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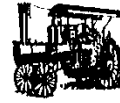
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# November 2024

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## PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Good afternoon, everyone!

I just want to take a moment to thank each of you for making our Plow Day event such a great success! It was truly wonderful to see so many of our club members out there, working side by side, and it was equally exciting to welcome some new faces into our community. The day was filled with hard work, good company, and plenty of enthusiasm, and its events like these that remind us of the strong spirit and camaraderie in our group.

Your dedication, support, and shared love for this work make events like Plow Day not only possible but memorable. I believe throughout the whole day nobody had any major breakdowns! It is always challenging running older equipment that has stood the test of time, and things happen here and there to really put a damper

on the day. Luckily, the biggest challenges we faced were running out of gas (you know who you are haha) and simply the fact that the earth was so dry it took a LOT of weight to sink some of the moldboards down. Once a decent furrow was started, it helped a lot. Thanks again to everyone who came out, and here's to many more successful events ahead!

One of the more troubling things I encountered was plowing in someone else's furrow. I was on Abby's (my wife) 1938 Allis Chalmers B which is a whopping 19 horsepower at the drawbar. If I got behind someone that was really plowing to China, man did the little B have to work to keep up! And that is pulling a one bottom plow. Once I was in a shallower one, it did pretty good. Her

B has had a relatively easy life for the last couple decades, so putting it to work really woke it up! I swear it runs better now. I am a firm believer in working your equipment to keep it fresh and healthy. There is just something about good hard days work that seems to benefit both myself and my equipment.

I hope everyone has a good rest of harvest season. I have finished up at work and it sure feels great!! Next time I see most of you will be at the Christmas party on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hilltop Bar and Grill. Until then, I hope the beginning of the crazy holiday season goes good.

\*Pictured is Nathan Schneewind (a friend of mine also his first time plowing) on Abby's Tractor.

**Best regards, Grant Schmieg**



## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting – December 2, 2024 Via ZOOM  
 Membership Meeting –  
 Christmas Party  
 Heritage Days 2025

January 11, 2025  
 June 20-22, 2025

## TREASURER'S REPORT: August 2024 Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

### HERITAGE HILL TREASURER'S REPORT October 2024

#### Financial Statement: October 1, 2024

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$92,325.70	General Fund	\$394.13	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund	\$149,232.22	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$2,147.99	Farming Fund	\$59.38	MinnWest Bank - Checking
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund	\$500.00	MinnWest Bank - Savings
\$1,003.88	Insurance Premium Fund	<b>\$150,185.73</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>\$150,185.73</b>		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

#### Operating Statement

**\$150,185.73**      **Balance: October 1, 2024**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
\$1,150.00	Donations	(\$341.90)	Farming Expenses
\$180.00	Membership	(\$973.44)	Fuel
\$18,453.06	Crop Sales	(\$532.75)	Grounds Maintenance
\$155.20	Dividends Paid	(\$24.49)	Equipment Repair
\$99.77	Interest Paid	(\$366.00)	Office Expense
<b>\$20,038.03</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	(\$218.66)	Electricity
		(\$99.91)	Miscellaneous
		(\$90.00)	Property Tax
		<b>(\$2,647.15)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$167,576.61**      **Balance: October 31, 2024**

#### Financial Statement: October 31, 2024

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$159,898.64	General Fund	\$915.81	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund	\$2.64	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$1,806.09	Farming Fund	\$20,228.81	MinnWest Bank - Checking
\$1,003.88	Insurance Premium Fund	\$146,429.35	MinnWest Bank - Savings
<b>\$167,576.61</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$167,576.61</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

\$0.00      Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: October 26th, 2024 Grant Schmieg, Acting Secretary

### Members Present:

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President Schmieg, the pledge was recited. Secretary report was presented by Grant Schmieg. MSP Lamkin/Lagred to accept the report. Treasurer's Report MSP: Treasurer's Report was presented by Liz Peterson. Shumacher/Preusser to accept the treasurer's report.

### Agenda :

- Winterizing grounds: big focus today and tomorrow. Numerous things need to make Blow water lines, store equipment under roofs, etc. What else? Volunteers to help?
- HH Equipment: Forklift: kind of has brakes now. Skid steer recently got new air filters and oil checked but still needs greased,
- Soybean harvest: Has been completed on the grounds. Half of the crop has been sold.
- Playground equipment: A set of playground equipment has been donated thanks to Mark Kellen. Huge thank you to Kyle Ashling and Joe Schumacher for going to disassemble and pick up the equipment. The assembly of said equipment will probably commence next spring. Insurance is a concern which is being looked into to make sure we are covered.
- Gerald Loe: our past president Gerald Loe was president of our club from 1997 to 1998. He also held numerous other board positions. Richard Emch and I were talking yesterday, and I didn't realize how many projects Gerald had his hands in. Richard stood up and expressed gratitude towards Gerald for his influence on our club over the years. Blessed be his memory.
- Farm Equipment to be donated: Terry Stroebel collection from Benson MN. We have more items to be picked up from this donation. **\*\*We will be meeting Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hill at 9am to head up to Benson. IF you are willing to help please meet us at the Hill.\*\***
- Speaking of Donations: Fuel Barrels donated by Hutt Oil have been delivered to the grounds. The barrels will need some repairs before initial use to hoses and valves. Final placement is still being decided.
- MAAPS Meeting: Gerald Kleene attended the MAAPS meeting in October in Almelund, MN. He shared many good ideas that have been noted. Some of the items that have been bringing in people to area shows are a horse pull, women's events such as place setting, horseshoeing (starting with constructing to placing), sawing for children, scavenger hunt, stage coach rides, movie night, donkey baseball, gravity box basketball, etc. Things to be thinking about as we approach the 2025 show.
- Security Issues – There has been an increase of security concerns on the grounds. If you are in your building or are on the grounds using a building, **please** make sure that you are locking the doors and making sure lights are shut off; including yard lights.
- Plowing: Starting on county ground in low area, do not plow hilltops or sidehills. Then moving to our parcel north of the show grounds only plowing the wheat stubble.
- Grounds storage reminder: Storage on the show grounds is not FREE. Any item stored needs to be whored at least once every three years. If the items are not benefitting the show they will be asked to be removed.
- Registration and gate always needs help. Please volunteer if possible. Gerald Kleene will reach out to the 4H to confirm their attendance at our gate again.

- 2025 Show Help – We are needing gate help and registration help. If you are willing to help out please contact a board member.
- Winter Projects: Shingle Mill blades need to be sharpened, Fairbanks building needs to be cleaned out, Equipment servicing.
- Winter projects: Any ideas? Saw blades sharpen? Fairbanks building needs cleaning, numerous others. If you have any ideas or concerns of things that need to get done, please contact a board member.
- Election results: Election was held. Results: President: Grant Schmieg, Vice President: Chantel Hamann, Treasurer: Elizabeth Peterson, Secretary: Katelynne Ashling, Director #1: Elijah Fjerkenstad, Matthew Preusser,
- Christmas Party: January 11<sup>th</sup> at Hilltop in Dawson, RSVP in November newsletter. Due January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Adjournment: Thissen/L. Ashling.

## DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: November 4, 2024 Grant Schmieg, Acting Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Schmieg on ZOOM.

In attendance: Peterson, Schmieg, K. Ashling, Grube, Schumacher, Miller, Lagred, Fjerkenstad

- Secretary Report was presented by Schmieg. There was a correction to the October Newsletter. The price of the Rye was listed as \$3 and needs to be corrected to \$341.90 M/S/P Miller/Schumacher
- Treasurers Report was presented by Peterson. M/S/P Miller/Lagred

Agenda:

- Grounds Updates – During Plow Day, the shop was cleaned out, inventory taken, and things organized to create room for winter show equipment projects. To go hand in hand with that, we are seeking donations for any excess tools and toolboxes you may have laying around. These would stay on the grounds and be a huge help to working on show owned equipment.
- Plow Day – We had a great turn out! We had 20 plows get out and dig, we had many visitors swing out and watch or help in other areas. Total headcount at supper was over 60! Thank you for another great year!
- Farming Update – Rye was planted November 1. Thank you to Grant Schmieg and Joe Schumacher for taking the time to get this in the ground. There were some hydraulic leaks on the John Deere drill that were noted so they took the time to fix those as well.
- Christmas Party – We have the Christmas Party coming up January 11th, 2025. We are looking at doing Minute To Win It! Be sure to get in your RSVP's so we can be sure to have enough supplies and food for everyone!
- Donation Items- Terry Strobel has a collection of equipment. He is looking to donate a few pieces to the club. We are getting together on November 10th at 9am at Heritage Hill to be heading up to

Benson to get the equipment. We will take all help we can get. Could always use more trucks and trailers to haul stuff back to the hill or just a helping hand to load.

- Blacksmith shop: We are looking to seal up the blacksmith shop before winter. A motion was made to allow Elijah to take the steps to start sealing it up using wood strips staying at or below \$1,000. M/S/P Ashling/Lagred to allow the project to spend up to \$1000 to seal up the building in order to protect what is inside.
- Adjournment: M/S/P Lagred/Fjerkenstad
- Next board meeting: December 2nd 7pm via ZOOM.

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## Pictures of Plow Day 2024

-Feel free to send any pictures you have to the board via text message or the HH email for Facebook posting. Thank you!

Below:: VP Joe Schumacher, Cosmos MN, plowing on his Massey Harris 44 Special.



Below: Lynn Whitman and Richard Emch making some rounds.



Above: Joe Hutt, Boyd MN, on his John Deere B.

Below: Dan Moist, Murdock MN on his Farmall F12 with a 1 bottom mounted plow.



Above: Grant Schmiege teaching Daniel Lee the intricate workings of a Allis Chalmers B.  
Below: Chip Grube, Appleton, MN working his Allis Chalmers 190XT.



Below: Josh Cline from New London, MN on his propane Minneapolis Moline.



Below: Richard Emch, Montevideo, MN, just bought this tractor, Doug Norman painted it, and this is his first time plowing with it.



# Christmas Dinner and Family Gathering

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ The Hilltop Bar, Grill, & Event Center  
712 Oak Street, Dawson, MN 56232

Doors open at 5:30 pm for social hour, dinner served at 6:30 pm, activities to follow.

## Two options for meal main course

- Slow roasted roast beef OR baked chicken in gravy – Please select which one on the RSVP.
- Sides available with each meat selection: Salad, grilled vegetables, roasted potatoes, and cheesecake dessert.



## Entertainment:

- Minute to win it games
- Gift Exchange: \$10 suggested value

## Registration:

- Due: Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
- Cost: \$14 for **ONE** choice; **slow roasted roast beef or baked chicken in gravy**
- Send check payable to: Heritage Hill, Post Office Box 226, Montevideo, MN 56265.
- **PLEASE DETACH REGISTRATION CARD BELOW AND MAIL WITH CHECK BEFORE 1/1/2025. ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME.**

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## 2024 Heritage Hill Christmas Party Registration

Registration and Payment Due Date: Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Christmas Party: Saturday, January 11<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Mail to: Heritage Hill  
Post Office Box 226  
Montevideo, MN 56265

Cost: \$14.00 for steak, \$14.00 for chicken

How many meals: Slow roasted roast beef: \_\_\_\_\_ Baked chicken in gravy: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

