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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

I write before you today with immense excitement and pleasure as we prepare for an extraordinary event that is set to attract many folks from all around. I envision our upcoming tractor show is poised to be nothing short of greatness.

This show will serve as a beacon of commitment, a celebration of our agricultural heritage, and a testament to the remarkable achievements of our hard-working members. It will bring together folks of all kinds, young and old, and enthusiasts to showcase the magnificent feats of engineering in agricultural that has gotten us where we are today. From, at the time, state-of-the-art tractors to groundbreaking solutions, this event will demonstrate the ingenuity and hardiness of our agricultural elders. It will be a platform for all to experience what a wonderful club we have built over the last 40+ years.

But this show is not just about machines; it is about the hardworking individuals who make our club thrive. It is a tribute to the farmers who tirelessly cultivate our lands, ensuring food security and nourishment for our nation. Their unwavering dedication and commitment deserve our utmost respect and admiration.

I invite each and every one of you to join us in this momentous occasion. Let us come together to celebrate our agricultural community, its rich traditions, and its remarkable contributions to our nation's progress. And most importantly, our club members tireless hours of hard work to make sure the show continues.

In the words of John F. Kennedy, "The farmer is the only man in our economy who buys everything at retail, sells everything at wholesale, and pays the freight both ways." Our tractor show is a tribute to these extraordinary individuals who play an indispensable role in our society.

Together, let us make this show a resounding success. It is a testament to our shared commitment to the prosperity and sustainable future of our great nation. Please read into the membership meeting minutes to view a list of items that need to be completed before the show. If you can help get displays ready, I know of a lot of folks showing up Wednesday June 14 to begin show preparation.

Thank you, and I look forward to an exceptional Heritage Hill show this year.

Best regards, Grant Schmieg



MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting
Heritage Days 2023
Christmas Party

Sunday, July 9, 2023, via ZOOM.
June 16 - 17, 2023
To be determined

TREASURER'S REPORT: May 2023 – Leslie Bergquist, Treasurer

Financial Statement: May 1, 2023

Internal Accounts

\$40,917.58	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$18,243.70	Farming Fund
\$108,692.30	Insurance Claim Fund
\$8,754.25	Insurance Premium Fund
\$181,475.83	

Depository Accounts

\$4,469.73	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$177,006.10	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$181,475.83	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$181,475.83 **Balance: May 1, 2023**

RECEIPTS

\$100.18	Interest
\$100.18	TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$233.88)	Electricity
(\$325.00)	Fire Wood
(\$80.00)	Office/Postage
(\$10,925.27)	Property Insurance Premium
(\$11,564.15)	TOTAL

\$170,011.86 **Balance: May 31, 2023**

Financial Statement: May 31, 2023

Internal Accounts

\$25,978.88	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$18,243.70	Farming Fund
\$108,692.30	Insurance Claim Fund
\$12,228.98	Insurance Premium Fund
\$170,011.86	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$1,905.58	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$168,106.28	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$170,011.86	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: June 4, 2023 – Elizabeth Peterson, Secretary

President Grant Schmiege called the membership meeting to order June 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm, at Heritage Hill.

Members Present: 29

Acting Secretary Grant Schmiege presented the May 2022 minutes. M/S/P Les Bergquist/Glen Coon to approve the minutes as presented.

Treasurer Les Bergquist presented the May 2023 treasurer's report. M/S/P Marshal Lagred/Mick Sellman to approve the reports.

- **Membership News:** Elsie Holtan passed away June 3, 2023 at Johnson Memorial Care Center in Dawson. Sympathy is extended to her family.
- **Elections:** ballots were handed out. M/S/P Gerald Kleene/Carla Johnson to cease additional nominations. M/S/P Karla Johnson/Orlynn Hegna to unanimously elect officers and directors as indicated on the printed ballot.

- **Facility use:** Two events are scheduled to be on the grounds; August 12th there is a booking for the kitchen facilities and August 30th there is a booking for the Chapel. If you are present conducting activities at HH during these times, 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.
- **Cedar logs:** More cedar logs are needed for down at the sawmill.
- **Things to do before the show:** There is a list of many things that need to be wrapped up before the show.
 - Displays need to be set up/prepared
 - Club equipment needs to be serviced
 - There are a few carpeted tiles from the kitchen ceiling that have been removed due to damage if anyone knows how to repair
 - Batteries for trucks on the grounds need to be acquired
 - Lawn mowing and trimming
- **Raffle Tickets:** Raffle tickets are available to sell at HH kitchen. There is a sign-up sheet to check out your book(s) of tickets.
- **Coffee cups:** Gerald Kleene has ordered this year's coffee cups. Thanks is extended to him for getting this done.
- **Storm damage update:** Gerald Kleene provided an update to the storm damage and repairs. Ryan Michaels plans to start with repairs to the house since there have been leaks noted. Repairs are expected to start Thursday, June 8th. Repairs will also be done to the Barnaal building. It is hoped they will be done prior to the show but there is a possibility he will have to pause work and resume after the show.
- **Insurance policy updates:** Les Bergquist provided updates to HH insurance policies. Liability and property have both been renewed. Property insurance has increased to \$10,9925.27 per year. This increase is due to the rising costs of labor and materials.
- **Dissolution update:** Les Bergquist reported on the proposed dissolution after the letter was sent to the membership in January 2023. There are no updates to report since the April meeting. We are still open to anyone who may have ideas or a comprehensive plan to get the club back on track. There is a meeting with an attorney set for July 2023 for legal advice and to discuss options.
- **Lawn Mowing:** Dustin Johnson addressed lawn mowing on the grounds. Date is set for Saturday, June 10th for the final mow before the show. Anyone who has zero terns or trimming equipment is invited to join. Please watch your emails for further details.
- **Election Results:** Congratulations to our board members, both returning and newly elected
 - President: Grant Schmieg
 - Vice President: Glen Coon
 - Secretary: Elizabeth Peterson
 - Treasurer: Leslie Bergquist
 - Directors:
 - Kyle Ashling
 - Chantel Hamann
 - Rebecca Miller
 - Ex-Officio: Chip Grube
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Marshal Lagred/Les Bergquist



DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: June 4, 2023 – Elizabeth Peterson, Secretary

President Grant Schmieg called the membership meeting to order June 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Present were Grant Schmieg, Becky Miller, Liz Peterson, Glen Coon, Chip Grube, Les Bergquist, Liz Ashling, Kyle Ashling, Marshal Lagred.

No May 2023 Directors' Meeting minutes to report.

Treasurer Bergquist presented the Treasurer Report M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Marshal Lagred

Acting Secretary Schmieg presented the Secretary Report M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Chip Grube

- **Insurance:** Looking at cost of insurance, it has gone up around 25%, which is discouraging given the position that HH is currently in.
- **Gate:** Gerald Kleene addressed the board that he had contacted the 4-H club in regards to manning the gate. They will be tasked with collecting the free will donations at the gate as well as helping direct traffic and parking.
- **Ideas for sustainability:** Gerald Kleene approached the board with a couple ideas as far as entertainment or events that could be held at the show grounds to bring in attendance. He expressed that he will reach out and have conversations and try and get numbers together for costs to the club.

- The Lions Club Circus - this has been held previously on the grounds and brought in a large crowd.
 - Extreme Bull Riding
 - **Show Preparations:** Show prep will begin on June 14th. There are a lot of behind-the-scenes things that need to be taken care of:
 - Mowing and trimming
 - Cleaning of all buildings
 - Servicing all club equipment
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 - **Advertising:** Grant did an interview for KDMA that will air. KLQP in Madison has also been running ads. Some corrections need to be made in regards to events and dates. Becky Miller has volunteered to contact the station to follow up. KLQP has also reached out in regards to being remote from the show again this year.
 - **Queen:** The daughter of Duane Jaenisch has offered to be queen this year. The crown and sash are on order.
 - **Building security:** Due to the vandalism that occurred at last years show, the Chapel, Schoolhouse, and Log Cabin will be unlocked at 8am and be locked up around supper time.
 - **Tractor Drive:** There has been many people that reached out in regards to the tractor drive. After brief discussion, it was agreed the tractor drive would run on Thursday. Start time will be 3:30pm from the show grounds. Grant offered to reach out to Brookside, Luther Haven, and Toppers. Kyle offered to reach out to the city manager so they are aware. Liz A. will put out a Facebook announcement/advertisement.
 - **Entertainment:** It was brought up that there are some concerns with the lack of entertainment in the evenings. It was asked if Dave Evenson, who will be running music during the day, would be available and willing to do possible DJ-ing/music through Friday evening. Chip Grube said he would reach out and ask.
 - **Adjournment:** M/S/P Les Bergquist/Kyle Ashling
- Next Directors Meeting will be via Zoom on July 9th at 7pm.**

Dissolution Letter Update – June 15, 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 current 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. At the June 4 membership meeting, approximately 29 members were present for addition discussion regarding possible dissolution. Again, a few questions were asked and discussed. To date, no member, or group of members, have 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. Based on legal advice, any recommendation formulated by the HH Board of Directors will require approval from the HH membership. Updates will be available via future newsletters and membership meetings. Feel free to contact President Grant Schmieg, 605-291-9551 or Treasurer Leslie Bergquist, 320-226-7878, with questions, concerns, or any comprehensive plan of action. Thank you.