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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Who would have thought that we would be looking at multiple inches of snow in the third week of October! Unless it is faded in my memory, this was the heaviest snowfall, before Halloween that I recall. Thankfully it has mostly melted. Fortunately, I had finished field work before the bitter cold arrived. The corn ground tillage was completed during the October 20 snowstorm. The weather forecast predicted 3 to 6 inches but when I finished up chisel plowing there was a solid 8 inches of accumulation. The wheel-slip on the four-wheel drive increase from 6% to 18% by the time I finished. In all my years of farming, that is by far the worst snow event while completing field work.

Heritage Hill held its fall plow day on Saturday, October 31, resulting in a nice turnout of tractors, plows and volunteers. It was tough plowing as the ground was hard and very slick in spots. We all kept after it and after about 5 hours we had everything turned over that needed to be plowed.

The Heritage Hill annual election is now over. Thank you to all who took the time to vote and congratulations to all elected officers and directors, who will now continue to lead the organization. I want to thank all members who agreed to their respective nomination. It takes many people to operate the organization and leaders to steer it in the right direction. Please welcome Grant Schmieg into his new presidential role. He is a very conscientious member and I am confident he will do a good job. His history is not as deep with Heritage Hill as some members, but he is looking forward to digging in, doing what need to be done and get acquainted with the entire membership. Grant has attended many different threshing shows so he has a good understanding on what it takes to make a show a success. Congratulations to Scott Thissen and Chantel Hamann. Scott was re-elected as a director and Chantel will be serving her first term as a director on the board. Thank you to Stephen Coon for serving 5 years. He is looking forward to continuing his involvement at Heritage Hill.

I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve in the Heritage Hill leadership role for the past two years. It is with mixed emotions that I leave the presidency. There were many aspects of the position that I thoroughly enjoyed; working with great people, meeting new people, working with the board in making decisions, seeing decisions come to fruition, etc. There are times when any leadership role becomes challenging, but overall, the past two years proved to be a very rewarding experience. It was with great apprehension that I initially agreed to the presidential nomination, but I gained a lot of experience in this role, for which I am grateful. Speaking in front of a audience was not, and is not, a strong suit of mine, but I have become more confident in doing so. I enjoyed being able to share some stories from my life up to this point through the monthly presidential addresses. I hope you enjoyed them as well. I do want everyone to consider running for office in the future. Initially, serving as president appeared to be a daunting task, but with a good board to help make decisions and help do the leg work, it made the position much easier. There are many members who are fully capable of serving in the presidential role, but feel they could never fulfill the office for various reasons. Much of that is just the lack of self-confidence. The old saying applies, "If I can do it, you can do it". Heritage Hill has been, and will continue to be, blessed with very reliable and strong-willed members, who support the leaders of this organization. Everyone has their strong points and weak points. Always focus on your strong points and do not be afraid to enlist the help of others in areas where your experience may lack. In addition, it is so healthy for any organization to have different leaders through the years, so please consider serving in any officer or director position. Even though the 2020 Heritage Hill election has just concluded, candidates are already needed for the election October 2021.

I look at the pictures of past presidents hanging in the Threshers Kitchen and realize the legacy they all left behind. It is with a sense of pride and humbleness that I realize I am now a part of that legacy as well. 23 years ago, when I joined this club, I never imagined I would ever be in that role.

Over the years there are a few members who put in so much work, using their equipment for Heritage Hill improvements, adding events to the Threshing Show, spending a lot of time in person and on the phone recruiting help and locating new members. Thank you to all who do their part. A special thanks to the Vice-President who has been a large help to me. He did many things on my

behalf when I did not have the time. Everyone in the organization has an integral role to play and I thank you for doing that what you do!

Although I will no longer be leading, I will continue serving Heritage Hill as an active member, helping where I can to further advance the organization. In June 2020 visitors, who all shared an interest in collecting and demonstrating antique equipment, gathered at Heritage Hill. Most had not previously attended the annual Heritage Hill Threshing Show. The turnout was good and several of those attendees expressed an interest in what Heritage Hill had to offer. The networking between those attendees and the Heritage Hill officers, directors and various members, proved very fruitful. Many positive comments were received regarding the new June Heritage Hill show date as that June venue will allow them to participate. The August show dates have become too competitive with other like events. Needless to say, the 2020 Threshing Show cancellation was a huge disappointment to everybody. While it was the right thing to do, the outcome of a Heritage Hill June show date will need to wait another year and then be assessed.

Grant, as does all the other officers and directors, would like input from the membership. The lack of membership meetings since March has added difficulty in planning future events. I encourage member participation through phone calls or emails until such a time as we can once again schedule membership meetings. Your input is very important. At times there have been some indication that membership meetings may resume, but then there is new information regarding the pandemic that once again restricts such gatherings. Some members have been battling the virus, which has led the board to deciding not to schedule membership meetings until the risk is lower. Keep those members in your thoughts and prayers. I am eagerly looking forward to such a time that life can resume back to what used to be normal.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Blessed and Merry Christmas. God bless you all.

Thank You for a great two years! Chip Grube, President

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Membership Meeting & Family Picnic	Tuesday, November 17, 2020.
Board Meeting	Sunday, January 4, 2021 6:00 pm @ TBD
Heritage Days 2021	June 18 - 19, 2021
Christmas Party	Canceled due to pandemic.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: October 20, 2020 – Grant Schmeig, Secretary

COVID-19 Cancellation

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: November 1, 2020 – Grant Schmeig, Secretary

President Grube called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, November 1, 2020 at 6pm in the Heritage Hill Threshers' Kitchen. Members Present: Grube, Schmieig, Ashling, Schultz, Thissen, Kleene, Bergquist, Johnson, Coon. Absent: Finn
Secretary's Report: Secretary Schmieig presented the minutes of the October 4, 2020 Director's Meeting. M/S/P Bergquist/Grube to approve the report.
Treasurer's Report: Bergquist presented the October 2020 Treasurer's Report. M/S/P Thissen/Ashling to approve the report.

- Christmas Party: No directors' or membership Christmas party will be planned for 2020. It was agreed by all board members to not pursue the party due to the current pandemic.
- Pulling Skid: Need to contract a pulling skid for 2021. Will determine if a deposit will be required.
- Friday Night Entertainment: A band needs to be procured for 2021, but will depend whether or not a 2021 Threshing Show is scheduled.
- Raffle Tickets: Will wait until January meeting to decide when raffle tickets should be printed, depends on 2021 Threshing Show scheduling.
- Facility Scheduling: A volunteer is needed to scheduled events at Heritage Hill facilities.
- Election Results: President - Grant Schmieig; Vice-President – Robert Schultz; Secretary – Vacant; Treasurer – Leslie Bergquist; Directors - Chantel Hamann and Scott Thissen.
- Bleacher Project: Parker Thissen has received approval from the Boy Scouts for first half of the process. It is anticipated the project will be fully approved. Bleacher reconditioning will commence soon.
- Farm Yard Replica: M/S/P Bergquist/Thissen to accept and permanently display a farm site replica built by Lowell Haff. A location will be decided at a late date.
- Next Directors' Meeting: January 3.
- Adjournment: M/S/P Bergquist/Ashling to adjourn.

TREASURER'S REPORT: October 2020

Financial Statement: October 1, 2020

Internal Accounts

\$34,563.20	General Fund
\$4,513.00	Chapel Fund
\$20,000.00	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund
\$69,076.20	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$30,464.69	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$38,611.51	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$69,076.20	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$69,076.20 **Balance: October 1, 2020**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
\$227.00	USDA	(\$136.81)	Electricity
\$7.86	Interest	(\$1,364.00)	Federal Crop Insurance
\$234.86	TOTAL	(\$92.00)	Office Expense
		(\$50.31)	Refuse Removal
\$67,667.94	Balance: October 31, 2020	(\$1,643.12)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: October 31, 2020

Internal Accounts

\$34,291.94	General Fund
\$4,513.00	Chapel Fund
\$18,863.00	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund
\$67,667.94	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$3,048.57	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$64,619.37	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$67,667.94	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer



