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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings to all! Hope everyone is enjoying the fairly pleasant weather we have been getting. It's still winter but it could be a lot worse.

There is a lot to mention-the people movers were used by Ice Castle for the fishing tournament on Feb. 10th. Thank You Mick Sellman for helping out with that. Turned out a nice day for them.

Just a quick note in reference to some wonderful members who are coming up with ideas to keep the club alive. They signed up at the last Membership Meeting for the opportunity. They have come up with great suggestions and some are in the works. There will be a vote on a couple of ideas for Saturday night of the show. These ideas will be brought up Monday night at the Membership Meeting on Feb. 20th at Montevideo Community Center. The ideas are about a live band and a beer garden for Saturday night the 19th only. There will be a list of the cost and how much is already donated and what it will be in positive ideas and such. A lot of members have been working together on these ideas. Please come with open thoughts and with the hopes that Heritage Hill will be a success years to come. With that, I would like to Thank the Senior Members who put the club together. It is a beautiful club and please be open to the ideas of the younger ones to keep it alive. It would be a shame to see the club die.

I have talked to neighboring clubs and they are going through the same thing of the clubs dwindling out. I told them of some of the things that we had thought of and this will be brought up at our Membership Meeting.

One thing that is exciting and already approved by the city of Montevideo-there will be Tractor Drive going into Montevideo and past Luther Haven, Brookside, and Homefront. This is going to be very fun and will also be talked about at the meeting. This is open to tractors of all ages, cars, trucks-anything you think could attract attention and is open to all-that includes nonmembers! This is for fun and will be a kick off for a fun filled weekend.

Not a whole lot else to speak of other than due to the kind weather, there are tons of bugs (flu, pneumonia, etc.) out there. Please dress accordingly and stay safe and warm. Hope to see you at the Membership Meeting on Feb. 20th, 2017 at the Montevideo Community Center. Yes, this is a Monday night...they were booked on Tuesdays.

Thank you, Monica Engen, President

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Membership Meeting February Lunch Servers **Board Meeting**

Monday, February 20th, 2017 at the Montevideo Community Center, 7:00 PM Doug and Marilyn Norman, Chip Grube, Erwin and Carol Winter.

Thursday, March 2nd, 2017, Montevideo Chamber of Commerce, 7:00 PM Raffle Ticket Sales - Ole and Lena Days - MN West Campus Granite Falls - Morning of Saturday, February 4, 2017 August 18th-20th, 2017

Heritage Hill 2017 Threshing Show

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: January 17th, 2017 – Bob Schultz, Secretary

President Engen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Montevideo VFW.

Quorum: 32 Members Present Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bob Schultz reviewed the minutes of the November 15th, 2016 Membership Meeting, as recorded by Secretary Engen. M/S/P Sellman/Bergquist to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Les Bergquist presented and explained both the December Treasurer's Report for December and the Year End Financial Report. M/S/P Hegna/Roe to approve the report.

- Montevideo City Tractor Display: A representative of Karl Unnasch Custom Artwork made a presentation to the group. The City of Montevideo has commissioned him to do a stain glass display using the McCormick Deering 10-20 tractor given to the city by Heritage Hill. It will have large stained glass murals of Montevideo locations on the wheels and engine sides, shielded in Lexan. It will be displayed on a permanent lighted display at the entrance to the Southtown Plaza. For an sample of Karl's work go to http://www.karlunnasch.com on the internet.
- **Tractor Drive:** A Tractor Drive has been approved by the city to take place Friday afternoon of the 2017 Threshing Show. The route will wind through Montevideo going past the many assisted living locations, avoiding main street and any highways.
- **Planning Group:** A signup sheet was passed around looking for people willing to form a group to brainstorm ideas for the 2017 show. Please sign up if you feel you can contribute.
- Queen Reunion: Carmen Haugen is planning a celebration saluting 30 years of Threshing Queens to be held in conjunction with the 2017 Threshing Show. Sally Phillips Helling is also helping to compile the contact information list for our former Queens. Please help them any way you can.
- Steam Train: Chip Grube was contacted by Jeff Lund on the possibility of having a steam locomotive and cars on a track at Heritage Hill. This would be extremely expensive. Kyle Ashling suggested reaching out to area railroading clubs in the vicinity to gauge any interest and possible support. The subject was tabled for the time being.
- Chapel Help: Heritage Hill would like to find a volunteer to help Gerald Loe with our chapel. Please contact President Engen if you are interested.
- Raffle Ticket Sales: We will be selling raffle tickets at the Ole and Lena days in Granite Falls on February 4th in the morning at the MN West Campus Granite Falls. The show at LQPV High School has been cancelled. Kyle Ashling will check into the possibility of selling at the Dawson event.
- Lunch List: A new lunch list is being passed around as the old one was lost. Please re-sign up for your desired meeting in 2017.
- **Grounds Help:** Jim Roe stated we still need people to help with the various buildings at Heritage Hill. The school and the house are two places that come to mind. If you can help, please step forward and contact Jim.
- Forms for Newsletter: Please remember to turn in your forms to continue to receive a printed copy of the monthly newsletter. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you can get it on the internet. Forms are printed on page 3 of last month's newsletter.
- Raffle Tickets: Scott Thissen has raffle tickets for next year's show. Please see Scott to take some tickets to sell. It is an important fundraiser for the club.
- Lunch Servers: Lunch Servers for February are Doug and Marilyn Norman, Chip Grube, and Erwin and Carol Winter
- Next Membership Meeting: Monday, February 20th, 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Please note the day of the week and location change
- Adjournment: M/S/P Molde/Stegeman.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: February 2nd, 2017 – Bob Schultz, Secretary

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President Engen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce facility.

Quorum: Present – Engen, Hegna, Ashling, Johnson, Thissen, Grube, Bergquist, Schultz. Guests were Mick Sellman, Jim Roe, Sally Phillips Helling, and Kevin Stegeman.

Secretary Schultz read the minutes of the January 5th, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. M/S/P Grube/Hegna to approve the minutes.

No Treasurer's report was submitted.

- **Fellow Club Interest:** President Engen reported there is interest, by some members of other area antique machinery clubs, in participation and brainstorming ideas for the support and growth of their and our threshing shows. Members from Twin Brooks, SD, Lake Lillian MN, and Cass Lake MN have expressed such interest. President Engen will continue to communicate with these groups. The goal is to come up with ideas that would benefit our show in August.
- Schedule for Friday of the Show: The schedule for Friday of this year's Threshing Show was discussed at length. The Board of Directors will continue to firm up the day's schedule as more input from Kibble Equipment and auctioneer Randy Fragodt is forthcoming.
- Items for the Auction: Items to be put on the Consignment Auction on Friday morning of the show, (including some possible items from outside the membership of the club), were discussed. Auctioneer Randy Fragodt will be attending the next membership meeting, so if you have some questions on something you might consider consigning, it would be wise to attend the February 20th Membership Meeting at the Montevideo Community Center at 7:00 PM.
- Saturday Evening: The group discussed the possibility of having a band for an event on Saturday night. The hours of 7:00 to 11:00 PM were suggested. Members have expressed their financial support of such an event. There was much discussion as to the band, possible food and beverage opportunities, along with possible logistic issues this might create. This could be a major fundraiser for the club. M/S/P Grube/Johnson to bring plans for this event to the membership at our February membership meeting
- National Anthem: Dorothy Doering, a professional singer and Montevideo High School graduate, has agreed to perform vocally during the Queen Coronation and other times at our show. She could perform the National Anthem all three days also. We will be honoring Veterans during the show, and will designate a "Honorary Member" during the show and would make this an annual tradition.
- **People Hauler use:** The people at Ice Castle would like to use one of our people haulers for their annual Ice Fishing Contest at Lac Qui Parle Lake. The signs have been updated on the people haulers and threshing machines and it would be an advertising opportunity for our show. The Board is amenable to this.
- **Machinery Pete:** Greg Peterson, aka "Machinery Pete" has expressed an interest in attending our show. His schedule is not firm yet, but if we could get him here this would be good PR for our event.
- Church Help: Next year the Allis Chalmers/Rumley line will be featured. It was suggested that we should start looking earlier for submissions for a feature tractor/tractors for the 2018 show.
- **Show Marketing:** A group of members have expressed an interest in helping Gerald and Waunita in advertising and using multiple media(s) to publicize our show. This group will approach Gerald and Waunita with their ideas and offer their help and support in this important task.
- Club WC Allis: The club's Allis Chalmers WC has a cracked block and head and is in poor shape. It will be bought up at the next meeting that a member is interested in restoring the tractor.
- **Evening Steamer Ride:** Jeff Lund inquired about the possibly of having a moonlight hayride behind a steam engine at our show. It will be brought up at the next meeting.
- Club Audit: Les Bergquist discussed the annual audit. M/S/P Bergquist/Grube to enlist Gerald Kleene, Bob Lerohl and Sally Phillips Helling to be on the audit committee. Hopefully the audit will start in March.
- **Spring Cleaning at the Hill:** It was recommended that a Spring Cleaning day be held on Saturday, May 20th at 9:00 AM. This will most likely coincide with the first mowing of the grounds for 2017. We could also mark everything that we hope to sell at the Auction at that time.
- Raffle Sales: If you are willing to help, please pick up Raffle Tickets from Scott Thissen. It is important that we all help in this major fundraiser.
- Next Membership Meeting: Monday, February 20th, 2017, at the Community Center in Montevideo, MN at 7 pm. *Please note the change in venue!!*
- Lunch servers for February 20th: Doug and Marilyn Norman, Chip Grube, Erwin and Carol Winter.
- Next Board of Directors meeting: Thursday, March 2nd at the Chamber of Commerce offices at 7:00 PM.
- Newsletter Processing: Tuesday, February 14th at The Rivers at 9:00 AM.
- Adjournment: M/S/P Ashling/Hegna to adjourn the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JANUARY 2017

Financial Statement: January 1, 2017

Internal Accounts		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
(\$6,542.25)	General Fund	\$2,506.32	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$411.90	Building Fund	\$20,966.38	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$4,072.99	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$190.30	Chile Cook-off	\$23,472.70	TOTAL
\$13,839.76	Farming Fund		
\$11,500.00	Insurance Fund		
\$23,472.70	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$23,472.70 Balance: January 1, 2017

<u>RECEIPTS</u>			DISBURSEMENTS
\$90.00	Due Membership	(\$272.26)	Electricity
\$4.37	Interest	(\$622.95)	Button
\$26.00	Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$232.00)	Office/Postage
\$220.00	Newsletter Donations	(\$50.98)	Repairs
\$18,166.55	Soybean Sales	(\$1,178.19)	TOTAL
\$18,506.92	TOTAL		

\$40,801.43 Balance: January 31, 2017

Financial Statement: January 31, 2017

Internal Accounts		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$7,126.24	General Fund	\$2,831.16	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$411.90	Building Fund	\$37,970.27	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$4,072.99	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$190.30	Chile Cook-off	\$40,801.43	TOTAL
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\$40,801.43	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

Here is a couple of pictures of a JD "Spoker D" restored by a new friend of mine named Ken Nicklas. Ken was born in Canada but moved to and still resides in Kooralbyn, Australia. He is a tractor service technician at a large facility in Chesterfield, Australia. Ken recently found a fuel system part I needed to return my JD 730 to stock.

