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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Spring is always a welcome season with longer and increasingly warmer days. The 2018 crop production cycle will once again ramp up with field preparation, chemical and fertilizer applications and seeding soon in full swing. Safety is always of concern and the best is wished upon all those who are engaged in the planting process. The beginning of April greeted us with yet another round of wet heavy snow, making us wonder if spring will ever arrive. On the other hand April snowfalls are more common than we wish to remember, April 1997 being a classic example. After reeling in from near record winter snowfall accumulations, the Upper Minnesota River Valley was experiencing the worst recorded flood in modern history. Then on April 4, 1997, a major blizzard and 4° temperatures hampered the flood relief efforts.

In past years the annual swap meet at Heritage Hill was a rite of spring tradition experienced by many. It was then a busy time at

Heritage Hill. Scheduling the event, planning the food service in the kitchen, and clearing the buildings and show ground as needed, required many volunteer hours of preparation and post event clean-up. From what is archived the swap meet first started when Minnesota Valley Antique Farm Power and Machinery Association first began in 1981. It continued successfully many years until 2012 when the last swap meet was held at



Heritage Hill. The swap meet was hosted at various locations throughout its tenure, including the Chippewa County fairgrounds, the Montevideo High School parking lot, and finally out at Heritage Hill. It was a fun gathering for many and much work for others as well. For those collectors who seeking needed parts and supplies, opportunities continue as other great swap meets are held around the state and region. One of the most notable, well attended swap meets is the Le Sueur County Pioneer Power event held annually the last weekend of April. 2018 will mark the 41st annual show, which is scheduled for April 27 to 29, with vendors occupying every square foot, inside buildings and out, over the entire 120 acre show site. Another impressive swap meet is held each year at the Albany Pioneer Days Threshing Show. The number of vendors attending that swap meet continues to increase and the acres the swap meet occupies expands as well. As opposed to other Minnesota and regionally based swap meets, the Heritage Hill swap meet failed to grow, buyers dwindled and many vendors became somewhat dismayed with their sale results. Despite assertive efforts by many Heritage Hill members, the event was no longer viable. In 2013 an organizational decision was made to discontinue the event. We are left with many good memories.....and a sad one as well. It has now been 16 years ago when collector and area resident, James Adolph fell victim to an apparent cardiac arrest while attending the Heritage Hill swap meet April 21, 2002. Blessed be his memory.

Speaking of spring the grass at Heritage Hill will soon be growing and in need of cutting. Heritage Hill members will be needed throughout the summer to mow grass and trim around the buildings. Please plan to attend the various mowing events and watch the newsletter for announcements.

I hope to see you at the April 17, 2018 membership meeting back at the Hill. Take care, Leslie Bergquist, Treasurer

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Membership Meeting	Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 PM @ the Heritage Hill
Board Meeting	Sunday, May 6, 7:00 PM @ Heritage Hill
Servers for April Membership Meeting	Beth Finn, Terry Hubble
Montevideo Lions – Circus	Thursday, June 7, 2018 @ Heritage Hill
Heritage Hill 2018 Threshing Show	August 17 – 19, 2018

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: March 19, 2018 – Bob Schultz, Secretary

Vice President Hegna called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Montevideo Community Center.

There were 32 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bob Schultz reviewed the minutes of the February 19th, 2018 Membership Meeting. M/S/P Merlyn Hanson/Jim Roe to approve the minutes.

Les Bergquist presented the Treasurer's report. M/S/P Bob Schultz/Kyle Ashling to approve the Treasurer's report.

- **Members Update:** Lifetime Member Dale Sunderland passed away recently. His funeral was at 11:00 Am this morning. Art Benjamin is recovering in the nursing home in Dassel. Ruth Hanson is recovering at home from a recent heart attack.
- **Board of Director's Meetings:** BOD meetings will be held Sunday evenings @ 7:00PM to facilitate members with Thursday evening conflicts.
- **Transportation to the Norman Museum:** Jim Roe is working on the organizing for a bus to the Norman Tractor Museum during the 2018 show. Issues relate to procuring a bus, a bus driver, insurance, schedules, notices and more.
- **Spring Cleanup Day:** We need to be scheduling a spring cleanup day, (provided spring ever gets here.)
- **Research Library on Site:** John Handeen presented the idea of a having a research library on site. He has several documents that he could contribute. It was pointed out that it would be of limited use during a 3 day show yearly. The idea was declined, but we thank John for his idea and willingness to contribute to it.
- **Slow Tractor Races:** M/SP Glen Coon//Kyle Ashling to cancel the Slow Tractor Races this year due to the fact Glen and Steve will not be here and due to a recent lack of participation. We will address the idea again for the 2019 show.
- **Pedal Pull:** The Pedal Pull is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 18th @ 10:00 AM during the 2018 show. The DeVos crew out of Marshall has been contracted to do the pull.
- **Case Tractor Mower:** Mick Sellman indicated that the drive on the Woods mower under the club's Case tractor will be reengineered and rebuilt for summer mowing.
- **Possible 2019 Show Event:** It has been suggested that scheduling a bus to take show attendees to the new dairy complex along Minnesota Highway 40 would be an excellent event for the **2019 show**. It would be wise to start that idea in motion if there is an interest.
- **Raffle Ticket Coordinator:** We are still looking for a coordinator for our raffle ticket sales for the 2018 show. Is anyone willing to step up?
- **Queen Candidate:** Finding a candidate to serve as the 2019 Threshing Show Queen was discussed.
- **Mini Tractor Pull:** Plans for the mini tractor pull need to be finalized. Is there enough interest to have one? Would Friday before the farm tractor pull work? Will this interfere with a possible tractor drive event that same day?
- **Hamburgers and Hotdogs:** Sally Phillips Helling suggested that the American Legion would be a possible candidate for grilling hamburgers and hotdogs for the 2018 show. They have done this kind of thing as a service for community events in the past. We would purchase the meet and they would cook it. Storage for the uncooked product would be one issue.
- **Show Guide and Publicity:** Sally Phillips Helling discussed some publicity possibilities for the 2018 show. Heritage Hill was recently in the American News Profiles section in the local paper. The Land Magazine would be willing to do an article on our show in their June or July issue. Topics for our show guide this year could include: Local celebrities, the feature tractor, the Doug Norman Tractor Museum, the monster truck on display, our new fire truck and mini sled and pull, a "Queens of Yesterday" article, information about the meat raffle, the consignment auction, Saturday evening entertainment, the Jaws of Life demonstration and more. She also stated that the show poster is being drafted.
- **Nominating Committee:** M/S/P Richard Emch /Glen Coon to accept Ron Molde, Gene Zeller and Wes Thompson as our Nominating Committee for the 2019 officer's ballot. Thank you gentlemen.
- **Next Board of Director's Meeting:** Sunday, April 8th @ 7:00 PM @ the Heritage Hill Thresher's Kitchen.
- **Next Membership Meeting:** Tuesday, April 17th @ 7:00 PM @ the Heritage Hill Thresher's Kitchen.
- **Servers for March:** Beth Finn, Terry Hubble.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Wes Thompson/Richard Emch to adjourn.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: April 8, 2018 (Postponed due to April snow storm)

TREASURER'S REPORT: March 2018

Financial Statement: March 1, 2018

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$19,697.52	General Fund	\$3,607.72	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$411.90	Building Fund	\$48,043.70	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$4,043.00	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund	\$51,651.42	TOTAL
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund		
\$51,652.42	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$51,652.42 **Balance: March 1, 2018**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
\$80.00 Membership Dues	(\$114.20) Advertising
\$30.00 Newsletter Donation	(\$35.00) Office/Postage
\$310.00 Raffle Ticket Sales	(\$320.22) Electricity
\$37.00 Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$469.42) TOTAL
\$8.83 Interest	
\$465.83 TOTAL	\$51,648.83 Balance: March 31, 2018

Financial Statement: March 31, 2018

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$19,693.93	General Fund	\$3,596.64	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$411.90	Building Fund	\$48,052.19	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$4,043.00	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund	\$51,648.83	TOTAL
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund		
\$51,648.83	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer



EXTRAS: Allis-Chalmers B and C Tractor History

In the early 1930's, Allis-Chalmers tractor division manager Harry Merritt studied the farm census figures and discovered that of the nearly seven million farms in America, some four million were of 100 acres or less. Furthermore, the million or so tractors at work on American farms were nearly all on the larger acreages. Earlier the Fordson tractor, and then the first-generation row-crop tractors, including the Farmall, John Deere, Allis-Chalmers' own Model WC, and many others, had been gaining significant market penetration. Making mechanized agriculture ever more popular, Merritt concluded that there was a need for four million small, inexpensive tractors to fill the needs of the small farmers still using horses. Merritt set out to build the tractor that would finally put the horse out to pasture. The Model B and Model C was the Allis-Chalmers second-generation row-crop tractor. It was small, light, and versatile. The combination of an excellent tractor and effective marketing helped both the B and C to become commercial successes. The Allis-Chalmers marketing department had experience with such challenges as convincing doubting farmers of the benefits of pneumatic tires. Early sales literature for the Allis-Chalmers B was devoted to convincing the farmer that the new B and C required less work to maintain than horses. The marketing literature was also



armed with government-supplied facts and statistics along with the Allis-Chalmers internal research proving that the new B and C cost less to both buy and operate than horses. The Allis-Chalmers B first produced 96 prototypes in 1937. Starting in 1938 through 1956, Allis-Chalmers produced approximately 128,000 units. Production of the Allis-Chalmers C started in 1940 and ended in 1950 with approximately 84,000 units produced. The B and C were almost identical with one exception: The Model B featured the wide front, and the Model C featured a narrow front. The B and C would not remain the smallest row-crop in the Allis-Chalmers lineup. From 1948 to 1955 the company produced the Model G, with only about 10 draw bar horsepower. Allis-Chalmers tractors and equipment will be featured at the 2018 Heritage Hill Threshing Show, August 17 to 19.

