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**PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:**

Greetings to all Heritage Hill members! Fall is in the air! The leaves are falling, cool crisp morning air has arrived, harvest is in full swing, and I am in a great mood. This always seems to be my favorite time of year mostly because I cannot tolerate the summer heat and humidity! The autumn season brings other changes and challenges. Winterization is needed for whatever gets damaged in the cold elements, no more lawn mowing, the leaves, and in my case, bothersome walnuts need to be removed from the yard. It is always fun to watch the seasons change but sometimes the unintended work load that accompanies the change is not always enjoyable. Regardless, it must be done so I guess it is just time to get to work!

There will be many activities commencing soon at Heritage Hill. This coming weekend, October 15 to 17, a work weekend is scheduled at the show site. There are many projects that need completion including: Corn picking, the loading dock relocation, chapel soffit repair, inspect roof and winterize Barnaal building, Hagen House porch repair, final lawn mowing for the season, and bleacher plank wood sealing. Any help would be appreciated so please come out and lend a hand if you are able! The ear corn is scheduled to be harvested Saturday, October 16, starting around 10:00 am, weather permitting. If you can help haul a wagon with your tractor it would be much appreciated! It is always exciting when projects are completed as that indicates the show site is improving! Having a great membership that helps with lots of different tasks is a huge benefit too. Thanks for all you do for the organization! Saturday, October 30, the annual plowing bee is scheduled. Hopefully the weather cooperates with a beautiful fall day to work some ground! Everybody is invited, and we encourage you to bring out a tractor and plow or whatever you own to help with the tillage! I enjoy watching all the different combinations of people with tractors, crawlers, garden tractors, basically anything with a hitch to hookup to a plow and really let that machine work. After those two weekends, the weather conditions will most likely wane and become too cold outside to plan additional activities. With any luck we can have great weather to fulfill the two planned weekends of fun events.



September 24, 2021 Heritage Hill lost a true friend with the passing of Dale Norman. Dale was a charter member of Minnesota Valley Antique Farm Power and Machinery Association, due to his interest in restoring old iron. In all, Dale restored 18 tractors. He served the organization in many capacities including the offices of treasurer and secretary for a number of years. Dale and his cousin Doug Norman enjoyed taking their tractors and gas engines to various threshing shows around the state, including the Minnesota State Fair. Sympathy is extended to Sonja Norman and family on the loss of Dale. Blessed be his memory.

Thanks again to all Heritage Hill members for making the organization a huge success. I truly enjoy volunteering with such a great group of people that have similar interests. I hope to see you this coming weekend and plow day, which is approaching very soon! If you cannot make it to either, hopefully I will see you at the annual Heritage Hill Christmas party.

**Best regards, Grant Schmieg, President**

## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Heritage Hill Work Days	October 15-17 all day at Heritage Hill
Board Meeting via Zoom	Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:00 pm at Heritage Hill
Plowing Day	Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Heritage Hill. Friday,
Membership Meeting	December 3, 2021, 6:30 pm.
Christmas Party	Friday, December 3, 2021, 6:00pm.
Heritage Days 2021	June 17 - 18, 2022

# SAVE the DATE

## Heritage Hill Annual Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 3, 2021

Maynard Event Center

Meal by Budger's Dinner House Catering

Doors open at 5:30, Dinner served at 6:00, Activities to Follow  
Doug Ohman, Pioneer Photography, Program/Entertainment  
*Check the October HH Newsletter for details*

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: None**

**DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES: October 3, 2021 Grant Schmeig, Acting Secretary**

President Grant Schmieig called the Board of directors meeting to order at 6:00 pm, October 3, 2021, via video conference. No Pledge was said due to absence of flag.

Present: Schmieig, Ashling, Hamann, Schultz, Johnson, Thissen. Absent: Bergquist, Grube, Finn.

Acting Secretary Schmieig read the September 12, 2021 Minutes: M/S/P Schultz/Thissen to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist presented the August 2021 via email: M/S/P Johnson/Schultz to approve the report.

- Gate Admission: Chip Grube got a rough quote for wire and fence posts for the ticket booth. Will go over quote at next board meeting when Chip is available.
- Christmas Party: The Maynard event center has been reserved for the evening of Friday, December 3 for the annual Heritage Hill Christmas Party with a meal catered by Budger's. Doug Ohman will provide entertainment. There will be a short membership meeting at this time including elections.
- Work Weekend: October 15-17, 2021. Items needing to get done: move loading dock, pick ear corn, fix chapel soffit, inspect roof and winterize Barnaal building, fix porch on house, lawn mowing, seal bleachers. Any and all help will be appreciated.
- 2022 election: If you would like to run for a board position, please submit your candidacy before November 7.
- Equipment: In the last newsletter, the sale of 4 pieces of equipment neglected to show the price. Here are the prices obtained as followed: Huber Threshing machine \$500, Avery Threshing Machine \$300, Red car trailer \$800, grain binder \$200. If there are any other offers, please contact a board member. An online auction may be pursued for the remaining equipment if no other offers are received.
- Advertisements: New flyers promoting the 2022 show with the Economy/Hercules engine feature included as well as equipment of the 60's. If you would like some to handout, please contact Grant Schmieig.

- HH Medical: Bob Schultz has contacted local medical teams about obtaining a new battery for our AED machine and also a few first aid kits for HH buildings.
- Plow Day: Annual plowing at the show grounds scheduled for Saturday October 30. All are welcome, bring whatever you have to help work some ground! Plowing starts around 9am.
- Pulling Skid: still in search of a new pulling skid for the tractor pull.
- Raffle Items: trying to get more tractor show related stuff. Talk to local dealerships and businesses to possibly get some items donated. Other items suggested were a quilt, tool sets, etc.
- Lawn Mowing: Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.
- Next board meeting: Online over Zoom Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.
- Next membership meeting is December 3<sup>rd</sup>, during Christmas party.
- Adjournment: Dustin Johnson / Bob Schultz.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2021

### Financial Statement: September 1, 2021

#### Internal Accounts

\$20,680.68	General Fund
\$4,648.00	Chapel Fund
\$15,205.52	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund
<b>\$50,534.20</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### Depository Accounts

\$1,868.75	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$48,665.45	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$50,534.20</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

\$0.00 Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

### Operating Statement

**\$50,534.20** Balance: September 1, 2021

#### RECEIPTS

\$100.00	Donation
\$30.00	Dues
\$1,800.00	Equipment Sales
\$4.00	Interest
<b>\$1,934.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

(\$774.10)	Advertising
(\$126.30)	Electricity
(\$1,409.00)	Farming
(\$100.00)	Montevideo Ambulance Service
(\$100.00)	Montevideo Boy Scouts
(\$204.00)	Office/Postage
(\$51.30)	Refuse Removal
(\$13.28)	Repairs
<b>(\$2,777.98)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$49,690.22** Balance: September 30, 2021

### Financial Statement: September 30, 2021

#### Internal Accounts

\$19,836.70	General Fund
\$4,648.00	Chapel Fund
\$15,205.52	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund
<b>\$49,690.22</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### Depository Accounts

\$1,020.77	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$48,669.45	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$49,690.22</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

\$0.00 Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer



# A brief history on the first John Deere Plow

Dating back to 4,000 B.C., the first plows were basically pointed sticks that were pulled through the soil. Very few improvements were made to the plow over the centuries, but in 1837 the polished steel plow became a turning point for farming.

Before the steel plow, cast iron was used to till the land, which made it difficult due to the soil sticking to the moldboard. This caused farmers to pause ever few minutes to clear the soil from the plow, which added time and effort. As farmers moved west across the country they encountered heavier soil, adding to the difficulty of plowing.

In 1821, at the age of 17, John Deere began as an apprentice to a blacksmith. When his apprenticeship ended in 1825, he began his blacksmith trade in Vermont. However, by 1836 he faced bankruptcy, so he sold his blacksmith shop to his father-in-law. In hopes to find work, he left the proceeds of the sale to his wife, who was carrying their fifth child, and headed west.

In September, John arrived in the newly settled village of Grand Detour, IL, just outside of Chicago. With no blacksmiths for a near 40 miles, he began work right away. He learned that farmers were have the same difficulty in Illinois, however the soil



was much heavier. In many areas the plows required 8 yokes of oxen to be able to pull the plow through the land.

While visiting a sawmill, John noticed a broken steel saw. He took polished steel back to his shop and shaped it to fit a plow. This new plow worked much better than any other plow previously used.

In 1838, John built two more plows. The following year he built 10 plows and sold them for ten to twelve dollars a plow. Each year John made more plows and in 1843 he produced 400

plows. John Deere the blacksmith is now John Deere the manufacturer. In 1843 he developed a partnership with John Gould and Robert Tate. They moved to Moline, IL to expand the business, and, as they say, the rest is history.

Over the next several decades, farm machinery has grown by leaps and bounces since the very first plow, and many people credit the move to John Deere. Farmers were skeptical of these new plows. They questioned the durability and usability of the plow, but with his sales and marketing ability, John convinced the farmers to make the purchase, pushing farming into a new frontier.