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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings fellow Heritage Hill members. As I sit in my lawn chair overlooking Lake Shetek in Currie, MN (I went camping there last weekend with some friends) the cool fall air is blowing across the lake, crashing the waves on shore, with the subtle ribbit of frogs, the chirps of crickets in the distance, and the rustling of the soon to be forgotten leaves on the trees, I cannot help but to think about how this beautiful calm weather will soon be gone. Our days of scorching heat seem to be coming to an end, but mother nature will always make the last decision on that. Right around the corner is harvest season, which I am personally very excited for. It is my favorite time of year.



I am thankful to be able to have attended numerous tractor shows this summer, and, believe it or not, almost all of them had great weather. That is so lucky! I hope those of you who went and appreciated other shows and all the hard work that goes into them this summer had a fun time doing so. We all know how hard it is to put on a great show, and I will always tip my hat to those that help do the same elsewhere. Both shows I attended in August were great, and I hope to get to a couple more in September.

enjoy working on old engines because the more you must work on them the more you learn? Well believe it or not, both engines I brought to Prairie Village in Madison, SD decided to break on me throughout the weekend. One was a simple fuel line issue

that was fixed with a new fitting. The other however, is a bit more complex. The 6hp nelson brothers head gasket chose to quit doing its job about twenty-five minutes into running on the first day. It blew yet ANOTHER gasket, which just about caused me to blow my own gasket! Ha-ha. I digress, just need to keep positive so I can keep motivated on the projects at hand.

Thank you to those of you who helped put up wheat bales on August 17th, the weather was decent about 80 degrees and not much humidity. Truly, I feel like we should have waited for a 98-degree day with around 95% humidity to REALLY make it feel like we are having fun. Maybe next year. Until then, I hope you all have a good September and harvest season which is coming quick.

Best regards, Grant Schmieg

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Membership Meetings (Future Membership Meetings: December 3)	Saturday, December 3, 6pm, Watson Hunting Camp
Board Meeting	Sunday, October 2, 2022, 6:00, Heritage Hill
Heritage Days 2022	June 15 - 17, 2023
Christmas Party	Saturday, December 3, 2022, 5:30 pm, 6:00 dinner.
Christmas party is to be held at the Watson Hunting Camp on 12/3/2022. More details to follow!	

MEMEBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: September 11, 2022 Robert Schultz, Secretary

President Schmieg called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Heritage Hill Kitchen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 10 members present.

M/S/P Carla Johnson/Jordan Zeller to approve the Secretary's report from the June 5th, 2022.

M/S/P Bob Schultz/Dustin Johnson to approve the Treasurers report from August.

- **Christmas Party:** The Hilltop in Dawson is not available for Saturday December 3. We will check with Budger's and possibly the Montevideo Community Center. We also have no entertainment booked.
- **VAC Lawn Mower:** The blades have been sharpened and installed on the Case belly mower and it cuts smoothly.
- **Facilities Usage:** No more events are scheduled for the use of our facilities currently. The last usages were August 27th and August 31st with positive feedback on both.
- **Wheat Bales:** As it was so short, the wheat was mowed and baled and put on racks under roof cover for next year's show on August 17th. Thanks to the farming committee and all who showed up to help.
- **Hunting on Grounds:** Cory Engberg has asked for and received permission from the board to hunt on Heritage Hill grounds again this year. He will notify Grant when he intends to hunt.
- **Beer Garden:** Due to lack of sales there will be no Beer Garden at next year's show.
- **Heritage Hill Shop:** All non-Heritage Hill projects must be out of the shop by December 1st, 2022. The shop space is designated for Heritage Hill projects and shall not be taken up by personal property
- **Commemorative Benches:** Gary Meyer has contacted the club wanting to put up a commemorative bench or possibly two in honor of his mother. We are waiting to hear back from Gary on this project, which will probably happen next year.
- **Plow Date:** The plow date will be scheduled for late in October, probably the last week on October.
- **House Windows:** The House has a window that needs to be boarded up again. Does anyone wish to volunteer? It will have to be done from inside to safely get up that high.
- **Gate Admission:** The current gate admission workers do not wish to be involved any more. We will probably need up to 6 workers for this task next year. Please volunteer for a shift if you are able. We will need a gate coordinator also.
- **Cedar Logs:** We need a couple of cedar logs for the shingle mill. We are just about out of cedar blocks for the mill.
- **Mowing Date:** The next mowing date is on hold. We will get some gas for the club tractors.
- **Hail Damage:** The report has over 50 pages of damage to the club facilities. It will be a struggle to get everything fixed.
- **Next Membership Meeting:** The next Membership Meeting will be Sunday, December 3, in combination with the Christmas party.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Chip Grube/Carla Johnson to adjourn.

DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: September 11, 2022 Robert Schultz, Secretary

The Board of Directors met Sunday, September 11th, 2022 @ 6:30 PM @ the Heritage Hill kitchen after the Membership meeting.

Present were Schmieg, Grube, Bergquist, L Ashling, K Ashling, Hamann (by phone link) Lagred and Schultz. Dustin Johnson was there as a guest.

Grant Schmieg read the minutes from the August 6th, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. M/S/P Bergquist/L Ashling to approve the minutes of the August 6th, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.

Les Bergquist presented the current Treasurer's report. M/S/P Schultz/Lagred to approve the Treasurer's report.

- **Christmas Party:** The Hilltop in Dawson is not available for Saturday September 3rd. We will check with Budger's and possibly the Montevideo Community Center. We also have no entertainment booked.
- **Commemorative Bench/Benches:** Gary Meyer has contacted the club wanting to put up a commemorative bench or possibly two in honor of his mother. The project is pending.
- **Wheat Bales:** The wheat was mowed and baled and put on racks under roof cover for next year's show on August 17th. Thanks to the farming committee and all who showed to help.
- **Mowing Date:** The next mowing date is on hold until the grass gets taller.
- **Large Pull Behind Mower:** The large pull behind mower needs to be stored inside as it has many belts. We will find a place for it, possibly in the Olson Building for easy access.
- **Broken Window:** There is a broken window in the attic of the Hagen House. Looks like the wood blew in on the plywood. We will try to nail that in again tonight before we leave.
- **Facilities Usage:** No more events are scheduled for the use of our facilities currently. The last usages were August 27th and August 31st with positive feedback on both. A big thanks to Dustin Johnson for helping to organize these events, and Beth Finn for cleaning the inside of the chapel and tidying up the kitchen after its usage.
- **Plow Day:** The plow date will be scheduled for the last week in October, Saturday, the 29th.
- **Gate Admission:** Scott Thissen has expressed a desire not to be in charge of the front gate for future shows. We will need to make some new plans at a future meeting.
- **Winterizing the Grounds:** We need to ensure the shower, any waterlines, the wind mill pump, and all other freezable assets are taken care of before freezing weather.
- **Insurance Check:** The insurance inspectors came up with approximately \$268,000 worth of damage from the hail and wind storms. We have replaceable cost on the total cost of the damage (minus the depreciated value of the buildings damaged.) We have been paid roughly \$109,000 on that net amount for now. At the end the day, however, the insurance will pay the total cost of the repairs. Lanny Ashling is evaluating what needs to be fixed. We have two years to get the repairs done. Getting local qualified contractors will be an issue as many are in the same boat and demand for their services is high.
- **Bleachers:** We need to cut up and remove our bleachers as they are not safety compliant, as directed by our liability insurance company. Failure to comply to this directive will be considered cause for liability insurance cancellation. There is a target date in October for coming up with our plans this process. M/S/P Bergquist/Schultz to approve Lanny Ashling to cut up and remove the bleachers.
- **Future of HH:** There was extensive discussion as to the future of our Heritage Hill organization. A comprehensive plan as to our future will need to be created.
- **Band for 2023 Show:** M/S/P Lagred/L Ashling to approve up to \$1000 for hiring the Red Letter Band for the 2023 show.
- **Candidates for 2023:** We will need candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Directors for 2023.
- **Next Scheduled BOD Meetings:** The next scheduled Board of Directors meetings are **Sunday October 2nd**, and **Sunday November 6th**, both @ 6:00 PM at the HH Kitchen, weather permitting.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P K Ashling/Lagred to adjourn the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: August 2022

Financial Statement: August 1, 2022

Internal Accounts

\$27,198.58	General Fund
\$4,818.00	Chapel Fund
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund
\$108,692.30	Insurance Claim Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Premium Fund
\$168,208.88	

Depository Accounts

\$3,788.96	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$164,419.92	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$168,208.88	TOTAL

\$0.00 Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$168,208.88 Balance: August 1, 2022

RECEIPTS

\$150.00	Donations
\$86.42	Farmers Union Dividend
\$22.30	Interest
\$3.80	Miscellaneous
\$262.52	TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$100.00)	Ambulance Service
(\$163.14)	Electricity
(\$100.00)	Fire Department Services
(\$100.00)	Gate Admission Service
(\$74.00)	Office/Postage
(\$52.33)	Refuse Removal
(\$223.08)	Repairs
(\$300.00)	Wood Sawing
(\$1,112.55)	TOTAL

\$167,358.85 Balance: August 31, 2022

Financial Statement: August 31, 2022

Internal Accounts

\$26,348.55	General Fund
\$4,818.00	Chapel Fund
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund
\$108,692.30	Insurance Claim Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Premium Fund
\$167,358.85	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$2,916.63	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$164,442.22	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$167,358.85	TOTAL

\$0.00 Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer