

PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Ever since the Threshers' Kitchen was constructed at Heritage Hill in 2000, 18 years ago already, the facility has served the needs of the organization quite well, at many levels. The facility is particularly useful every month for meetings, except during the winter. On one hand the facility is well suited for winter meeting conditions, but gaining access to the building when snow surrounds the building becomes a challenge. With no membership meeting in December, the directors decided long ago to hold January, February, and March meetings somewhere other than Heritage Hill. That plan worked well until this past month with record breaking April snow events. It was unfortunate that the April membership meeting needed to be canceled, but there were many logistics that prevented the meeting from being rescheduled elsewhere. Oh well, May is here and so is spring. Who knows, Spring 2018 may be shortest spring on record.

Agriculture production first started in the United States with individual subsistent farming units. Each farm produced enough crops to feed the livestock and poultry; milk, eggs, vegetables, livestock and poultry produced were the main source of food for the family. Any extra commodities produced were sold for extra household and farm needs. Farmers were jacks of many trades. As mechanized agriculture evolved so did the need for a repair shops on the farm; the required skills needed for most repairs were self taught. Most all early farms shops were equipped with similar tools including a forge to heat metal and all the needed tools to repair whatever may have malfunctioned. One such tool found in nearly every shop was the anvil. The anvil was probably the most notable tool around the shop as it stood out in the open, close to the forge, kind of a shop icon, and useful in many ways. This past August there was an anvil on the Heritage Hill

consignment auction that was of some interest. I had my eye on bidding on that item, but was called away just prior to the sale of the anvil. Later that weekend I learned Lanny Ashling was the successful bidder, adding to his collection of anvils, which the Ashlings proudly displayed at the 2017 Threshing Show. It was good to know that the anvil of interest was purchased by a Heritage Hill member. Later in 2017 I acquired an anvil of my own, as my siblings and I prepared to sell my father's building site south of Dassel. The anvil is old, reportedly belonging to my grandfather August Bergquist, and possibly my great-grandfather Gustaf Bergquist.

An anvil is a metalworking tool consisting of a large block of metal, usually forged or cast steel, with a flattened top surface, upon which another object is



struck or "worked". Anvils are as massive as they are practical, because the higher their inertia, the more efficiently they cause the energy of striking tools to be transferred to the work piece. On a quality anvil, the smith's hammer should rebound with almost as much energy as the smith puts into the downward stroke, ultimately making the smith's job easier and less physically strenuous. In most cases the anvil is used as a forging tool. Before the advent of modern welding technology, it was a primary tool of metal workers. The great majority of modern anvils are made heat treated of cast or forged steel, the latter being stronger. Inexpensive anvils have been made of cast iron and low quality steel, but are considered unsuitable for serious use as they deform and lack rebound when struck. Because anvils are very ancient tools and were at one time very commonplace, they have acquired symbolic meaning beyond their use as utilitarian objects. They have even found their way into popular culture including episodes of Looney Tunes, the name of a heavy metal band, and usage by artisanal blacksmiths as well as jewelers and metal smiths.

Most every anvil bears similar features. The horn of the anvil is a conical projection used to form various round shapes and is generally unhardened steel or iron. The horn is used mostly in bending operations. The step is that area of the anvil between the "horn" and the "face". It is soft and is used for cutting; its purpose is to prevent damaging the steel face of the anvil by conducting such operations there and so as not to damage the cutting edge of the chisel, though many smiths shun this practice as it will damage the anvil over time. The hardy hole is a square hole into which specialized forming and cutting tools, called Hardy tools, are placed. It is also used in punching and bending operations. The pritchel hole is a small round hole that is present on most modern anvils. Some anvils have more than one. It is used mostly for punching. At times, smiths will fit a second tool to this hole to allow the smith more flexibility when using more than one anvil tool.

I hope to see you at the May 15, 2018 membership meeting back at the Hill. Take care, Leslie Bergquist, Treasurer

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Membership Meeting Board Meeting First Lawn Mowing Mowing Make up day (in case of rain) Servers for May Membership Meeting Montevideo Lions – Circus Heritage Hill 2018 Threshing Show Tuesday, May 15th, 7:00 PM @ the Heritage Hill Sunday, June 3rd, 7:00 PM @ Heritage Hill Thursday, May 17th @ 9:30 AM Friday, May 18th @ 9:30 AM Gerald and Karen Kleene, John and Brenda Sharar Thursday, June 7th, 2018 @ Heritage Hill August 17^h – 19th, 2018

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: April 22nd, 2018 – Bob Schultz, Secretary

The Board of Directors met Sunday, April 22nd, 2018 @ 6:00 PM at The Rivers in Montevideo.

Vice President Orlynn Hegna called the meeting to order.

Present were Orlynn Hegna, Chip Grube, Dustin Johnson, Kyle Ashling, Stephen Coon, Gerald Kleene and Bob Schultz. Guests were Karen Kleene, Sally Phillips Helling, Jim Roe, Terry Hubble, Floyd and Waunita Kanten.

Secretary Bob Schultz presented the minutes of the March 1st, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. M/S/P Chip Grube/Kyle Ashling to approve the minutes.

Orlynn Hegna presented the Treasurer's report for Les Bergquist. M/S/P Bob Schultz/Stephen Coon to approve the report.

- Queen Candidate: A question was raised as to whether or not we have a Queen candidate for this year's show. Currently the only possibility suggested is Beth Schneider Finn's daughter Tirzah.
- **Poster:** A preliminary draft of the 2018 show poster was presented by Sally Phillips Helling. On the back page she included a list of known revisions necessary to this 1st draft, pending decisions yet to be made. It was noted that we should be including Rumley as the featured line is Allis Chalmers/Rumley. We currently do not have a pedal tractor to raffle this year. Should we purchase one? Waunita will be sending a preliminary poster to our inside vendors, and will get those out there ASAP.
- Show Guides: Sally presented information about the show guide for the 2018 show. Articles need to be submitted to Pat Schmidt by May 25th. We should see the guides the first week of July.
- Raffle Ticket Coordinator: We still need a raffle ticket coordinator. Please contact a board member if you are willing to serve.
- Mini Tractor Pull: Kyle stated that by Saturday night there tends to be a lack of help at our show. Could we schedule the Mini tractor pull for another time? Possibly Saturday morning.
- **Tractor Pull:** M/S/P Chip Grube/Stephen Coon to authorize Gerald Kleene to sign the contract and send it back for the tractor pull to be held on Friday, August 17th. There will be 2 sleds. The cost will be \$2000, which is less than last year. In case of a rainout, if the sleds have not left home base for our show, there will be no charge.. Gerald will check on that clause.
- Use of the Mini Sled at Hanley: MS/P Gerald Kleene/Chip Grube to use our mini sled for their show this summer. Tim (one of the former owners) will take care of it.
- Legion Help for Show: Denise Turk of Cardinal Custom Catering and Emily (the manager of the Legion) presented an idea for food (and for general help) for the show. The Legion would be willing to do the meat preparation (and serving if desired) for our show. They look at this as a community service to our club. They also would be willing to do the beer and alcohol (and can obtain the appropriate licenses) for the evening entertainment. They have many volunteers that could help with food serving, working at the evening events like the tractor pull, and would take care of all the alcohol serving issues. They could provide and set up tents, tables and chairs and do their own cleanup. We could possibly do the "beer garden" event two nights this year, (Friday and Saturday), and could set the beer garden up by the track on Friday night for the tractor pull. We need to let them know by the next Board of Directors meeting what their role would be. Please express your opinion(s) before the May 6th Board of Director's meeting as the decision will be made, and things will be set in motion at that time.
- Pies for Show: Discussion about pies, cakes and bars for the show were discussed. Some would like cake and bars, but they have traditionally not sold well at the show.
- **Tractor Drive:** Stephen Coon and Dustin Johnson are working on the details of the tractor drive to be held on Friday. The time and exact route will be formalized later.
- Jaws of Life Demonstration: Terry Hubble presented that the Montevideo Rescue Squad would like to do the "Jaws of Life" demonstration again this year. There is a possibility of doing this Friday and Saturday. They would like to do the demonstration with a "live victim" in the car. They would provide an announcer to describe the steps involved in a Jaws of Life rescue. The Canine officer and dog would be available all three days if desired. M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Dustin Johnson to authorize the Jaws of Life demonstration and ancillary people to present their show and to do as much as they are willing.
- May Cleanup: M/S/D Orlynn Hegna/Gerald Kleene to hold Spring Cleanup Day Saturday, May 12th @ 9:00 AM. Jim Roe states that he will have a list of chores posted by that date.
- Bus to the Norman Tractor Museum: The bus to the Norman Tractor Museum has been arranged. It will be from 2:00 to 5:00PM on Friday and Saturday (after the parade). We have a driver. The bus will leave about every half an hour and load by the windmill. There is one issue on insurance we need to check on.

Events at the Hill: Private parties have arranged to use the facilities at the Hill on May 19th, May 20th, June 2nd and June 30th. The circus will also be on the grounds on June 7th.

- Entertainment: Sally presented many ideas for entertainment including live band choices, karaoke shows and the like. M/S/P Chip Grube/Stephen Coon to contract Jerry Ryer's local band "The Hep Cats" for \$650 for a four hour show on Saturday night. This will probably be a good draw with the local interest factor.
- Three Day Passes: There was discussion on selling 3 day passes at the gate. While we do issue 3 day passes to members and vendors, we did not sell 3 day passes at the gate to streamline the process for the scouts with one price to keep track of. We decided to print 500 3 day passes for our members and vendors.
- Orange Spectacular: Sally sent an email to Daryl Grams of the Orange Spectacular inviting them to our show and followed it up with a phone call. We have members attending the Orange Spectacular this year in Hutchinson during the last week in July showing their Allis Chalmers equipment and tractors. We will have signs and show guides to handout, encouraging Allis Chalmers enthusiasts to attend our show (and bring their tractors) in August.
- West Central Tribune: We are usually listed in the Willmar paper's "Summer Fun Guide". Sally is considering using part of the advertising budget to put an ad in that issue also. She has the discression as advertising coordinator to do so.
- Jim Roe: Jim presented information about facilities usage this summer. We have 5 events (previously stated in these minutes) scheduled so far. Discussion as to setting a set fee for such usage and cleanup issues occurred, as it is currently on a donation basis. Donations have varied from \$0 to \$500. The average is probably about \$200. Should we make that a suggested donation? Wesley and Dorraine Thompson have cleaned up the kitchen in the past, and we have occasionally hired Todd Yackley to polish the floor. Is it fair to continue to expect the Thompsons to take care of this with all these events? Maybe we need to consider hiring someone to take care of this, using the proceeds from the usage fee. Another idea raised was do we want to put the big awning (that we no longer set up over the outdoor serving area) on our auction? Jim informs us he has accepted gifts of a "Stilliard scale" and a coffee table. Jim also stated that Erwin Winter will be willing to make us a couple of picture frames. Lastly, Jim pointed out that our light poles, the outhouse the Swenson building, and train buildings are in need of maintenance and repair.
- Holt Caterpillar Engine: Kyle Ashling was given authority (at a previously meeting) to try to sell the Holt Caterpillar as to partially recoup some of the cost of the overhaul of engine.
- Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, May 15th @ 7:00 PM at the Heritage Hill Thresher's Kitchen.
- Servers for May 15th Meeting: Gerald and Karen Kleene, John and Brenda Sharar.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: May 6th, 2018 - Bob Schultz Secretary

The Board of Directors met Sunday, May 6th, 2018 @ 7:00 PM at The Heritage Hill Thresher's Kitchen. Vice President Orlynn Hegna called the meeting to order.

Present were Orlynn Hegna, Les Bergquist, Chip Grube, Dustin Johnson, Stephen Coon, Gerald Kleene and Bob Schultz. Guests were Karen Kleene, Sally Phillips Helling, Jim Roe, Terry Hubble, Mick Sellman, Dorraine and Wesley Thompson.

Secretary Bob Schultz presented the minutes of the April 22nd, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. M/S/P Les Bergquist/Dustin Johnson to approve the minutes.

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

- **Picture Frame:** Erwin Winter reports he is almost finished a large picture frame for portraits. That frame along with the one from Glen Hilden will allow us to update our past presidents and queens pictures. Thanks Gentleman!
- Cleanup Day: Cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th @ 9:00 AM. Jim Roe has a list of tasks to be completed. Please join us if you are able!
- Lawn Mowing: Lawn Mowing will need to occur during the week of May 14th through 18th as we have outside events scheduled for the 19th and 20th of May. There are 4 outside events scheduled. Please see the April 22nd minutes for the dates of the four events.
- Mini Tractor Pull: MSP Bob Schultz/Dustin Johnson to hold the Mini Tractor Pull on Saturday, August 18th @ 4:00 PM.
- **Pedal Tractor:** M/S/P to authorize Wesley Thompson to purchase an Allis Chalmers pedal tractor to raffle at the 2018 show. We expect the cost to be between 300 to 400 dollars. Raffle tickets will be sold at the show.
- Band for Saturday Night: M/S/P Stephen Coon/Dustin Johnson to approve the hiring of the "Custom Made Band" @ \$650 for a 4 hour performance to start @ 6:00 PM on Saturday of the 2018 show.
- Tractor Drive: M/S/P Stephen Coon/Bob Schultz to hold a Tractor Drive @ 3:00 PM on Friday of the 2018 show. Stephen and Dustin are in charge of arraigning the logistics.
- Calendar Change: M/S/P Dustin Johnson/Les Bergquist to move the August General Membership meeting to Tuesday, August 14th, 2018 @ 7:00 PM. (up one week due to the 2018 show schedule)
- Rain Insurance: Rain Insurance for our tractor pull was discussed. No action was taken.
- Upcoming Parades: May 19th @ Milan, July 4th @ Maynard and Madison, July 14th @ Clara City. The parades @ Montevideo, Granite Falls and Dawson were not discussed. Please watch upcoming newsletters for further schedules and information.
- Water Testing: Wesley Thompson has sent in a water sample from our well to meet state requirements for our show.
- Pies: Karen Kleene will talk to Pauline Strandlund about baking pies (and appropriate compensation) for our show again this year. All members are expected to contribute pies for the show.
- Jaws of Life: The Jaws of Life Demonstration will be held after the parade on Friday and Saturday of the show. The Rescue Squad, Ambulance Crew and others will be involved with the extraction of 2 live "victims" on each day. This will be a

demonstration with explanations and realistic portrayal of what happens during an emergency requiring life saving extraction and transport.

- Legion Participation: The Legion will be cooking the meat for the Thresher's Kitchen at this year's show. Wesley will still intend to cook hotdogs. The Legion caterers will be contacting Country Side Public Health to determine what procedures they need to follow. Logistics for meat procurement and freezer space need to be agreed upon. Beth Schneider Finn will be taking care of the trackside food for the Friday night tractor pull. M/S/P Dustin Johnson/Chip Grube to have a "Beer Garden" @ 6:30 PM trackside on Friday and 5:30 PM Saturday to be done by the Legion group. The Legion will take care of the permitting, serving and all logistics of the beer garden.
- Maintenance Items: Maintenance items including various tire replacements, oil for the stationary engine, pulleys on the planer, repairing the corn wagon, and fixing the drive on the Woods Mower mounted under the Case tractor were discussed. The appropriate people have been given the "go ahead" to take care of these needed maintenance items.
- Future Feature Tractors: 2019 Feature line will be Ford. We need to choose a feature line for 2020.
- Items for Advertising, Posters and the Show Guide: Please remember to contact Sally Phillips Helling, our advertising coordinator, with any corrections, revisions, article suggestions or other concerns regarding posters, ads or the upcoming show guide for the 2018 show.

Depository Accounts

- Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, May 15th @ 7:00 PM at the Heritage Hill Thresher's Kitchen.
- Servers for May 15th Meeting: Gerald and Karen Kleene, John and Brenda Sharar.

TREASURER'S REPORT: April 2018

Financial Statement: April 1, 2018

Internal Accounts

\$19,693.93	General Fund	\$3,596.64	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$411.90	Building Fund	\$48,052.19	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$4,043.00	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund	\$51,648.83	TOTAL
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund		
\$51,648.83	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$51,648.83	Balance: April 1, 2018				
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>			DISBURSEMENTS	
	\$10.00	Donation	(\$28.96)	Advertising	
	\$9.73	Interest	(\$200.00)	Band - Down Payment	
	\$380.00	Membership Dues	(\$253.26)	Electricity	
	\$91.34	MN Valley L&P Dividend	(\$557.20)	Farming: Wheat Seed	
_	\$200.00	Raffle Ticket Sales	(\$2,214.33)	Liability Insurance	
	\$691.07	TOTAL	(\$50.00)	MAAPS Dues	
			(\$50.00)	Office/Postage	
			(\$7,295.43)	Property Insurance	
			(\$372.00)	Real Estate Taxes	
\$41,318.72	Balance: Apr	il 30, 2018	(\$11,021.18)	TOTAL	

Financial Statement: April 30, 2018

Internal Accounts	Depository Accounts			
\$19,430.76	General Fund	\$1,257.09	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking	
\$411.90	Building Fund	\$40,061.63	CAB - Preferred Money Market	
\$4,043.00	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit	
\$16,942.80	Farming Fund	\$41,318.72	TOTAL	
\$490.24	Insurance Fund			
\$41,318.70	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank	