

### PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Heritage Hill Threshing Show is now history and planning is already underway for the 40<sup>th</sup> annual event. Thank you to all the members who put forth effort to help make this Threshing Show a success. By and large I heard so many good remarks about the show. A comment often made was in regards to the great environment surrounding the show. Many comments received mentioned smiling faces and positive attitude of both members and guests. It was another learning experience for me as it was for many others.

Many people put in much time, probably without well deserved recognition, to help make this show a success. Your efforts have been duly noticed are much appreciated. I would expect that the emails and phone calls during the planning and execution of the Threshing Show may have been in the thousands. As I stated on stage on Sunday, as president of this organization, I may represent Heritage Hill but without all the dedicated members who worked so hard to make the show happen, the Threshing Show would not be a success.

The tractor drive was well attended and very much appreciated at Luther Haven and Brookside Living. I saw many folks reminiscing about when they operated a certain tractor and were delighted to be pictured in front of their favorite tractors. A good meal as well as great conversation was held at Toppers. The weather was perfect allowing a gorgeous evening ride back to Heritage Hill.

The Saturday night tractor pull was going very well until adverse weather conditions developed. I was watching radar intently and then notified that Dawson/Boyd area pagers were messaging, indicating detected rotation in the same area heading straight for Montevideo. It was then immediately decided to terminate the pull. Everyone was loaded up, including the skids, and onto higher ground just as the storm arrived. Campers, and anyone left on the grounds, used the Barnaal Building as a storm shelter. Fortunately the storm passed without any issues.

Sunday was another beautiful day with good attendance to close out the show.

There was plenty of good music both on stage and at the Hagen House. Keep your eyes and ears open for anyone who would enjoy sharing their talents next year at Heritage Hill. Music makes such a nice addition to the Threshing Show and the organization will make all attempts to accommodate interested parties.

The newly filled Holtan Powerhouse along with all the new kids activities were all a big hit. In visiting with the Powerhouse crew, they were very impressed, happy and appreciative for the reception they received from the guests during the Threshing Show. There have already been commitments for additional engine exhibitors for the 2020 Threshing Show.

The 2020 Threshing Show planning has been under way for some time now and the scheduling will be finalized in the near future. I have been notified of one "retirement" from Threshing Show chair position and a replacement has expressed interest. I would encourage anyone who is unable to continue in their same volunteer Threshing Show capacity to please contact myself, or any officer or board member, as soon as possible..

As in the past a review of what worked and what needs improvement will be reviewed during the next few meetings and tweak the needs accordingly.

You may tire of hearing this, but again, thanks to all for helping to make the 2019 Heritage Hill Threshing Show a complete success.

I hope to see you at the next membership meeting September 17, 7pm.

Chip Grube, President

# **MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS**

#### **Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 pm @ Heritage Hill (Servers for September: Eugene/Grace Zeller: Mick/Jan Sellman) Sunday, September 22, 1:30 line-up near school, 2:30 parade **Applefest Parade** 

#### **Board Meeting**

Membership Christmas Party Heritage Hill 2020 Threshing Show Sunday, October 6, 7:00 pm @ Heritage Hill Saturday, December 14, 6:00 pm June 19 - 20, 2020

THRESHERS' KITCHEN COMMITTEE: A BIG THANK you to all who volunteered in the kitchen during the 2019 Threshing Show. The serving seemed to go good. Thanks for your patience and positive service to all customers when there was a time lag on delivering the hot food. Thanks to all who brought pies and donated pies. Thanks, thanks and thanks for your time and efforts helping make the kitchen run so well! Tim and Ann Borstad and Carla Johnson

LOST and FOUND – One man's jean jacket and one women's jean jacket have been hanging in the Threshers' Kitchen for over a year, both 2X sized. Please claim by contacting one of the directors by October 15. After that date the jackets will be donated to a good cause.

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: August 13, 2019** – Robert Schultz, Acting Secretary

President Grube called the meeting to order @ 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in the Heritage Hill Threshers' Kitchen. Quorum: There were approximately 45 members present.

Acting Secretary Bob Schultz presented the minutes of the July 16, 2019 Membership Meeting. M/S/P Doug Norman/Curt Berg to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Leslie Bergquist presented the July Treasurer's Report. M/S/P Burt Faehn/Mark Bigaouette to approve the report.

- Membership Concerns: Galen Rud is still recovering from a head injury sustained due to a fall. Floyd Hilbrands recently had a • tumor removed from a kidney.
- Thank You: Thanks to all who helped get the grounds ready for the show, painting, repairs to tables and bleachers, and to all those who helped with the bundle process. It is much appreciated
- Kitchen Floor: The kitchen floor has been polished and waxed. Please try to keep it looking good for the show. .
- Safety: Heritage Hill has maintained a good record on safety. The hope is for that record to continue through 2019.
- Threshing Show Concerns: During the show, if you see something you do not like, or someone having a disagreement with another, bring it to a Director. Some times more issues can arise by trying to handle it yourself. Be good stewards of the organization. If you see something or someplace that you feel the President's presence is needed, please contact Chip Grube. He will do his best to accommodate all situations.
- Director's Presence: Directors are reminded to report to the Grandstand area every day just before 1:00 PM for the introductions and the National Anthem.
- Promotions: Scott Thissen, Wesley Thompson and Chip Grube have recently recorded promotional spots for the local radio • stations. Paul Raymo, KLQP radio, will be here Friday of the show to do some promotional work also.
- Raffle Tickets: Raffle tickets need to be turned into Jeff Johnson as soon as possible.
- **Shower:** The shower is completed and works great.
- Tractors Display: Some exhibitors have indicated they will attend for all 3 days, and some for less, due to conflicts. All are welcome.
- Steel Wheel Tractor Pulling: Some interest has been expressed in pulling steel wheel tractors. Any steel wheel pulls will be entered after the rubber tire pulls to avoid damage to the track
- Well Drilling Rig: Thein Well Drilling, Clara City, will display a 1948 well drilling rig at the Threshing Show.
- Playground: M/S/P Bob Schultz/Orlynn Hegna to investigate the costs and procure equipment to move forward to install a children's playground.
- Farm Committee: Soybeans are sold and volunteers are needed to load more bundles.
- **Toy House:** There is extra room in the Toy Building, extra displays are welcome.
- Kitchen Committee: Carla Johnson reports that 2019 menu has been posted. Volunteers are needed.
- Tractor Drive: Tractor Drive is scheduled for 3:30 on Friday. Slow moving vehicle sign displays are required. Registration will be in the Ost Building.
- Horse Equipment: M/S/P Carla Johnson/Les Bergquist authorize the Board to dispose of the horse equipment.
- 2020 Threshing Show: Any new ideas for the 2020 Threshing Show are welcome, please share with any director.

- Elections 2020: Officer and director elections are scheduled October membership meeting. A complete slate of officers and 3 directors are needed. Please consider helping in this capacity.
- Jim Roe: Jim discussed 1) the school has been cleaned, thank you; 2) trash cans have been placed, feel free to relocate; 3) Sunday church service @ 8:30 AM; 4) Lefse will be served Friday and Saturday in the Hagen house.
- **Parking:** Vehicle are to be parked outside the display area. Please park in the designated locations.
- Show Coordinator: Wesley Thompson official show coordinator, please direct questions and concerns to Thompson.
- **Membership Meeting:** The Next Membership meeting will be Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Heritage Hill.
- September Meeting: Servers needed.
- Motion to Adjourn: M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Les Bergquist to adjourn.

# DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: August 25, 2019 – Robert Schultz, Acting Secretary

President Grube called the meeting to order @ 7:00 PM on Sunday, August 25, 2019 in the Heritage Hill Threshers' Kitchen. Quorum: Present Grube, Kleene, Ashling, Thissen, Coon, Johnson, Finn, Hegna, Bergquist and Schultz. Absent – None. Seven

guests were present. Acting Secretary Schultz presented the August 4, 2019 Board of Directors' minutes. M/S/P Bergquist/Ashling to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist presented an overview of the show receipts; the August 2019 Treasurer's report was not available. Receipts totaled approximately \$27,000. Gate admission was up 10%. Kitchen receipts were up 37%.

- Health Concerns: Galen Rud called to say he just got out of the hospital yesterday.
- Thank You: A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped make the 2019 Threshing Show a success.
- Kleen Site: The portable toilet vendor discounted the bill \$500 as a donation. Thanks are due them.
- Tractor Pull: The tractor pull was canceled midway due to severe weather. The Barnaal building was used as a storm shelter.
- Food Comments: Many compliments regarding the 2019 food service.
- Volunteers: The volunteers that Dustin brought this year were hard workers and greatly appreciated.
- Holtan Powerhouse: The powerhouse exhibitors were very pleased with the show and the reception they received. Over all there were 33 stationary engines on the ground.
- Social Media Numbers: The HH Facebook page reached over 27,800 people last month, with 711 "followers". During the last 28 days.... Page views increased 555%...Page likes increased 4000%..... Video views increased 981%.
- Tractor Registration: 134 tractors and vehicles registered this year.
- New Exhibitors: Approximately a half dozen new exhibitors expressed interest in displaying engines at the 2020 show.
- 2020 Show Mugs: Mug sales to non-exhibitors during the 2020 Threshing Show was discussed.
- **Merchandise:** 2020 button sales was discussed. Hooded sweatshirts and additional caps were a suggestion for next year. M/S/P Bergquist/Ashling to recommend to the membership, authorizing \$1500 to restock merchandise.
- Registration Desk: Locking castors under the registration desk to facilitate its moving was suggested.
- **Problem Camper:** An issue with a disruptive camper was discussed. M/S/P Leslie Bergquist/Orlynn Hegna that he, and the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office, will be notified by mail that his attendance is banned.
- Hanson Building: Doug Norman relayed that Marilyn Norman stated that the women's displays were full this year.
- **Tractor Drive:** The Tractor Drive went well; tractor drive needs to continue in 2020.
- State Ford Gathering: Doug Norman reported 52 attendees at the Ford gathering Friday
- Bleachers Repair: Bleachers are in need of major repair. Repairs are estimated at \$1500. M/S/P Bergquist/Finn to recommend \$2000 repair budget to the membership.
- John Deere 55: The John Deere 55 combine needs repairs, estimated repair costs exceed value. Richard Emch requested the ladder for the self propelled packer. The combine will be retained for one year.
- International Harvester Collectors Chapter 15: Chapter 15 reports no conflict for June 2020 show date.
- Website: Website may be in need of a redesign. If any website item needs attention, please contact Gerald Kleene or Chip Grube.
- **2021 Feature Tractor:** A feature tractor for 2021 needs to be determined.
- Elections 2020: Officer and director elections are scheduled October membership meeting. A complete slate of officers and 3 directors are needed. Please consider helping in this capacity.
- **2020 Threshing Show Suggestions:** 1) Tractor drive Thursday evening; 2) Friday night bean bag tournament, threshing at 2:30, and corn shelling, 9:30 or 11:00... just once per day.
- **2020 Threshing Show Days:** Kyle Ashling stated that the original motion at the May 2019 membership meeting was for a 2-day show. M/S/P Bergquist/Hegna to "clarify" the two-day show, scheduled for Friday & Saturday, June 19 and 20.
- Christmas Party: The HH Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 14.
- Picture Boards: The past presidents and queens pictures on the picture boards need continuation.
- Fundraiser Report: Dustin reports 517 cash raffle and 321 pedal raffle tickets were sold.
- Shuttle Bus: Bus services for the 2020 show were discussed.
  Church Offering: Donation of the church offering was discussed.

- Membership Meeting: The next membership meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 PM @ the HH Threshers' Kitchen.
- Motion to Adjourn: M/S/P Ashling/Bergquist to adjourn.

# TREASURER'S REPORT: August 2019

#### Financial Statement: August 1, 2019

Internal Accounts		Depository Accounts		
\$13,257.23	General Fund	\$1,044.67	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking	
\$4,043.00	Chapel Fund	\$23,246.72	CAB - Preferred Money Market	
\$6,206.92	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit	
\$784.24	Insurance Fund	\$24,291.39	TOTAL	
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		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank	

#### **Operating Statement**

\$24,291.39	Balance: August 1, 2019					
		<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
	\$180.00	Camping	(\$1,441.64)	Advertising		
	\$201.00	Church Service	(\$1,800.00)	Audio		
	\$1,092.25	Concession Stand	(\$250.00)	Boy Scouts		
	\$16,169.19	Crop Sales	(\$100.00)	Chippewa County Sheriff		
	\$420.00	Donations	(\$797.00)	Cups		
	\$340.00	Dues/Memberships	(\$92.00)	Electricity		
	\$1,558.00	Equipment Sales	(\$2,831.80)	Farming		
	\$10.94	Farmers Union Oil - Dividend	(\$6,755.32)	Food Purchases		
	\$1,354.25	Food Sales - Tractor Pull	(\$340.00)	Hook Refunds		
	\$6,863.00	Gate Admission	(\$100.00)	Montevideo Ambulance		
	\$985.00	Hook Fees	(\$100.00)	Montevideo Fireman's Relief		
	\$4.04	Interest	(\$175.45)	Office Expense		
	\$37.00	Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$1,000.00)	Portable Toilets		
	\$502.00	Merchandise Sales	(\$850.00)	Raffle - Cash Prizes		
	\$5,426.00	Raffle	(\$429.00)	Raffle - Pedal Tractor		
	\$57.99	Reimbursement	(\$1,015.13)	Repairs		
	\$192.75	Shingle Mill	(\$200.00)	Steam Engine		
	\$360.00	Swap Spaces	(\$2,000.00)	Tractor Pull Sleds		
_	\$12,422.49	Threshers' Kitchen	(\$20,277.34)	TOTAL		
	\$48,175.90	TOTAL				
			\$52,189.95	Balance: August 31, 2019		

#### Financial Statement: August 31, 2019

Internal Account	<u>:S</u>	Depository Accounts			
\$20,646.95	General Fund	\$36,239.19	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking		
\$4,043.00	Chapel Fund	\$15,950.76	CAB - Preferred Money Market		
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit		
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund	\$52,189.95	TOTAL		
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		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank		
Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer					