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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

As I write before you today, I am filled with joy and hope, for it is my pleasure to announce that spring has arrived, at least in South Dakota. After months of cold and darkness, the frozen, snowy world is awakening from its slumber, and the signs of new life are all around us.

The trees are coming back to life, and the johnny jump up violas are blooming with vibrant purple colors. The birds are singing their sweet melodies, and the gentle breeze carries the scent of fresh grass and blooming flowers. It is a time of renewal, rejuvenation, and growth.

In the spirit of spring, let us also embrace the opportunities for growth and renewal in our own lives. Let us shed the old habits and attitudes that hold us back and embrace new beginnings, new ideas, and new possibilities. Let us emerge from the darkness of winter with a renewed sense of purpose and a commitment to making our world, and threshing show, a better place.

My fellow Heritage Hill members, as we celebrate the arrival of spring, let us remember the beauty and the power of nature, and let us work together to build a brighter future for the Heritage Hill Threshing Show, and for generations to come. Thank you, and may this Spring be a time of joy, hope, and renewal for all of us.

I look forward to the warming of the weather, the greening of the grass, and the disappearance of all of this dang snow! Hopefully the weather for this the 2023 Threshing Show will be great. Visions of threshing, plowing, and spark shows run free in my head. I hope to see you all at the next membership meeting, June 4, 6:30pm, Heritage Hill thresherss' Kitchen.

Best regards, Grant Schmieg



MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting

Sunday, May 7th 2023, 6:00 pm, via ZOOM, depending on availability.

Membership Meeting

Sunday, June 4, 2023, following membership meeting, Heritage Hill.

Heritage Hill Elections

Sunday, June 4, 2023, 6:30 pm. HH Threshers' Kitchen.

Heritage Days 2023

Sunday, June 4, during the membership meeting.

Christmas Party

June 16 - 17, 2023

To be determined

TREASURER'S REPORT: March 2023

Financial Statement: March 1, 2023

Internal Accounts

\$42,017.17	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$18,243.70	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Claim Fund
\$108,692.30	Insurance Premium Fund
\$183,821.17	

Depository Accounts

\$2,004.55	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$181,816.62	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$183,821.17	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$183,821.17 **Balance: March 1, 2023**

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
	\$15.00 Donation	(\$259.30) Electricity
	\$15.00 Dues/Membership	(\$15.00) MN Department of Agriculture Fee
	\$100.37 Interest	(\$85.67) Office/Postage
	\$302.84 MN Valley L&P - Dividend	(\$120.00) Real Estate Tax Assessment
	\$433.21 TOTAL	(\$479.97) TOTAL

\$183,774.41 **Balance: March 31, 2023**

Financial Statement: March 31, 2023

Internal Accounts

\$41,970.41	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$18,243.70	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Claim Fund
\$108,692.30	Insurance Premium Fund
\$183,774.41	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$1,857.42	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$181,916.99	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$183,774.41	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: April 2, 2023 Grant Schmiege, Acting Secretary

President Schmiege called the membership meeting to order April 2, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: 25

Acting Secretary Schmiege read the presented the September 11, 2022 minutes. M/S/P Douglas Norman/Orlynn Hegna to approve the minutes as presented.

Treasurer Bergquist presented the March 2023 treasurer's report. M/S/P Glen Coon/Marshal Lagred to approve the reports.

- **Snow Removal:** HUGE thank you to Chip Grube and Kyle Ashling for moving the snow at the show grounds for the meeting tonight. It is much appreciated.
- **Board Positions:** Still in need of a board secretary and an open director position.
- **Facility Usage:** There is a chapel reservation on May 24 and August 30, and a Threshers' Kitchen graduation reception on May 27. If you are present conducting activities at HH, please respect the party using the facilities. Beth Finn has volunteered to clean the respective buildings before these events. Huge thanks to her and Dustin Johnson for scheduling these.
- **Kitchen:** To date there has been no solid commitment from any HH member to chair, organize, and provide food service in the Threshers' Kitchen for the 2023 Threshing Show. The board voted at the March meeting to hire a food vendor.

- **Tractor Pull:** The large tractor pull has been scheduled for Friday, June 16, 5 pm during the Threshing Show. The garden tractor pull will no longer be held due to lack of attendance.
- **Cedar Logs:** A couple of cedar logs for the shingle mill are needed. Cedar blocks supply for the mill are needed. Logs 12" diameter minimum or greater is needed. A source has maybe been found but will still take donations of logs.
- **Dissolution Letter:** Bergquist reported on the proposed dissolution of MVAFPMA since the January 20, 2023, letter was sent to the membership. To date no HH member has presented a comprehensive or long-term solution for the future of the organization. Numerous members voiced their opinions. The general consensus of the conversation concluded that volunteer effort and participation needs to increase, or the Heritage Hill dissolution will be inevitable.
- **Gate Admission:** Currently, no member has volunteered to chair and coordinated gate admissions for the 2023 Threshing Show. If no member volunteers for this task, the gate admission will be free to the public. Please contact one of the directors if you are willing to chair the gate.
- **Raffle:** A raffle coordinator is needed. If anybody is willing to chair and coordinate the 2023 raffle, please contact one of the directors. Tickets are currently available for pickup from the HH Threshers' Kitchen. There is a signup sheet to check out each book of tickets.
- **2023 Feature:** If you know anybody with military equipment, please invite them to bring it to the 2023 Threshing Show. It was discussed next year to possibly do an old/new feature.
- **Adjournment:** MSP Bergquist/Hegna
- **Next Membership Meeting:** June 4, 6:30pm at HH Threshers Kitchen. No May membership has been scheduled due to scheduling conflicts.

DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: April 2, 2023 Grant Schmieg, Acting Secretary

President Schmieg called the meeting to order April 2, 2023 at 8:15 pm.

Present were Schmieg, Coon, Grube, Bergquist, L. Ashling, K. Ashling, Lagred.

Acting Secretary Schmieg presented the March 6, 2023 Directors' Meeting minutes. M/S/P L. /Bergquist/Ashling to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist presented the March 2023 treasurer's report. M/S/P L. Ashling/Lagred to approve the reports.

- **Advertisement:** Schmieg booked ad in Montevideo Visitors Guide.
- **Show Posters:** Proofs of the 2023 Threshing Show poster were shared at the board meeting. Some edits will be made and hopefully be available by the next board meeting.
- **Vacant Board Positions:** Elizabeth Peterson and Rebecca Miller volunteered to serve on the board, filling the two vacant board seats, secretary and director, respectively. M/S/P Bergquist/K. Ashling to appoint Peterson and Miller to serve on the board until the next Board of Director election. The Board of Directors election has been scheduled for Sunday, June 4 during the membership meeting. See newsletter insert for details.
- Tractor pull contracts: Will be signed and turned in.
- **Queen:** In search of a 2023 Threshing Show queen. Please contact a board member if interested.
- **Next meeting:** Potentially May 7, Zoom, depending on Board member availability, otherwise June 4, 7pm HH Threshers' Kitchen.
- **Tractor Drive:** In search of coordinator for the Thursday tractor drive this year.
- **Adjournment:** MSP Bergquist/Coon

Dissolution Letter Update – April 12, 2023:

A letter dated January 20, 2023 was sent to the entire Heritage Hill membership regarding organizational options under consideration by Heritage Hill Board of Directors. The letter outlined multiple factors which have led to the current state of affairs. Those letters were sent to 125 households, representing 193 current members. **So far, 5 phone call responses, and one letter, have been received**, seeking clarity and asking additional questions. Collectively, those same contacts shared in the disappointment, but understood that the organization is not sustainable with the currently interest level among Heritage Hill members. At the April 2 membership meeting, approximately 25 members were present to discuss the current status of Heritage Hill. The discussion, questions and answers lasted about an hour. Much of the discussion again outlined the reasons for the current state of affairs, but no comprehensive long-term solution was made available for consideration. Outside of the said meeting, no member has come forth with a comprehensive plan to continue operations. As stated in the letter, the 2023 Heritage Hill Threshing Show is still scheduled. Unless there is a significant new development, the current plan is to seek legal advice in July 2023 regarding the future options available. Updates will be available via future newsletters and

membership meetings. Feel free to contact President Grant Schmiege, 605-291-9551 or Treasurer Leslie Bergquist, 320-226-7878, with questions, concerns, or any comprehensive plan of action. Thank you.

2023 Elections

The 2023 Heritage Hill Officer and Director election was scheduled during the October 2022 membership meeting. Unfortunately, no Heritage Hill members expressed interest or volunteered to serve on the 2023 Nominating Committee. Therefore, no 2023 election has been held to date. Two members have recently expressed interest in filling the recent secretary and director vacancies. At the April 2, 2023 Board of Directors meeting, the board appointed Elizabeth Peterson as Secretary, and Rebecca Miller as Director, to serve on the board until the next election. Please see the below election ballot. The ballot includes members who have all expressed interest in being elected, or re-elected, to the Heritage Hill Board of Directors. If any other HH members wish to serve on the board, or if you wish to nominate another member (with that respective member's advanced consent) to serve on the board, please contact any one of the directors. That member's name will then be placed on the ballot. **The 2023 Board of Directors election is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 2023, 6:30, at Heritage Hill, the next membership meeting.**

BALLET

PRESIDENT - 1-year term (vote for 1)

Grant Schmiege

VICE-PRESIDENT - 1-year term (vote for 1)

Glen Coon

SECRETARY - 1-year term (vote for 1)

Elizabeth Peterson

TREASURER - 1-year term (vote for 1)

Leslie Bergquist

DIRECTOR - 2-year term (vote for 3)

Kyle Ashling

Chantel Hamann

Rebecca Miller

