation would be donated by contacts Schmieg has made. No decision was made and more research will be done to learn the capacity of the existing transformer and if it even could support the additional load.
- **Work Weekends:** A list needs to be made of tasks to be completed before the show so volunteers can be recruited on weekends. Tasks will be asked for at the membership meeting. Anyone who has items for the list should inform President Schmieg. Things mentioned at the board meeting to be put on the list are: fixing soffit and light on the chapel, move display cases to prepare the toy building for the farm site replica, clean dirt off cement pad and other places from the winter wind storms, clean building interiors.
- **Church service:** There have been offers from a couple of people to lead a church service at Heritage Hill the Sunday morning after the show. Due to the small size of the chapel and physical distancing requirements M/S/P Bergquist/Johnson to not hold a church service this year.
- **Toy Building:** The farm site replica from Lowell Haff needs to be moved to the toy building, but there needs to be a display case moved to fit it in the Toy Building. Mr. Haff would like to move it soon.
- **Show Schedule:** President Schmieg handed out a show schedule from 2019. No final decisions on the schedule can be made for 2021 until it is known how many volunteers there are to make events happen at Heritage Days. Once a schedule is made, it needs to be sent to Connie for publicity.
- **Fairbanks Morse Engine:** Need to find out who is going to run the Fairbanks engine. Mick Selman volunteered to show someone what needs to be done. CHS in Montevideo needs to be contacted to get an air tank lined up. A large air compressor possibly can be borrowed from Norm's Repair. Mick Selman will contact Galen Crosby about donating a barrel of oil in exchange for steel I-beams that are no longer needed at Heritage Hill.
- **Bleacher Project:** Lumber costs have skyrocketed in the last year, the new cost for the bleacher repair will be around \$4000. Anyone with connections to get a good deal on lumber should contact a board member. Parker Thissen and other boy scouts will be working on the bleachers April 23-25 for Parker's Eagle Scout Project.
- **Seed for County Farm Land:** Mustang Seeds has donated enough corn seed to cover the county ground. They will likely include a test plot on the ground which will be planted by Schmieg, Mustang Seeds employee.
- **Flags during show:** Need to make sure the American flag and MN Flag are put up during the show. President Schmieg will handle this.
- **Membership Meeting: April 20, 2021**
- **Next Board Meeting: May 2nd, 2021**
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Bergquist/Ashling to adjourn

**SPECIAL DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: Wednesday April 7, 2021 Dustin Johnson, Acting Secretary**

A special meeting of The Board of Directors was held virtually over Zoom on Wednesday April 7, 2021. Board members present were Grant Schmieg, Les Bergquist, Beth Finn, Bob Shultz, Dustin Johnson, Kyle Ashling, Scott Thissen, Chip Grube, and Chantel Hamann. President Grant Schmieg called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

- **Food at Heritage Days:** Discussion was had about the pros and cons of opening the Threshers' Kitchen and/or bringing in a food truck for the show. Ashling has contacted a local food vendor who does auctions and would consider selling at Heritage Days. Due to the historical small attendance of our show, the food truck would prefer to not have competition from the HH kitchen. Volunteers would be needed for the HH kitchen, and it is unknown how many people will be willing to help at the show this year; there are numerous other jobs during the show that need workers, as well. If a food vendor is used, we do not need to worry about estimating the quantity of food to buy and possibly have food left over that wouldn't be able to be returned. Board members who have contacted a few different food truck operators stated that 10% of net profit is a typical amount vendors pay to be at events. Due to the pandemic, it is expected that food sales this year would not be as profitable as a typical Threshing Show. Maybe it is a good year to try an outside food vendor; we could go back to running our own kitchen in the future. **M/S/P Johnson/Finn to recommend to the membership to have a**

food truck at 2021 Heritage Days with an agreement that Heritage Hill gets 10% of their net profit. This will be discussed and voted on at the April 20 membership meeting at 7:00 at Heritage Hill.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: March 2021**

**Financial Statement: March 1, 2021**

Internal Accounts

\$27,270.15	General Fund
\$4,523.00	Chapel Fund
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund
<b>\$59,293.15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Depository Accounts

\$4,651.88	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$54,641.27	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$59,293.15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

\$0.00 Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

**Operating Statement**

**\$59,293.15** Balance: March 1, 2021

RECEIPTS

\$4.94	Interest
\$214.47	REC Dividend
\$11.01	Donation
\$40.00	Membership Dues
<b>\$270.42</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$300.00)	Advertising
(\$324.02)	Electricity
(\$15.00)	MN Department of Agriculture
(\$91.00)	Office/Newsletters
(\$75.00)	Temporary Liquor License
<b>(\$805.02)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$58,758.55** Balance: March 31, 2021

**Financial Statement: March 31, 2021**

Internal Accounts

\$26,735.55	General Fund
\$4,523.00	Chapel Fund
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund
<b>\$58,758.55</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Depository Accounts

\$4,112.34	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$54,646.21	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$58,758.55</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

\$0.00 Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

