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FEBRUARY 2018<http://www.heritagehill.us><https://www.facebook.com/heritagehillshow>**Directors**Kyle Ashling
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Thanks are extended to Kenneth and Sharon Rupp, Granite Falls, for offering to donate a wood constructed silo to Heritage Hill, currently located on Sharon's family farm near Lismore, Nobles County. The Board of Directors considered the offer, but due to the silo's current condition, the offer was declined. This silo was interesting as its outer shell was covered horizontally with barn siding, which was most likely steam heated prior to installation, a means of bending the wood. Most wood silos were constructed with vertical cedar or redwood. A silo is an airtight structure that holds fresh chopped grass, corn, or sometimes other plant material, with moisture contents between 50 and 60 percent, subsequently fermenting into high quality preserved feed for ruminant animals. Ensilage was first publicized in the United States in the late 19th century and became prevalent as the dairy industry became widespread. Silos have been constructed in horizontal pits or vertical structures. Early silos were sometime constructed inside a barn, rectangular in shape, and of wood construction. These were quickly supplanted by round vertical silos located outside the barn, usually located where it could be filled with relative ease, and close to the livestock feeding facilities. Silo construction materials varied over the years from wood to curved brick, hollow tile and galvanized iron. In about 1910 concrete stave silo construction became the predominant construction choice, followed by the Harvestore silos in the later 20th century.

This is the time of the year when insurance coverage at Heritage Hill become a front and center topic of conversation at the Board of Director meeting, as the annual property and liability insurance policy renewals are imminent. The premium affordability is of constant concern to the organization. Since the inception of Heritage Hill liability insurance premiums and availability of insurance has remained relatively constant, mostly thanks, in part, to the lack of claims. The property insurance premium has steadily and proportionately increased over the years as improvements to Heritage Hill have been completed. Thanks are extended to our good friends at Leenthrop Farmers Mutual Insurance and North Star Mutual Insurance for providing continued coverage for the past 18 years. The evolution of mutual insurance companies is rather interesting as the industry developed and grew mostly out of necessity. Property insurance policies were often unaffordable or non-existent for early pioneers. The first mutual insurance company in the United States was organized in 1752 in Philadelphia – 25 years before the Declaration of Independence was written, and 40 years before a stock insurance company was organized. Benjamin Franklin developed the idea that people might voluntarily bind together and help one another when a severe loss occurred. That first company was called The Philadelphia Contribution for the Insurance of Houses Against Loss by Fire. Benjamin Franklin was on its board of directors. The first farm mutual insurance company in Minnesota was Vasa-Spring Garden Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, located in Goodhue County, and founded by Swedish immigrants in 1860. By 1897, the Minnesota Department of Insurance counted 114 farm mutual companies writing insurance policies and in 1914, there were 156 township mutual fire insurance companies. The early pioneers of mutual insurance companies recognized that people in rural areas experienced less claims and related losses than large city dwellers, therefore rural residents should be deserving of lower premiums. Mutual insurance companies are owned by policyholders. All profits are returned to the policyholders in the form of a dividend or a reduction in future premiums. Stockholder companies are owned by stockholders who invest into the insurance companies.

**I hope to see you at the February 19, 2018 membership meeting. Take care, Leslie Bergquist, Treasurer**

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Membership Meeting	Monday, February 19 th , 7:00 PM @ the Montevideo Community Center
Board Meeting	Thursday, March 1 st , 7:00 PM @ Chamber of Commerce Office
Servers for February	Doug and Marilyn Norman, Curt and MaryAnn Berg
Montevideo Lions – Circus	Thursday, June 7 th , 2018 @ Heritage Hill
Heritage Hill 2018 Threshing Show	August 17 th – 19 th , 2018

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: January 16, 2017 – Bob Schultz, Secretary

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

There was a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bob Schultz reviewed the minutes of the November 21st, 2017 Membership Meeting. M/S/P Les Bergquist/Doug Chip Grube to approve the minutes.

