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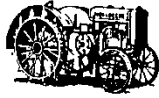
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**PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:**

Hello to all Heritage Hill Members! As the weeks go by, the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Heritage Hill Threshing Show is now only about a month away! Personally, I am becoming very excited and can hardly wait. Like always time goes fast and the show time will arrive in a flash. Although preparations continue, numerous threshing show details have been completed. The lawn has now been mowed for the first time and as always regular mowings will be needed throughout the spring and summer. The buildings are slowly being prepared. The band has been procured, the tractor pulls have been scheduled, and numerous other projects are nearing completion. May has started off unseasonably cool but warmer weather ahead can be anticipated. No doubt higher temperatures will be found come mid-June as we look forward to the 2021 Heritage Hill Threshing Show on Father's Day weekend!

Last weekend I had the opportunity when out at the show grounds to plant corn. Appreciation is extended to the Chippewa County Commissioners for the continued use of the county land. Appreciation is also extended to Mustang Seeds for the donation of the seed corn. A six-row planter was used for the seeding, and I tell you what, 46 acres did not seem like much until I was about 4 hours into the project. Needless to say, after dodging a rain and planting late into the night, the corn was planted.... many hours after anticipated! While planting that field, especially on the hilltops, it reminded me of one thing from my childhood: Rocks. On top of just about every hill, which there were many, there were rocks everywhere! Big ones, small ones, you name it. As a kid, my uncle would make my cousin and I pick rocks in his fields, for what seemed like an eternity. We drove around a John Deere gator and threw the rocks in the back. Sometimes, it would take the both of us to lift one into the bed of the gator, but we usually got it accomplished. It would probably be safe to say, while every commodity producer is completing their annual rock picking task, the question of emerging rocks is pondered. There is a reason rocks continue to reappear: Frost heaving. Freezing temperatures penetrates the soil from top to bottom, rock is a better heat conductor than the surrounding soil and therefore a pillar of soil, or really water in soil, under each rock will freeze more efficiently/faster than the surrounding soil. The freezing process actually continues by sourcing water from outside the pillar creating an ice lens. Since water expands when it freezes this frozen pillar/ice lens will lift the rock relative to the surrounding soil. Over time the rock will move towards the surface, the direction of least resistance. Picking rocks did not seem too fun at the moment, but I would give up a lot to go back in time and enjoy those warm spring evenings picking rocks out in the bare fields.



Sympathy is extended to Richard Emch, Sr and family on their loss of Richard Emch, Jr. who died on March 22. Sympathy is also extended to the Patty Kurtzbein and family on their loss of Denny Kurtzbein, who died on May 5. Their dedication and volunteerism will be greatly missed by many. Blessed be their memories.

I hope all Moms had a happy Mother's Day! Also, Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday to Arlene Grube. If you are not aware, Arlene is the one who helps process the newsletters every month, folding, labeling and stamping envelopes, and sending the envelopes off to your mailbox. Thank you for your hard work Arlene! Your services to Heritage Hill are greatly appreciated by many.

**See you all at the membership meeting, best regards, Grant Schmieg, President**

## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

<b>Membership Meeting</b> <i>COVID-19 Precautions Recommended</i>	Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Monday, June 6, 2021 6:00 pm at Heritage Hill
<b>Heritage Days 2021</b>	June 18 - 19, 2021
<b>Christmas Party</b>	December 4, 2021.

## THRESHING SHOW CHAIRS

The following members have agreed to serve as committee chairs during the threshing show:

**Announcer** – Jordan Zeller/Leslie Bergquist  
**Antique Automobile** – Open  
**Audio** - Daniel Winter/Garret Winter  
**Barnaal Building** – Floyd Kanten/Richard Emch  
**Blacksmith** – Dan Poach  
**Camping** – Open  
**Chapel Service** – James Roe  
**Children Activities** – Liz Ashling/Brenda Ashling  
**Concession Stand** – Beth Finn  
**Corn Sheller** – Farm Committee  
**Dust Control** – Orlynn Hegna  
**Fairbanks-Morse Building** – Glen Coon  
**Food Service Pulling Track** – Food Truck  
**Gate Admission** – Scott Thissen  
**Hagen House** – Karen Kleene  
**Hanson Building Displays** – OPEN  
**Lawn Mower Pull** – Kyle Ashling/Tim Stensrud  
**Log Cabin** – Ron Molde  
**Music** – Daniel Winter  
**National Anthem** – Sally Philips  
**Parade** – Mick Sellman

**People Movers** – John Lyngen; Gary Olson  
**Pedal Pull** – Waunita Kanten  
**Portable Toilets** – Chip Grube  
**Queen Program** – Beth Finn  
**Registration/Office** – Jackie Coon  
**Sawmill** – Kim Jacobson  
**Schoolhouse** – Open  
**Shingle Mill/Planing** – Jon Chase  
**Merchandise Sales** – OPEN  
**Small Engines** – Kyle Ashling/Lannie Ashling  
**Steam Engine** – Earl Dezeeuw/Curtis Dezeeuw. Scott Vouk  
**Swap Vendors** – Lannie Ashling  
**Threshing** – Farming Committee  
**Tractor Display** – Open  
**Tractor Drive** – Stephen Coon/Dustin Johnson  
**Threshers' Kitchen** – Food Truck  
**Toy Building** – Stephen Coon  
**Train Building** – Marlys Heath  
**Tractor Pull** – By Committee

If you have not registered to help on one of the committees, please contact the listed chair to volunteer your services.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: May 2, 2021 Dustin Johnson, Acting Secretary

President Grant Schmiege called the meeting to order 2:00 p.m. at the parade bleachers at Heritage Hill. This is the April membership meeting, originally scheduled for April 20, but postponed due to weather.

17 members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Grant Schmiege read the March 2021 Treasurer's report. M/S/P Kyle Ashling / Glen Coon to approve the report.

Grant Schmiege read the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. M/S/P Kyle Ashling / Glen Coon to approve the minutes.

- **Secretary position:** Still open.
- **IH Collectors:** The group is excited to attend our show this year and bring tractors. Grant Schmiege and Chantel Hamann had positive feedback when they attended the IH Collectors meeting in Arlington MN.
- **Need workers for the show:** The following positions were listed as needing to be filled for the show: shingle mill, planer, house, cabin, school, parade, Fairbanks-Morse engine. A few members volunteered to help. This is not a complete list of all the jobs that need to be done during the show, and more volunteers are needed.
- **Food at show:** President Schmiege summarized the food service situation and discussion that the directors have had. There was discussion about the extra regulations this year, the added expense and effort required for individual single-serve packaging, and the challenge with predicting attendance for order quantities. M/S/P Gerald Kleene / Glen Coon to approve the directors' recommendation for this year's show of not opening the Threshers' Kitchen and using a food truck with an agreement that Heritage Hill gets 10% of the net profit.

- **Band:** The band Canyon Cowboys has been booked to perform Friday night of the show. They will play for 2 hours for a cost of \$1,200.
- **Tractor Pulls:** All tractor pulls have been booked for Saturday of the show. The kiddie pull will be at 3:00, the lawn mower pull at 5:00, and the full-size tractor pull at 7:00.
- **Lawn Mowing:** Mowing at Heritage Hill has been scheduled for Sat. May 8 in the morning. Those who cannot attend may mow part of the grounds earlier in the week.
- **Bleachers:** Parker Thissen is working on the bleachers as his Eagle Scout Project. Due to the current high cost of lumber, he is only replacing the worst boards. It was suggested that for part of his project, he should provide a written recommendation how to best preserve the wood so it lasts long into the future.
- **Advertising:** Connie Reinert has advertisements in progress. There are posters printed and available for distribution.
- **¼ Scale Steam Engine:** Chantel Hamann has lined up a ¼ scale steam engine from Rollag to be at our show for one day.
- **Raffle:** Tickets have been printed and will be available at meetings for members to sign out books to sell.
- **Meeting:** The next membership meeting is scheduled for Tue. May 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Hill.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Kyle Ashling / Chantel Hamann to adjourn.

## DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: May 2, 2021 Dustin Johnson, Acting Secretary

President Grant Schmiege called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:00 on Sunday May 2, 2021 at Heritage Hill under the outside picnic shelter.

Board members present were Grant Schmiege, Dustin Johnson, Kyle Ashling, and Chantel Hamann.

The minutes of the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board of Directors meeting had been read during the preceding membership meeting and were not repeated.

The April 2021 Treasurer's Report was not available.

- **Radio Ads:** Schmiege has been in contact with Andy Coulter of KDMA Radio about ads for the show. KDMA has non-profit rates available. The best time for effective ads on KDMA is during Tradio, funeral announcements, and sports, so it would be best to get those spots. Schmiege will also put Connie Reinert in touch with KDMA to coordinate with her advertising effort.
- **Food Service:** Ashling will lock in the food truck he has been in contact with for the show. There was discussion about whether or not to open the popcorn stand. This can be decided next month. Maybe it would be a good idea to find another food vendor that sells desserts and treats, such as the dairy association, instead of opening the popcorn stand.
- **Campground:** Relocating the campground will be postponed until at least next year.
- **Generator Donation:** Pioneer Critical Power out of Minneapolis will donate a generator to use during the show. It will be used to supplement the power for campers. This donation was coordinated by Heritage Hill members James Lee and Alex Lamkin who work for Pioneer Critical Power.
- **Tractor Drive:** Stephen Coon has started contacting care facilities in Montevideo so they can be prepared with spectators for the tractor drive on Thursday before the show. The back room at Toppers has been reserved for that evening for any tractor drive participants who want supper.
- **Audio:** Dan Winter will provide audio for the show and tractor pulls.
- **Toy Building:** Space has been prepared in the Toy Building for Lowell Haff to move and set up the farm site display he is donating.
- **Propane Tank Repair:** The propane tank by the Holton Powerhouse has a leaking valve. Ashling will coordinate with Hutt Oil to have it repaired.
- **Show Schedule:** Connie would like a show schedule to publish. It is hard to solidify a schedule without knowing the extent of volunteers and activities at the show. The big events, such as the tractor drive and tractor pulls are scheduled. The smaller activities will not be scheduled this year, but we will try to announce them over the public address system during the show.
- **Covid Requirements:** Plan to put up signs about wearing face masks as needed per the requirements at the time of the show. The requirements will need to be reviewed close to the show to make sure we are up-to-date with changes.
- **Plowing and Field demonstrations:** The fields north and south of the show grounds have been seeded with ½ rate of wheat. They will be used for plowing demonstrations during the show and then re-seeded. There may need to be some way to regulate the amount plowed so that all who want to demonstrate, including the steam engines, get a chance before it is all plowed up.
- **House:** The floor boards of the front porch are rotten. It was decided to temporarily reinforce the entry path to the door and rope off the rest of the porch for this year's show, then fix it next year.

- **Bathrooms and Garbage Service:** Portable restrooms will need to be lined up from Clean Site for the show. A dumpster also needs to be lined up. The dumpster should be larger than in the past so it doesn't fill up as fast and need to be emptied as often. It would be best to put the dumpster near the food service area to minimize transportation of trash. A volunteer will be needed to empty trash cans around the grounds.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Johnson/Ashling to adjourn

## TREASURER'S REPORT: April 2021

### Financial Statement: April 1, 2021

#### Internal Accounts

\$26,735.55	General Fund
\$4,523.00	Chapel Fund
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund
<b>\$58,758.55</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### Depository Accounts

\$4,112.34	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$54,646.21	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$58,758.55</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

### Operating Statement

**\$58,758.55**      **Balance: April 1, 2021**

#### RECEIPTS

\$35.00	Donation
\$4.43	Interest
\$340.00	Membership Dues
\$1,165.60	USDA Payment
<b>\$1,545.03</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

(\$194.80)	Electricity
(\$953.12)	Liability Insurance Premium
(\$7,014.56)	Property Insurance Premium
(\$51.30)	Waste Removal
<b>(\$8,213.78)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$52,089.80**      **Balance: April 30, 2021**

### Financial Statement: April 30, 2021

#### Internal Accounts

\$26,833.88	General Fund
\$4,558.00	Chapel Fund
\$18,665.60	Farming Fund
\$2,032.32	Insurance Fund
<b>\$52,089.80</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### Depository Accounts

\$4,439.16	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$47,650.64	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$52,089.80</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

**Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer**

Congratulation is extended to **Katelynne Ashling** who will be graduating on Sunday, May 30 from Dawson-Boyd High School. Katelynn has been accepted to attend South Dakota State University and plans to major in counseling and social work. All Heritage Hill members are invited to attend her open house graduation reception, Friday May 28, 4:00 to 7:00 pm, at her home 2225 361<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Montevideo.

