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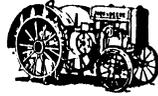
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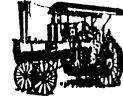
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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. The 2015 Heritage Hill Threshing Show is history. Every year leading up to the annual Threshing Show there is always varying levels of anticipation, frustration, anxiety and stress for all involved, for we are all concerned about the Threshing Show being a complete success. I believe it is fair to say that it becomes increasingly difficult to remember everything that needs to be completed in advance. After the show is over, it is always fun to mull over the entire Threshing Show weekend and discuss its strengths and weaknesses, making note of what to tweak for future events. The 2015 Threshing Show was no different. This year there was a threat of rain on Saturday, which had us all monitoring the weather forecasts for continued updates. Much of the weekend brought overcast skies which is always really welcome to keep the ultra-violet radiation to a minimum. Late Saturday afternoon the wind changed direction ushering in a cold front, which was cause for some real cold temperatures during the Sneaky Pete Garden Tractor Pull event. Few know this, but I got so cold watching the garden tractor pull, that I finally walked to the Threshers' Kitchen and sat by myself for a while to warm these weary cold old bones. The Threshing Show was a success in many ways. Heritage Hill was fortunate again in 2015 to have no reported injuries – that is of constant concern. Although it is impossible to measure exactly, the attendance had decreased, but not down as far as anticipated. If the 2015 attendance had decreased, the food sales in the Threshers' Kitchen were quite constant with 2014. The food sales and attendance at the tractor pull and garden tractor pull was good. Over the past number of years parking attendants have been increasingly difficult to locate. This year flags strips were borrowed and used to mark rows for automobiles to park. This proved to be a good change – no parking crew was hired and our spectators were able to park as needed. The gun raffle was another huge success as all tickets were sold out. Congratulations to the winners whose names can be found in the newsletter insert. In past years a few sponsorships were obtained from local businesses to help support the annual tractor pull. Prior to the 2015 tractor pull, a special effort was put forth to solicit multiple sponsorships. Thanks are extended to the 22 area businesses that collectively donated \$4,950 toward the tractor pull costs. The support was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. These are a few of many thoughts to share when reflecting on the 2015 show. There are many more positive aspects too numerous to mention. I especially wish to extend appreciation to all the Heritage Hill members, and non-members alike, who most graciously volunteer of their time and talent to make the annual Heritage Hill Threshing Show a success. It is nice to know we have many people who so willingly resume their prior responsibilities from year-to-year, as well as those who volunteer to fill in vacancies as needed. As the old Proverb reminds us, many hands make light work.

I hope everybody had a relaxing Labor Day weekend. Labor Day is kind of like the unofficial end to summer. Dorraine and I had the opportunity to spend the weekend at the lake with family and friends. Although the annual Heritage Hill Threshing Show is an exciting event, it is always a relief to have those extra duties put to rest for another year. We can then look forward to attending neighboring threshing shows and other area events. Gerald Kleene has been the Heritage Hill representative who attends the Minnesota Association of Antique Power Shows. Through the MAAPS organization Gerald and Karen Kleene have become acquainted with many of the good folks who are members and leaders of various threshing shows around the state. This connection has led the Kleenes to camp and attend the White Pine Logging and Threshing Show for a number of years.

The show is held Saturday, Sunday and Monday each Labor Day weekend. The show grounds are remotely located, nestled in woods, off a gravel road, just east of McGrath, Minnesota. This show is very unique as it is privately owned and operated by the John Langenbach family. It is not a non-profit organizational venue like so many other shows. Like all other shows, it takes a multitude of volunteers to operate this logging and threshing show and they seem to get plenty of help. Gerald Kleene volunteers to help run the equipment to make wooden whiskey barrels, which seems to be an exhibit unique to the White Pine show. Being the only like logging/threshing show for miles around, White Pine seems to have a sizable exhibitor and spectator following.

It is nice to have the Threshers' Kitchen reconditioning project completed. The floor sealer was the only thing that did not get applied prior to the Threshing Show. The floor will be sealed shortly. Once again thanks are extended to the Chippewa County Commissioners for the use of the county land. Corn was raised on the land this year. Much depends on the fall conditions, but the growing season was good, so an earlier than normal harvest may be expected. The first 1,200 bushels of corn will be harvested on the ear and elevated into the corn crib. The corn harvest is another event when all Heritage Hill members can gather for a fun and excitement. I hope to see everybody at the September 15 Heritage Hill meeting.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President



MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill

Servers: Gene Zellers, Mick Sellmans

Heritage Hill Directors' Meeting – Heritage Hill

Annual Threshing Show featuring Massy Harris & Massy Ferguson

Christmas Party – Montevideo Community Center

Tuesday, Sept 22, 7 pm

Thursday, Oct 1, 7 pm

August 19, 20 & 21 2016

Saturday, December 12, 2015

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: August 6, 2015

Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo.

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Hegna, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Grube, Sellman, Kleene, Kanten, Roe *Guests:2*

Vice-President Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the August 6, 2015 Directors meeting. M/S/P Bergquist/Grube to approve the minutes

The Treasurer's report was unavailable.

- **Insurance:** President Thompson reported on the recent insurance claim for the damages which incurred in the Thresher's Kitchen. The Bill submitted by Larry Happy, the main contractor, was \$24,394.27. The insurance company paid \$23,894.27 which was minus the \$500.00 deductible. Larry Happy also submitted a bill to Heritage Hill for \$550.00 for the replacement of the bathroom wall to destroy the mold problem. Heritage Hill is liable for this expense. Olson's Plumbing has not submitted their bill at present time. The total out of pocket expense to Heritage Hill is \$1050.00. The water heater was purchased from Minnesota Valley Power Co. Elsie Holtan has agreed to pay for the water heater and toilet plus inflation in memory of her husband Don Holtan.
- **Blacksmith Shop:** Dan Poach has built a new chimney in the blacksmith shop at the cost of \$722.54. The expense was approved due to the need to replace the damaged chimney and to keep the black smith shop functional.
- **Cockshutt Collectors:** President Thompson read a thank you note, which was received from the Cockshutt Collectors, showing their appreciation for Heritage Hill hosting their show.
- **Thank-You:** Thank You notes will be sent to all the sponsors as well as the Montevideo Lions Club and The Montevideo Chamber of Commerce for all their support and assistance.
- **Refrigerator:** The refrigerator in the kitchen has been leaking for several years and other problems have been noted. The refrigerator is considered to be over 25 years old and it is not recommended to spend any more money on repairs. President Thompson has secured a price from the restaurant supply company in Alexandria, MN for the same size commercial refrigerator at a cost of \$3050.00 plus \$100.00 for delivery, installation and disposal of the old refrigerator. M/S/P Kleene/Sellman to recommend to the membership to approve the purchase of the new refrigerator.
- **Parking:** The parking in the parking lot went very well with the flags used to mark the rows for parking. The Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce members were not needed in the parking lot but they did help sell admissions at the gate, which was greatly appreciated.
- **Raffles:** A discussion was held about the raffle for 2016. M/S/P Hegna/Grube to have the First Prize be a shot gun; second prize \$500.00; third prize \$300.00 and fourth prize \$200.00. 750 tickets will be sold for \$10.00 each. Ron Molde will be in charge of locating a shot gun for the raffle. Chip Grube and Wes Thompson will research obtaining a pedal tractor to be raffled also.
- **Tree Watering:** Richard Olesen has tentatively agreed to water the trees as needed at Heritage Hill in 2016.
- **Nomination of Board and Officers:** A nomination committee needs to be formed consisting of at least 3 members. The positions open for the election in October will be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 directors positions currently held by Mick Sellman, Floyd Kanten, and Chip Grube.
- **Tractor Pulls:** A discussion was held about the tractor and lawn mower pulls. The attendance was down but the weather was also a big factor. No decisions were made at the present time for 2016.
- **Ambulance:** Thank you to the Montevideo Ambulance for being available during both of the pulls. They will receive a donation of \$200.00 for their service.
- **Blowup Slides:** Due to the strong winds the slides were unable to be used on Saturday during the show. They were enjoyed on Friday. The contract was for two days so the payment was made for two days. The toys were made possible by a donation.
- **Facility Usage:** There are no more reservations for Heritage Hill for the remainder of 2015. \$100.00 donation was given by the class reunion that was held on August 29th.
- **Applefest:** Appleton MN Applefest Parade will be held on September 20, 2015 at 2:30PM
- **Wheat:** The wheat has all been sold at the price of \$3.55 per bushel. The yield for the 13 acres was about 60 to 65 bushels to the acre. The price was down but the yield was up
- **Adjourn:** M/S/P Grube/Sellman to adjourn the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: August 18, 2015

Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo

Quorum 50 Present: VP Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the July 21, 2015 Membership meeting. M/S/P Mick Sellman/Les Bergquist to approve the minutes

Treasurer Bergquist gave the July 2015 financial report M/S/P Mark Bigaouette/John Lyngen to approve the report.

- **Raffle Tickets:** A reminder was given to turn in all sold and unsold tickets and money to Ron Molde tonight.
- **Thresher's Kitchen:** The kitchen work has been completed and everything is ready for the Threshing Show. The floor will be professionally sealed and polished in the near future after the Threshing Show. A water shut off switch has been connected to the light switch which is located closest to the back door of the Thresher's kitchen. The switch needs to be turned on in order to use the water in the bathroom or kitchen. The light by the doorway will turn on when the switch is on. The last person out is responsible for turning the light switch off before locking the door.
- **Tree Watering:** A volunteer is needed to water all the trees on the grounds. Contact President Thompson or any of the board members if you are available to water the trees.

- **Nominating Committee:** A nomination Committee of at least three members is needed to chose the nominees for the upcoming October election.
- **Clothing Sales:** Monica Engen and Sandy Faehn showed the new style of jackets which will be available to be ordered. The cost will be \$50.00 for the fall jacket and \$60.00 for the winter jackets which includes having the HH emblem on the front of the jacket. If it is desired to have the emblem printed on the back of the jacket, an extra cost of \$18.00 up to \$25.00, depending on the jacket size, would be added. The cost would be lowered according to the number of jackets ordered. The more ordered the less the cost per item and the cost is only the price of the item with no profit obtained by Heritage Hill.
- **Petting Zoo:** Brenda Sharar reported on her plans to bring goats and rabbits for a petting zoo during the Threshing Show.
- **Toy Building:** The building is cleaned and anyone wanting to display toys should bring them Thursday August 20th.
- **Venders:** Waunita Kanten reported that the outside venders would be located on the west side of the road in front of the Thresher's Kitchen and the East side of the road would be available for handicap parking.
- **Show Guides:** 5 boxes of Show Guides are left to give out before or during the Threshing Show.
- **Wheat:** The wheat has all been cut and bundled and made ready for the Threshing. The remainder of the wheat has been combined and sold. The yield was very good at 60 to 65 bushels to the acre. The price is down so the total will be about the same as last year.
- **Work Day:** The show set up will start on Wednesday afternoon August 19th. The final preparations will be completed on Thursday August 20th. Many volunteer workers are needed for the set up and also more volunteers are needed during the show to help at the gate, to drive people movers and also to work in the kitchen during busy times.
- **Thank You:** A big thank you was given to Wes and Dorraine Thompson for all the hours of time which they spent making decisions and supervising the repairs completed in the Kitchen. Thank you also to Ron Molde for all the extra assistance he also gave during this time.
- **Adjourn:** M/S/P Les Bergquist/John Bangsund to adjourn the meeting.

2015 Raffle winners – Bernelli Shotgun, Jason French - \$750 Loren Bjerkeset - \$250, Patsy Stengel – Toy tractor John Sandven.- Cockshut Pedal Tractor, Tim Bergland.

LITTLE SCRAPPER Pedal Pull Winners-

4 yrs old-1. Eleanor Whitcomb, 2.Alex Johnson; 5 yrs old-1. Baer Mcphie, 2. Wyatt Binsfeld 3. Dan Jaenisch; 6 yrs old-1.Kamryn Bjerkeset. 2.Megan Fellbaun,3.Mallary Johnson; 7 yrs old-1. Benjamin Baker, 2.Emmary Birhanzi,3.Adelyn Baym; 8 ys old-1.Brock Bjomjeld,2.Callie Jaenisch,3.Miles Whitcomb; 9 yrs old-1. Ryan Kortgard, 2.Kalen Bjerkeset 3.Sam Ashling; 10 yrs old-1. Andrew Winter,2. Sawyer Ashling; 11 yrs old 1.Emily Hahn

Needed.

Nominating Committee. In October there will be an election, I believe there are seven positions to be filled. Pres, Vice Pres, treasurer, Secretary, and board members. We need people to fill these positions. Are we tired that the same people are running the club, well step up, throw your hat in the ring and do your part. But first we need a nominating committee. Please pick up the phone and call one of the board members if you are interested

Feature Tractor

The 2016 feature tractor is the Massy family, the Massy Harris and Massy Ferguson. Do you have a candidate sitting in the shed? Yes it is ideal to only have one feature tractor per person but no longer possible, So even if you have had a feature before and have a classy massy or know of someone who does, member or non member, lets hear from you

Volunteers

At the time of this writing your editor is attending the White Pine Logging Show. This show is run entirely with volunteers. Likewise our kitchen and sawmill and tractor pull have outside help. We would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to them with their picture in the newsletter'



These are not the only volunteers that help, but the only ones I have pictures of. Thanks to all. The show would be a struggle without you.

TREASURER'S REPORT: August 2015

Financial Statement: August 1, 2015

Internal Accounts

\$10,541.85	General Fund
\$411.90	Building Fund
\$3,222.39	Chapel Fund
\$9,989.75	Farming Fund
\$24,165.89	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$1,246.07	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$22,919.82	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$24,165.89	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$24,165.89 **Balance: August 1, 2015**

RECEIPTS

\$18.00	Button Sales
\$210.00	Camping
\$107.00	Church Offering
\$556.50	Concession Sales
\$4,854.79	Corn & Wheat Sales
\$505.00	Donations
\$215.00	Dues/membership
\$1.53	Interest
\$100.00	Kitchen Usage
\$35.00	Lumber Sales
\$48.00	Meeting Lunch Donation
\$690.00	Merchandise
\$95.00	Philip Thissen Memorial
\$4,240.00	Raffle - Gun
\$490.00	Raffle - Pedal Tractor
\$214.25	Shingle Mill
\$4,750.00	Sponsorship
\$220.00	Swap Spaces
\$6,585.00	Threshing Show: Admission
\$11,326.75	Threshing Show: Food
\$2,644.00	Tractor Pull: Food
\$2,500.00	Tractor Pull: Hook Fee
\$40,405.82	TOTAL

Donations

\$100.00	Neal Dodd
\$305.00	Bourne Family
\$100.00	Ramona Bangsund

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$1,368.38)	Advertising
(\$200.00)	Ambulance Service
(\$1,200.00)	Audio
(\$212.45)	Electricity
(\$2,348.99)	Farming
(\$5,257.09)	Food
(\$434.64)	Fuel
(\$830.00)	Inflatable House
(\$1,626.00)	Portable Toilets
(\$1,771.87)	Postage/Office Expense
(\$1,000.00)	Raffle Expense
(\$210.60)	Refuse Removal
(\$3,551.75)	Repairs
(\$2,147.96)	Threshers' Kitchen
(\$2,900.00)	Tractor Pull
(\$25,059.73)	TOTAL

\$39,511.98 **Balance: August 31, 2015**

Financial Statement: August 31, 2015

Internal Accounts

\$23,187.14	General Fund
\$411.90	Building Fund
\$3,417.39	Chapel Fund
\$12,495.55	Farming Fund
\$39,511.98	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$2,591.07	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$36,920.91	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$39,511.98	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer



Our official veteran pancake maker



Little scrapper tractor pull



Pickin on the porch