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Greetings to all Heritage Hill Members. I write to you today from the comfort of my home. Air conditioning set, a glass of water, and a snack in front of me. I have been very busy this summer. Lots of hours spent working outside in the gruesome heat I think may have gotten to me last week. I fell ill for numerous days. This illness prevented me from attending the meeting last Sunday. I apologize for not being present but I

trust that the board did a fine job conducting the meeting. I am not entirely sure what I became sick with, but it was brutal there for a few days. I suppose it was my time, as I have not been sick for a couple years. I was due. This summer has been a busy one. Work has been keeping me mostly busy, but that has not taken my mind off the Hill. There are still many projects that need to get done out there. A couple of them include: replace the wooden path in front of the house, enclose the corn pit and fill it with sand for a sandbox, cut wood, clean out buildings of clutter, and many more. I know there are things I am missing. Hard work and determination are the two wings



that carry your dreams to the heights of success. This could not be more pertinent to our club. We need to keep at it continuously to remain alive. It is not going to change overnight, but with added members and work weekends we can keep this club alive. I would write more, but my brain is still quite foggy and I am not quite recovered yet. Ill end this with a quote. "I believe success is achieved by ordinary people with extraordinary determination." - Zig Ziglar. This reminds me of our club so much because that is just what we are, ordinary people with such a passion for what we do, we go above and beyond just to achieve it. Thank you for all that you do.

**Best regards, Grant Schmieg**

## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting  
 Membership Meeting  
 Christmas Party  
 Heritage Days 2023

September 10<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM 7pm.  
 To be determined  
 December 2, 2023 – Watson Hunting Camp  
 June 14 - 15, 2024

## TREASURER'S REPORT: JULY 2023 – Leslie Bergquist, Treasurer

### Financial Statement: July 1, 2023

#### Internal Accounts

\$23,790.10	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$10,870.03	Farming Fund
\$67,952.30	Insurance Claim Fund
\$12,228.98	Insurance Premium Fund
<b>\$119,709.41</b>	

#### Depository Accounts

\$7,524.93	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking	
\$112,184.48	CAB - Preferred Money Market	
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit	
<b>\$119,709.41</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank	

### Operating Statement

**\$119,709.41**      **Balance: July 1, 2023**

#### RECEIPTS

\$23.96	Farmer Union Dividend
\$20.00	Gate Admission
\$215.00	Donation
\$59.08	Interest
<b>\$318.04</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

(\$1,995.04)	Advertising
(\$19,500.00)	Storm Damage Repair
(\$79.00)	Office/Postage/Printing
(\$327.72)	Repairs
(\$294.65)	Refuse Removal
(\$366.88)	Septic Service
(\$407.78)	Electricity
<b>(\$22,971.07)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$97,056.38**      **Balance: July 31, 2023**

### Financial Statement: July 31, 2023

#### Internal Accounts

\$20,637.07	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$10,870.03	Farming Fund
\$48,452.30	Insurance Claim Fund
\$12,228.98	Insurance Premium Fund
<b>\$97,056.38</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### Depository Accounts

\$4,812.82	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking	
\$92,243.56	CAB - Preferred Money Market	
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit	
<b>\$97,056.38</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank	

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: August 6, 2023 – Elizabeth Peterson, Secretary

Vice President Glen Coon called the membership meeting to order August 6, 2023 at 6:04 pm.

Members Present: 9

Secretary Liz Peterson presented the July 2023 secretary minutes. M/S/P Chip Grube/Becky Miller to approve the minutes as presented.

Ex-Officio Chip Grube presented the July 2023 treasurer's report. M/S/P Jeff Johnson/Liz Peterson to approve the reports.

- **Membership News:** Raffle tickets are already printed and ready for distribution for the 2024 show. Cash prizes again this year. If you are interested in a book or two, please contact a board member.
- **Facility Usage:** There are events being held at the grounds. The kitchen is in use August 12<sup>th</sup> and the Church is being used August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are at the grounds during these events, please be respectful of the parties. Beth Finn has volunteered to clean the respective buildings before these events. Huge thanks to her and Dustin Johnson for scheduling these.
- **Repair Updates:** Doug Norman reports that all shingles and siding that was needing replaced has been completed.
- **2024 Feature:** The 2024 feature is Massey Harris tractors and engines. Joe Shoemaker has registered Heritage Hill with the Massey Collectors Association. There has been talk that there is a possibility for us to get signage to help advertise the October 28<sup>th</sup> plow day as well as advertising for the 2024 show.
- **General:** We are looking for some volunteers who would be willing to visit local businesses and see if they would be willing to sponsor the 2024 tractor pull. If you are interested in helping or know of any businesses who would like to sponsor, please contact a board member.
- **Open Positions:** We are looking for volunteers to fill a few positions in 2024. If you are interested in serving in these areas, please reach out to a board member.
  - **Treasurer-** Extensive training is available.
  - **Facility Coordinator-** Training and guidance is available.
- **Christmas Party:** Mark your calendars for December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. The Heritage Hill Christmas Party will be held at Watson Hunting Camp. We are still looking for entertainment. If you have suggestions, please contact Grant. More information to follow.
- **Food Service:** As of today, August 6th, there has been no financial report from Knutsons. It is the clubs understanding there was an agreement made for facility use with a percentage of their sales coming back to the club. We have not received any update from them. There were questions raised as to when we should be expecting the money.
- **Dissolution Discussion:** Concerns for continuing a 2024 show were raised by Carla Johnson. Concerns stemmed from the financial reports and how it is not sustainable another year. There was discussion held and some points shared from the last meeting. There were questions raised about cutting expenses in some areas such as trophies and coffee mugs. Due to lack of attendance, discussion was short with no resolve.
- **Membership Meeting:** It was suggested by Carla Johnson to possibly schedule the next membership meeting for October 28th (plow day) since there should be more people in attendance for a work day. No discussion or decision was made.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Dustin Johnson/Becky Miller.

## DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: No Quorum

John Deere is phasing out part of its implement line that has origins in the 1837 founding of the company. On July 8, John Deere will no longer take orders for the 3710 moldboard plow. While the current model is much more advanced than the pioneering plow crafted from a steel saw blade 185 years ago, the implement has become obsolete in many of today's agricultural practices. "In the 1960s and '70s the moldboard plow was an extremely important piece. But in the 1980s, we saw other tillage practices — no-till, conservation and minimum till — take over," said Tom Sutter, vice president of sales for LandPro Equipment. "As growers got bigger, they looked to more efficient means to cover more acres."

Maurice Gladhill, co-owner of Gladhill Tractor in Frederick, Maryland, said the discontinuation of the 3710 moldboard plow will have no effect on farmers. Gladhill said he hasn't sold a new moldboard plow in 15 years, and used plows that do come in are difficult to move. "If an older plow is worn, you can't refurbish it and get your money out of it. No one in production agriculture is using a moldboard," Gladhill said. "Time moves on, and that's just where we are today." In a statement, John Deere said it will continue offering the 995 reversible moldboard plow, but the decision to discontinue the 3710 was largely due to adoption of other tillage techniques. "As industry tillage practices change, customers are demanding products that help them work more acres in less time, provide versatility across numerous soil and residue conditions," the company said.



While the news may not have much effect on farmers, it is of interest from a historical perspective. Larry Harpster, president of the Nittany Antique Machinery Association in central Pennsylvania, said there are collectors who seek older plows to pair with restored tractors. Harpster isn't aware of any farmers using moldboard plows today. "I can't remember the last time I walked on a machinery lot and saw a new plow sitting there," he said. "I'm kind of surprised it took this long to discontinue it." While the 3710 will soon disappear from production, Sutter said there will still be options for farmers seeking a new moldboard. Manufacturers from Europe, such as Kuhn and Kverneland, still produce moldboard plows that are available in America, he said. Gladhill said there was a spike of interest in moldboards when producers began planting hemp, but it has waned. Religious sects in Pennsylvania still use moldboard plows as well, he added, and Sutter said some vegetable growers still prefer them. "We're pricing a new 3710 right now for a vegetable grower, and we told him this will be the last chance to get one," Sutter said. "But as far as dairy and other agriculture segments, moldboard plows really aren't utilized anymore." Photo provided by John Deere

Effective July 8, John Deere will discontinue production of the 3710 moldboard plow. The company cited changes in tillage practices as a factor behind the decision.