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

- **Positions Filled:** Some positions have been filled for the 2018 show. Wes Thompson has agreed to be the show Announcer/Coordinator. Gerald Kleene will handle the Tractor Pull and Commemorative items. Waunita Kanten and Sally Phillips Helling will chair the print advertising and the Show Guide coordination. Beth Finn will handle the Queen Coronation and trackside food. Karen Kleene will be in charge of tractor registration and clothing sales. She will need at least one more helper. We still need someone for the popcorn stand and a Sales Chairman for the raffle ticket sales. Also, Dorraine Thompson will need some help in the kitchen to replace Karen as she is chairing tractor registration.
- **Planning Group:** Sally Phillips Helling talked about the Planning Group meetings. They have put together an electronic listing of contacts for possible advertisers and financial support. Sponsorship this year will be more general, not designated for the tractor pull. Sponsors will receive two free passes, and there will be an area for yard signs.
- **Members:** Several members and their current situations were discussed. Art Benjamin, Elsie Holtan and Ramona Bangsund are currently in Senior Living facilities. Lifetime member, Donald Dambrotten passed away recently.
- **Ole and Lena Days:** Ole and Lena Days will be held Saturday, February 3rd from 8:00AM to 12:00 noon. It is a good venue to sell raffle tickets.
- **Fragodt Auctioneering:** Fragodt's (www.fragodtauctions.com) have listed the **2ND ANNUAL CONSIGNMENT AUCTION AT HERITAGE HILL** for Saturday, August 18th starting at 9:00 AM. That is incorrect. Chip will contact the folks at Fragodt's to get that date corrected to Friday, August 17th. Also, please be aware that the consignor receives the money for their item. Heritage Hill makes nothing.
- **Picture Frames:** We need to get a couple of frames for the past Presidents and Queen's photographs. Some recall Glen Hilden making and contributing one but we need a second even if we find the first.
- **Events Scheduled:** The following requests to use the HH facilities have been received: June 2nd - a Graduation party, June 30th, July 1st – Jim Roe's Birthday party, July 14th – Monica Engen gathering.
- **Lions Club Circus:** Wes has met with the Lions Club coordinators for the June 7th circus at Heritage Hill. Wes states so far it is a go.
- **Kibbles Clinics:** Chad Arends has indicated that Kibble's will not be doing a Planter Clinic here as it occurs to early in the year for an outside event. The tentative plan is for the next Combine Clinic to occur during the **2019** show.
- **Commemoratives:** Gerald Kleene is seeking bids on the 2018 Commemorative Cups and plaques.
- **Dues: Please pay your 2018 dues!!!**
- **Thanksgiving Service Report:** Discussion on the 2017 Thanksgiving service occurred. Based on the attendance, do we want to have a Service again next year?
- **President Issue:** As of yet, no one has stepped up to be president. Does anyone have an interest?
- **Wooden Silo:** Kimm Jacobson and Ken Rupp (from Granite Falls) talked about a vintage silo that Ken's family would like to offer to our club. They would like a commemorative plaque on it. It is located near Lismore MN, (7 miles north of Adrian). It would take a fairly concerted effort to get it here intact.
- **Fairbanks Morse Building:** Some windows on the Fairbanks building have been blown out. They need to be either repaired or replaced. (possibly with plexi-glass)
- **Shingle Mill:** It is believed that the shingle mill needs the blade sharpened. This should probably be coordinated with Denny and Patty Kurtzbein.
- **Annual Audit:** We need a couple of volunteers to help with the 2017 audit.
- **Thank You:** Thank you to Terry Hubble for the fine job you've done on baiting and controlling the "critters" at the show site. We all hope your recovery is going well and you are feeling well!

- **Engine for Sawmill:** Kimm Jacobson expressed concern that Jeff Lund will not be bringing a steamer to power the sawmill. The assumption is that the DeZeeuw machine from Pipestone can handle that, but the board will have to do some checking. We have not ruled out having both machines.
- **Raffle Tickets:** Raffle Tickets are available for sale. We still need a ticket coordinator.
- **Next Board of Director's Meeting:** Thursday, February 1st @ 7:00 PM @ the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce Office.
- **Next Membership Meeting:** Monday, February 19th @ 7:00 PM in the Montevideo Community Center.
- **Servers for February:** Doug and Marilyn Norman, Curt and Mary Ann Berg.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Wesley Thompson/Richard Emch to adjourn.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: February 1, 2018 – Bob Schultz, Secretary

The Board of Directors met Thursday, February 1st, 2018 @ 7:00 PM at the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce building. Vice President Hegna called the meeting to order.

Present were Kyle Ashling, Orlynn Hegna, Les Bergquist, Chip Grube, Scott Thissen, Dustin Johnson and Bob Schultz.

Guests were Mick Sellman, Jim Roe and Sally Phillips Helling.

Secretary Bob Schultz presented the minutes of the January 4th, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. M/S/P Chip Grube/Les Bergquist to approve the minutes.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

- **Member Update:** Sonja Norman has both Strain A and B Influenza, Art Benjamin is doing well and hopes to be at meetings shortly.
- **Ole and Lena Days:** Gene Zeller, Dustin Jonson and Orlynn Hegna (in another booth) will be at Ole and Lena Days this Saturday morning to sell raffle tickets. Scott Thissen will see that a poster is available.
- **990 Review:** MS/P Bob Schultz/Scott Thissen to approve the 990 Reports. They will be put on the website.
- **Conflict of Interest/Document Retention & Destruction/Whistle Blower Policy:** M/S/P Chip Grube/Les Bergquist to reapprove these 3 documents for 2018.
- **Audit Committee:** Sally Phillips Helling and Jim Roe will meet on Monday (before the membership meeting), January 19th @ 6:30 PM to audit the 2017 Treasurer's report.
- **Silo Decision:** After much discussion, M/S/P Les Bergquist/Scott Thissen to decline the offer of the wooden silo by Kenneth and Sharon Rupp of Granite Falls. We thank them for their generous offer.
- **Fire Truck:** The Boyd Fire Department has offered to give us their Ford Louisville fire truck as a replacement for our old water truck. M/S/P Chip Grube/Dustin Johnson to accept their offer with our thanks. We will be keeping the Boyd Fire Department logos on the truck.
- **Steiner Tractor:** Chip Grube has completed and submitted the Steiner Tractor forms requesting the amount of various free materials for our 2018 show. A big thank you to the generous folks at Steiner Tractor!
- **Orange Spectacular in Hutchinson:** We intend to have some members showing their Allis Chalmers equipment at the Orange Spectacular in Hutchinson July 27th – 29th 2018. Having been given their club's blessings, we will be using this time to make attendees aware of our show featuring Allis Chalmers in August.
- **Bill's Supermarket:** Bob will be checking with Bill's Supermarket (Bill Pauling) about the possibility of them providing and barbecuing burgers/etc. for our 2018 show.
- **Nominating Committee:** We are in need of a nominating committee to seek candidates for the October 2018 elections. The nominating committee is to be someone other than existing officers. This is a great opportunity to serve YOUR club.
- **Trackside Food;** Alternate ideas were discussed for trackside food for the evening events. Possibilities discussed included tacos in a bag and pulled pork sandwiches.
- **Advertising:** Sally Phillips Helling discussed advertising opportunities for 2018. There are several free opportunities in publications like the Farm and Ranch Guide. She has contacted various local newspapers about them listing our meetings in their Community Calendar events sections. The possibility of advertising soon for flea market vendors, or swap vendors was discussed. Appearing in the Montevideo American News Profile Section edition is possible if we buy an ad. Sally presented the idea of ordering business cards for the 2018 show. M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Dustin Johnson to order 500 business size cards for the show for right approximately \$20.
- **Live Streaming:** We will not be live streaming our Regular Membership Meetings. Instead they will be recorded, edited and published at a later time on our Facebook page @ <https://www.facebook.com/hhmembers/>.
- **Membership Newsletter:** If you know of someone not receiving a monthly newsletter, (either by email or postal service) please let Les Bergquist know.
- **Membership Dues:** Membership dues for 2018 are due to be paid. Please note the form provided in this newsletter (below) for paying your 2018 Membership dues.
- **Ice Castle Fishing Event:** Scott Thissen will contact the folks at Ice Castle to see if they want to use our people mover this year for the Ice Castle Classic on Lac qui Parle Lake.

- **Saturday Night Entertainment:** Discussion on Saturday evening entertainment for the 2018 show was held. Having a band along with a beer garden, a Saturday evening hog roast and a Polka Dance were some of the ideas discussed.
- **Raffle:** Logistics on the meat bundles was discussed. Winners will need to pick up their prizes within a couple of weeks of being awarded the prize. (Bundles will have a finite shelf life, even if frozen. Also, the butcher shop has limited freezer space.) Dustin will get a list of cuts for the 2 different bundles.
- **Fire Truck Storage:** It is our intent to clean up the center of the Powerhouse to store the new fire truck.
- **Mini Pulling Sled:** M/S/P Chip Grube/Scott Thissen to accept the donation of the mini pulling sled from Kyle Ashling & Tim Stensrud. (It is normally stored during the off season at our sight.) Thank you Kyle and Tim.
- **Next Board Meeting:** 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 1st at the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce Office.
- **Next General Membership Meeting:** Monday, February 19th @ 7:00 PM in the Montevideo Community Center.
- **Servers for February 15th Meeting:** Doug and Marilyn Norman, Curt and MaryAnn Berg.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Les Bergquist/Scott Thissen to adjourn.

NEWSLETTER MAILING NOTICE

Heritage Hill monthly newsletters processing, printing, postage and envelope costs continue to increase. Currently, it costs approximately \$30 per year to mail monthly newsletters to each household. In the future Heritage Hill will discontinue mailing newsletters unless you indicate that you wish to have your newsletter mailed.

The monthly newsletters continue to be available to you for free on one of the following websites:

- www.heritagehill.us
- www.facebook.com/heritagehillshow

Reply: For members who wish to have newsletters mailed via US Postal Service, please complete and return the following information to **Heritage Hill, Post Office Box 226, Montevideo, MN 56265, or email Les Bergquist at xyzbergquist@embarqmail.com:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Please check – I would like to have my newsletter mailed via US Postal Service.

Donation: An annual newsletter processing and mailing donation of **\$30** is suggested and would be appreciated.

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2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$15 Individual - \$25 Family

If you have not paid your 2018 membership dues, please remit by February 15 to:

Heritage Hill, Box 226, Montevideo, MN 56265

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your Heritage Hill Membership is valued and greatly appreciated by many

Thanks, Your Heritage Hill Board of Directors

TREASURER'S REPORT: JANUARY 2018

Financial Statement: January 1, 2018

Internal Accounts

\$14,162.08	General Fund
\$411.90	Building Fund
\$4,122.99	Chapel Fund
\$24,057.16	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund
\$52,754.13	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$14,725.52	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$38,028.61	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$52,754.13	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$52,754.13 **Balance: January 1, 2018**

RECEIPTS

\$8.30	Interest
\$21.00	Meeting Lunch Donation
\$70.00	Membership Dues
\$30.00	Newsletter Donation
\$129.30	TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$165.00)	Advertising
(\$79.99)	Candles - Chapel
(\$986.00)	Custom Farming Expense
(\$295.38)	Electricity
(\$25.00)	Raffle Expense
(\$16.00)	Trailer License
(\$1,567.37)	TOTAL

\$51,316.06 **Balance: January 31, 2018**

Financial Statement: January 31, 2018

Internal Accounts

\$19,361.16	General Fund
\$411.90	Building Fund
\$4,043.00	Chapel Fund
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund
\$51,316.06	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$3,279.73	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$48,036.33	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$51,316.06	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

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