

PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from the Hill,

Another show has passed, that is number 36 in all. I think I have been part of 16 shows give or take a few. After visiting with many, all things that we had control over went well, everybody did their part without fail. Now the part that we had no control over, that is where the story begins. We were able to get the lawnmower pull completed after grading the muck off the track, then Gerald Loe sings the national anthem and before he got back to his seat there was another downpour. We regraded the track again taking the slop off and the track was rock hard underneath, and the show went on. The decision was to reschedule the tractor pull until the following Sunday and that proved out to be not so good. I believe we only had 35 hooks. Not good. But I think we should concentrate our efforts on what we can control, and not worry about what can't control. I want to extend a big "Thank You" to Terry Hubel, who spent endless hours packing the track. He went up and down the track for up to 4 hours without stopping. This resulted in the track not breaking down with all the rainy weather.

After visiting with club treasurer Les, we looked at the financial health of the club and decided at the last directors' meeting we must change our spending habits big time. So if you had spending request in to the board for approval and it didn't pass, that's the reason. Before any spending we must close the book on this year's show.

Moving on, I received a phone call from the Chippewa County Sheriff's dispatch that the church doors had been pried open. Jim Roe went out to the site and met with the deputy and determined that nothing had been stolen and after checking further they found all the club buildings were secure.

If you have internet at your house, please get your email address to Monica Engen or Les Bergquist. We must continue to try to cut expenses at every level.

If contacted by the nominating committee we ask you to consider saying yes for a position on the board of directors. We are always looking for new blood on our management team. Please plan to attend the September membership meeting when the membership will pick the next feature tractor, and October when the annual elections are held.

Next year we will be featuring John Deere. I will be visiting with the management of Kibble Equipment to see if we can join up to put on a great show.

Please bring your thoughts and ideas to any director for our next show. We already have had feedback to make next year's show more kid-friendly. We want the kids to bring their parents.

I am pleased to announce that Bob Schultz has taken over the newsletter. Karen and I are happy to be relieved by such a capable member. Thanks Bob.

Thank you, Gerald Kleene, President

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Christmas Party – Maynard Event CenterSaturday, December 10th, 2016 6:00PMThreshing Show 2017Applefest Parade - AppletonAugust 18th-20th, 2017Applefest Parade - AppletonSunday, September 18th 2:30 PM(line up at 1:30 at the Appleton/Milan Elementary School)Tuesday September 20th, 7:00 PMMembership MeetingTuesday September 20th, 7:00 PM(Meeting Lunch servers: Mick & Jan Sellman, Gene & Grace Zeller,Wilbert & Betty Macziewski)Chili Cook offSaturday, October 1st 10 AM to 4 PMBoard of Directors MeetingTuesday, October 6th, 7:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: August 16th, 2016 – Monica Engen, Secretary

President Kleene called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill.

Quorum: 55 Members Present

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary Engen read the minutes of the July 19th, 2016 Membership Meeting. M/S/P Norman/Kanten to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Financial Report was read by Les Bergquist. M/S/P Grube/Hilbrands to approve the report.

- Nominating Committee: Volunteers are Bob Schultz, Sally Phillips, and Stephen Coon.
- **People Mover:** Mick Sellman was asked to get the signs changed to say 3rd Weekend of August. This would avoid the signs having to be changed every year.
- Donation: An 18,000 BTU A/C was donated by Dewey Pyle.
- Holes: Gerald Kleene bought a \$50 live trap and the monster woodchuck who was leaving large holes is no longer residing at Heritage Hill.
- Gate: We still need people to work at the gate during the show. Please see Wayne Spiess. A sign-up sheet will be passed around.
- **Breakfast Menu:** There is a change in menu- Friday, Saturday and Sunday pancakes and sausage will still be served, however, this year they are adding biscuits and gravy.
- Inflatable Toys: Usage time is being moved to Saturday and Sunday instead of Friday and Saturday.
- Work Day: The work day is set for 8/17/16 around 9:30 to 10 and the 18th for finishing up.
- **Donated Bell:** Chip Grube and Orlynn Hegna set the bell by toy building. It looks very nice. Thank you Chip and Orlynn.
- **Threshing Machine:** Orlynn Hegna, Chip Grube, Bob Schultz, Floyd Kanten and Gene Zeller moved the Threshing Machine. The trip took 2 hours and a change of drivers. Thank you guys.
- Buggies: Kyle Ashling transported three buggies, a running gear and a sled. Thank you Kyle.
- Kitchen Crew: Please be ready for the show by Thursday the 18th.
- Lunch Servers: Lunch servers for September are: Mick and Jan Sellman, Gene and Grace Zeller, and Will and Betty Macziewski
- Next Membership Meeting: September 20th, 2016 at Heritage Hill, 7 pm.
- Adjournment: M/S/P Thompson/ Bigaouette.



DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: September 1st, 2016 – Monica Engen, Secretary

President Kleene called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Heritage Hill.

Quorum: Present – Kleene, Hegna, Molde, Bergquist, Johnson, Grube, Coon, and Engen and guests: Karen Kleene, Richard Emch, Jim Roe, Mick Sellman, Liz Ashling, Bob Schultz and Sally Phillips.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary Engen read the minutes of the August 4th, 2016. M/S/P Molde/Johnson to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist did not give the financial report, due to the September 1st meeting date not allowing sufficient time to close the books on August. He did however go over a few concerns: The account is in financial distress due to the show this year. We need to watch spending this upcoming year.

- Letter to the Editor: No further action will be taken concerning the letter that was in the "Letters to the Editor". On a good note, a letter was received by Jennifer Hauge who was the first Queen at Heritage Hill. She had concerns about the '87 Shadow Box she had donated and then she sent another letter after the show stating how pleased she was at how the '87 Shadow Box was displayed. It meant a lot to her.
- Meals for Workers: Jeff Lund brought up that the workers should get free meals. This was discussed by the Board and unanimously disapproved because we are 100% a volunteer organization.
- Ticket Stand: Wayne Spies had suggested moving the ticket stand to the other entrance. The Board decided that it would be best to leave as is.
- John Deere: John Deere would like to bring a lot of tractors out to display at the next show. Was talked of to let them have the whole center area since John Deere will be the feature tractor next year. This will be discussed at the Membership Meeting.
- **Donations:** Adam Goschey gave \$100 donation for sawing his black walnut wood and Farmers Co-Op Elevator donated \$500 for the use of the club's people movers and Heritage Hill volunteer help. Thanks to Kyle Ashling, Bob Schultz and Chip Grube for their assistance.
- **Ambulance:** The Board decided to donate \$100 to the ambulance association for their presence at the Tractor Pull. They are greatly appreciated.
- Boy Scouts: The Boy Scouts did an outstanding job at the show. A \$100 check will be sent to them to divide.
- Saw Mill: Denny Kurtzbien brought up that he knew of some used saw mill parts. It was unanimously decided by Board not to pursue this. M/S/P Bergquist/Hegna
- **Raffle:** Ron Molde mentioned the possibility of dropping the raffle. This will be brought up at the Membership Meeting.
- Deposit for Kitchen Use: This was discussed by Board and there will be no deposit for usage.
- Jim Roe's List: 1) Someone wants to acquire a pull down map. We have extra not being used in the school. It was approved to release one. 2) Marvin Olson wants to donate a clock from the District 7 School in Chippewa Co. We

will take the clock. 3) Toy Wood Devices- Made by Chester Rud and donated by his family. They will be put in the 4) Jen Baldau, has many sewing machines that she would like to donate. We cannot accept the toy building. donation as we have no place for them. 5) Parking at the show by kitchen really messed up the grass. 6) Blacksmith-Tom was happy about the show and things not stored in the building he uses. 7) Evon Roe will not make lefse next year.

- Facility Usage: 9/8-Sccenic Valley Cruisers Tailgate Party, 9/17-Galen Rud, 10/1-Chili Cook Off, 10/2-Mark Dahl, 10/23-Sharon Olson
- Heritage Hill Handmaids: Marilyn Norman and other members created items that were sold for \$255 worth that went to Heritage Hill. Thank You ladies.
- Pop Tops: Large numbers were donated and will be given to Ronald McDonald House.
- Honorary Members: Connie Reinert and Pat Schmidt will be given tickets for next year's show for all the work they have done on the Show Guide. M/S/P Hegna/Molde
- Threshing Machine: Gerald brought up that the threshing machine needs a rubdown with linseed oil. This will be brought up at the membership meeting for volunteers. The machine is a true find and we need to take special care of it.
- Sneaky Pete: The Board Members discussed that the turnout for Sneaky Pete has not been the best in the past two years. The group that the Ashlings pull with will do the show for \$600 as compared to Sneaky Pete at \$2000. It was a unanimous decision that Sneaky Pete will not be at the 2017 show. M/S/P Coon/Bergquist
- Activities for 2017: A Scavenger Hunt for kids 5 12 years of age was suggested. After completing their card, their names would be drawn twice during the day with the winner getting an ice cream treat. This would hopefully bring children (and their parents) to the show. It was also suggested having old fashioned games such as threelegged racing and other games that people used to play back in the day.
- Inflatable House Supervision: Suggestion was made to make sure there is some supervision for the air filled children play area. It runs the best on Saturday and Sunday.
- Barrel Train: The Ashling's suggested that they could make a sign for scheduled rides and put a donation can by it, so that if people wish, they could leave a donation to Heritage Hill.
- Painting Class: A suggestion was made to offer a painting class on certain days at next year's show. This will be brought up at the next membership meeting.
- Elevator: Dustin Johnson brought up that an elevator was offered to Heritage Hill by Wendell Anderson. Dustin will examine the elevator to see if it is useable for a back up.
- Featured Tractor for 2017: Pictures will be brought and will be voted on at the next membership meeting as to whose tractor will be the featured tractor for the show.
- E-Mail Address: Please submit your e-mail addresses to Les Bergquist or Monica Engen as the postage is costing far more than needed to send out the newsletters. We all need to help the club out and by giving your e-mail address you can save close to \$40 per member per year. This subject will be addressed at the next Membership Meeting.
- Queen's Reunion's: Chip Grube brought up that perhaps we could have a Queen's Reunion at the next show in 2017.
- Consignment Auction: This suggestion of having a consignment auction at the 2017 show was brought up, by Chip Grube. This could take place on Friday morning of the show week. This subject will also be brought up at the next meeting.
- Special Thank You: A special Thank You to all the members who were at the show (2016). Thank you for all the work we all do and also for (considering the weather) a great weekend with fellow club members. Bless you all.
- Next Board Meeting: October 6th, 2016, Heritage Hill, 7 pm.
- Next Membership Meeting: September 20th, 2016 at Heritage Hill, 7 pm.
- Newsletter Processing: September 13thth, 2016, Heritage Hill, 9 am
- Adjournment: M/S/P Bergquist/Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

2016 raffle winners: Gun raffle:

First: 12-gauge Browning A5 Shotgun - Jordan Zeller, Saint Paul Second: \$500.00 - Harvey Swenson, Canby Third: \$300.00 - Josh Warner, Montevideo Fourth: \$200.00 - Shannon Fiene, Echo Pedal Tractor: Morgan Behr, Fargo, ND

TREASURER'S REPORT: AUGUST 2016

August 2016

Financial Statement: August 1, 2016

Internal Accounts

Internal Accounts	unts Depository Accounts		
\$367.70	General Fund	\$1,095.69	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$411.90	Building Fund	\$16,962.57	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$3,972.99	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$200.00	Chile Cook-off	\$18,058.26	TOTAL
\$13,105.67	Farming Fund		
\$18,058.26	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$18,058.26 Balance: August 1, 2016

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		DISBURSEMENTS
\$140.00	Camping	(\$115.45)	Electricity
\$110.00	Church Service	(\$1,243.20)	Advertising
\$420.00	Concession Stand	(\$100.00)	Ambulance
\$3,058.19	Corn/Wheat Sales	(\$2,600.00)	Antique Tractor Pull
\$390.00	Donations	(\$1,500.00)	Audio
\$420.00	Dues/membership	(\$208.32)	Farming
\$609.00	Food - Antique Tractor Pull	(\$4,681.66)	Food
\$654.00	Food - Garden Tractor Pull	(\$266.29)	Fuel
\$9,598.75	Food - Threshers' Kitchen	(\$1,500.00)	Garden Tractor Pull
\$5,113.00	Gate Admission	(\$550.00)	Inflatable Toys
\$660.00	Hook Fees	(\$12.66)	Merchandise
\$1.08	Interest	(\$100.00)	Montevideo Boys Scouts
\$61.00	Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$152.00)	Office/Postage
\$917.00	Merchandise	(\$100.00)	Pastor Fee
\$500.00	People Mover - FCE	(\$27.76)	Plaques
\$4,340.00	Raffle Sales- Gun	(\$1,524.00)	Portable Toilets
\$390.00	Raffle Sales- Pedal Tractor	(\$1,000.00)	Raffle Prizes
\$209.00	Shingle Mill	(\$1,036.68)	Repairs
\$750.00	Sponsorships	(\$16,718.02)	TOTAL
\$35.00	Swap Spaces		
\$28,376.02	TOTAL		

Financial Statement: August 31, 2016

\$29,716.26 Balance: August 31, 2016

Internal Accounts		Depository Accounts	
(\$2,832.49)	General Fund	\$17,753.20	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$411.90	Building Fund	\$11,963.06	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$4,072.99	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$400.00	Chile Cook-off	\$29,716.26	TOTAL
\$16,163.86	Farming Fund		
\$11,500.00	Insurance Fund		
\$29,716.26	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

Memories from the 2016 Heritage Hill Threshing Show

