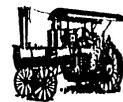


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**PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:**

Greetings from Heritage Hill. A scheduled outdoor event is always at the hands of Mother Nature. In 15 years Minnesota Valley Antique Farm Power and Machinery Association has hosted its annual Threshing Show at Heritage Hill, it is probably fair to say that the organization has experience all weather extremes. 2014 was no exception. As most are aware heavy rains fell at the hill on Sunday morning, August 17, somewhere between six and nine inches. Nobody knows for sure as there is no rain gauge located at the show site, but the area reports varied greatly, and leads to the conclusion that the rainfall was intense. The decision to cancel the show on Sunday morning was met with much turmoil. Nobody wanted to cancel the show, but due to the water saturated soil the risk of major damage to the show site was too great. Surprisingly, there were many spectators who arrived on Sunday, many not anticipating that the show would have been cancelled as they unaware of the extensive rainfall. Numerous Sunday visitors reported that they received little or no rain at their respective residences. Many of these visitors found their way to the Threshers' Kitchen. At the end of the day, the Threshers' Kitchen served many and sales were good. One of the greatest attributes of the show site is the sand based soil. For years the speculation has been that it could rain a couple of inches in the morning and we could still host a Threshing Show a couple hours later; most like nobody anticipated the affects of six to nine inches. Oh, well, as I mentioned earlier, that is a well accepted risk when planning an outdoor event.

On the other hand, the 2014 Heritage Hill Threshing Show can still be considered a complete success. The attendance on both Friday and Saturday were very good. Other than being warm and humid, the weather cooperated. The weather conditions for the Friday and Saturday night tractor pulls could not have been better. Special thanks are extended to the Minneapolis-Moline Collectors Club for attending the show and bringing with over 100 Minneapolis-Moline tractors and a wide array of other memorabilia for display. The Minneapolis-Moline organization hosted its annual meeting and banquet at the Maynard Event Center, which too was well attended. The Minneapolis-Moline exhibits were a huge attraction and enjoyed by all.



Between now and the first snow fall there are a number of tasks that need completion at Heritage Hill. It has already been two years since the Threshers' Kitchen floor has been seal coated. Troy Yackley, Montevideo has been hired to polish and seal coat the floor. Volunteers will be needed to remove all free-standing tables, chairs and other equipment from the building prior to initiating the process. Please watch for emailed announcements. Later in the fall plans are in place to continue the lining the Chippewa Building walls with the rough cut lumber produced at the 2014 Threshing Show. That has always proved to be a fun day and a fun project.

Included in this newsletter, and every newsletter, are the Heritage Hill meeting minutes. At every past Threshing Show, notes are made on what is working well and what improvements might be implemented to make the next show better. As you may note from the directors' meeting minutes many new ideas were discussed. It is always enjoyable to meet at the directors' and membership meetings to discuss potential changes. Some of the ideas come to fruition, many do not. The input from the directors and the members are invaluable to the future success of the organization. Please feel free to share ideas and constructive criticism you may have, either at the meetings, or in person. Your input is greatly appreciated.

*Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President*

**September Membership Meeting Supper:** Barb-be-ques and pie ala mode will be served at for lunch after the September 16, membership meeting. Please come to the meeting hungry as there is plenty of food to consume. People should bear this in mind when eating supper at home that evening. Thanks are extended to all who helped clean the Threshers' Kitchen after the threshing show. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. The Kitchen Committee.

**2014 Raffle Winners:** Minneapolis-Moline Pedal Tractor – Karan Blackstad, Montevideo; Benelli Shotgun – Tom Brusven, Montevideo; \$750 – Loren Bjerkeset – Montevideo; \$250 – Charlie Savig – Maynard.

**Pedal Pull Results:** Congratulations to the following 2014 Heritage Hill Pedal Pull winners, who will advance onto the state competition: **4 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wyatt Binfeld, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Addilyn Sunderland, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dan Jaenisch; **5 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Kamryn Bjerkeset, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jayla Kinman; **6 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Kojetin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Hyche, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oscar Harwick; **7 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Callie Jo Jaenisch; **8 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Kalen Bjerkeset, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Molly Loe, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sam Ashling; **9 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sawyer Ashling, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Andrew Winter; **10 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tyler Loe, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brandyn Schildt, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Haley Beck; **11 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Katelynne Ashling



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: August 12, 2014 Marlys Heath, Secretary

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

Quorum: 55 Present: Vice President Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the July 15, 2014 membership meeting. M/S/P Doug Norman/Peter Anderson to approve the minutes.

Director Gerald Kleene gave the July 2014 financial report in the absence of Treasurer Bergquist. M/S/P Mark Bigaouette/John Lyngen to approve the report.

- **Election Day:** In regards to holding meetings on Election Day, this rule applies only to government meetings; MVAFPMA is a non-profit organization and the organization does not need to comply with this rule.
- **Raffle Tickets:** All tickets need to be turned in before the Threshing Show. The remaining gun raffle tickets will be sold during the Threshing Show, along with the tickets for the pedal tractor, which will be sold for \$2.00.
- **Banquet:** Karen Kleene in charge of the Minneapolis Moline banquet registration.
- **Events:** President Thompson reminded everyone of the event schedule to make sure all events during the Threshing Show were started at the scheduled times.
- **Hanson Building:** Sonja Norman designed and assisted in the building of a country kitchen within the Hanson Building. More rooms are hoped to be added in the future.
- **Tractor Pull Food Sales:** Carmen Haugen is the coordinator.
- **Kitchen:** Hats, aprons and gloves need to be worn by all kitchen volunteers. Clean-up will be held on Tuesday morning August 19, 9 am.
- **Work Day:** Monday morning August 18 will be the work day to do the clean-up of the grounds and other buildings.
- **Kitchen Door:** Glen Hilden installed the new storm door on the kitchen.
- **Threshing Show Volunteers:** President Thompson reviewed some of the final plans for the Threshing Show and requests were made for more workers where needed.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Mick Sellman/Peter Anderson to adjourn the meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: August 12, 2014 Leslie Bergquist, Acting Secretary

President Thompson the Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill.

Attendance: Present – LuVerne Bangsund, Leslie Bergquist, Floyd Kanten, Chip Grube, Orlynn Hegna, Ronald Molde, James Roe, Wesley Thompson. Absent – Marlys Heath, Gerald Kleene.

Vice-President Hegna led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Secretary Bergquist read the July 31, 2014 Board of Directors' minutes.

No Treasurer's report was available due to the early board meeting date.

- **Donations:** Jennings Thorkelson, Alexandria, has offered to donate an Allis-Chalmers baler. Kanten has agreed to determine the condition of the unit. Alvin Kangas, Lake Norden, SD, has donated a barb wire collection plaque. Bergquist will send an acknowledgment. M/S/P Molde/Bangsund to sell donated Economy gas engine to Bergquist for \$100. Bergquist abstained from the vote. M/SP Bergquist/Roe to donate \$100 to the Montevideo Ambulance Service.
- **Threshers' Kitchen:** MS/P Grube/Bangsund to hire Troy Yackley, Montevideo, to polish floor for a cost of \$700. Membership will provide labor to clear the space prior to the process. Kleene advised that additional air conditioner capacity would be beneficial. Many comments were received from spectators wanting hamburgers. Board discussed options regarding hamburger supply and preparation. Pork sandwiches were successful and bar-be-que sandwiches were unsuccessful foods of choice in 2014.
- **2015 Raffle:** M/S/P Hegna/Roe to host a raffle in 2015. Prizes to include a high quality gun, \$750 and \$250 cash. Bangsund and Molde agreed to ascertain gun for the raffle. Bergquist will initiate the application with the Minnesota Gambling Control Board.
- **Pedal Tractor Raffle:** Grube and Thompson agreed to search for a Cockshutt pedal tractor. If not available, a pedal tractor of like value would be substituted.
- **Gas Engine Display:** Lannie Ashling has expressed interest in installing a concrete floor in the gas engine building and installing a power line shaft. Thompson agreed to discuss options of improving the Power House displays with Lannie and Kyle Ashling.
- **Steam Engine:** Due to cost increases, Kleene to explore alternative Steam Engine displays at future HH Threshing Shows.
- **Non-Member Threshing Show Services:** Roe requested that the HH secretary send non-members acknowledgments for services rendered at the 2014 HH Threshing Show.
- **Lawn Mower Pull:** Kleene will be discussing alternatives to enhance future lawn/garden tractor pulls with the committee chair.
- **Work Day:** A work day, including lawn mowing is scheduled for September 3, 2014, 9:00 am.
- **2015 Threshing Show:** Scheduled for August 21, 22 and 23. Due to the aging membership, the decline of Sunday attendance over the past 5-years, and the need for exhibitors who travel extensive miles to depart early, the board discussed the possibility of changing future Threshing Shows to Friday/Saturday full-day Threshing Show venue, and limiting the Sunday venue to a breakfast in the morning, church service, no charge at the gate and an early parade. No changes will be made for the 2015 Threshing Show.
- **Pull Track:** Kleene suggested that the tractor pull track is in need of additional soil fill.
- **Hanson Building:** Additional air conditioning capacity was discussed.
- **Shingle Mill:** Cash donations increased in 2015. Shelter was discussed and no interest in building a shelter over the shingle mill at this time. Discussed the possible acquisition of a planer.
- **Children Activities:** The addition of multiple children activities was discussed. The decrease in children attendance at the 2014 Threshing Show as noted. Suggestions included an inflatable slide, enhanced promotion of the pedal pull, sheriff's office K-9 demonstration.
- **Facility Usage:** Roe advised that a \$100 security deposit was received from an interested party, as to reserve the Threshers' Kitchen for a 2015 date. Security deposits will be accepted..
- **Promotions:** Due to the lack of show poster visibility after the posters are distributed, board discussed the possibility of discontinuing show posters. In lieu of show posters the front page *Western Peach* and *Star-Advisor* advertising was discussed; Bergquist agreed to determine cost and availability. Discussed the distribution and effectiveness of show buttons. Future show button quantity purchased may be decreased, and buttons may be given away for free in the future.
- **Swap Vendors:** Decreased numbers in 2015. Increasingly vendors are only interested in attending swap events where other venter attendance is large in numbers. M/S/P Hegna/Bangsund to not assess a fee for outside vendors, vendors displaying on the west lawn will only pay a fee.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Hegna/Molde to adjourn.

**LOST and FOUND:** 3 Jackets (2 at the 2015 HH Threshing Show, and one from the Monte Xpo) have been found and are hanging near the Threshers' Kitchen Southeast door. 2 umbrellas were left in the chapel.

**Cockshutt 2015:** Heritage Hill members, now is the time to decide on the 2015 Heritage Hill feature display tractor. Heritage Hill will be featuring Cockshutt in 2015 and celebrating the history of the Cockshutt company. **If you own or have access to a Cockshutt tractor, and have an interest in the entering the tractor as the 2015 feature display tractor, please submit a photo and tractor details to any board member.** Timing is import as the 2015 promotional material is already in process of being designed. The origins of Cockshutt go back to the year 1877 Toronto and Brantford, Ontario entrepreneur, James G. Cockshutt opened a business called the Brantford Plow Works. In 1982 the business was incorporated and became the Cockshutt Plow Company. Along with quality built equipment, massive demand and expansion made Cockshutt Plow Works the leader in the tillage tool sector of the farm equipment industry by the 1920's.



## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

**Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill**  
(Servers: Eugene/Grace Zeller; Mick/Jan Sellman; LuVerne/Ramona Bangsund)

**Tuesday, September 16, 2014**

**Heritage Hill Directors' Meeting – Heritage Hill**  
**Heritage Hill Christmas Party – Montevideo Community Center**  
**Annual Threshing Show featuring IH Tractors & Gas Engines**

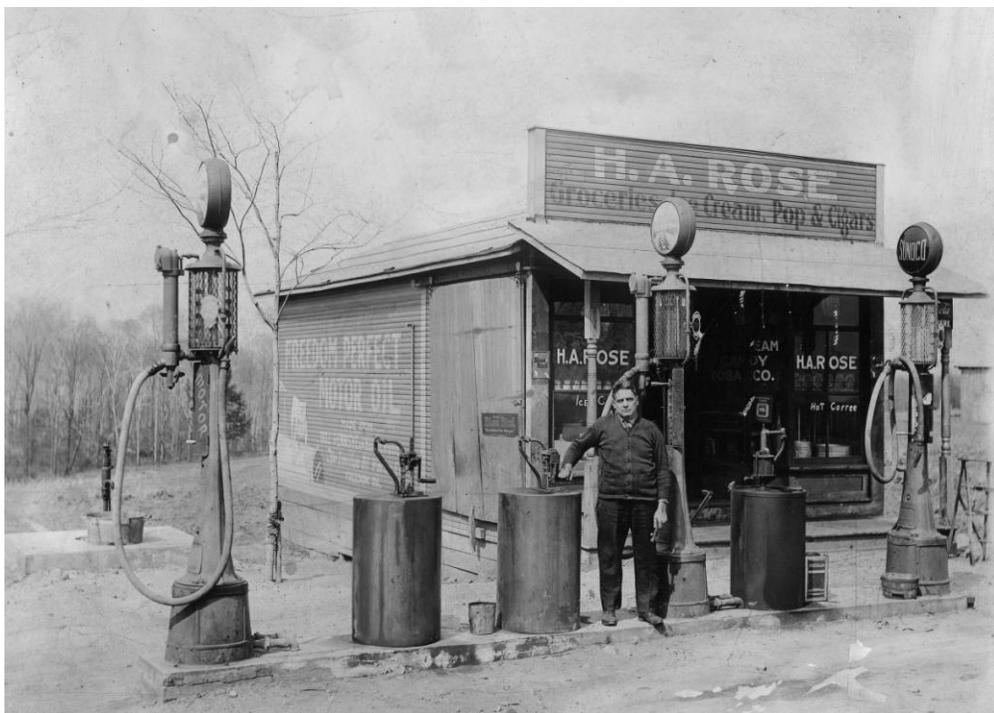
**Thursday, October 2, 2014**  
**December 13, 2014 – 6 pm**  
**August 21, 22 & 23, 2015**

## LINE DRIVE TRACTORS:

The 1910's were met with soaring demand for tractors as farmers were looking to lighten the heavy labor demands of crop and livestock production. In 1915 there were approximately 22,000 tractors manufactured in the United States, which about doubled from the year prior. It took many years for such new power sources to become accepted, as many farmers of the day were of the opinion that the draft horse could never be replaced. During that period a few manufacturers such as Line Drive Tractor Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin sought to pacify the horse lovers by building a tractor that drove with lines, just like a draft horse team. The concept and sales pitch sounded good but the manufactures soon discovered that attitudes were changing more rapidly than originally thought. For this and other economic



reasons the new Line Drive Tractor Company soon failed and was sold a short 2 years later. In 1818 and 1819 Sampson tried to manufacture something similar and it too failed to interest farmers in the rapidly changing landscape of farm power. In 1937 the Eimco Power Horse was invented. The unit which operated much like a skid steer operates today, power with an Allis-Chalmers B/C power unit, was operated with lines. Farming with a power horse was a huge improvement over horses, but it was dangerous. Operators who were transitioning from horse to tractor may have been accustomed to saying "whoa", and that command would not work on the Power Horse. If he was not familiar with driving tractor, the normal reaction would be to pull back on the reins to stop, and instead the tractor would go in reverse, creating a very dangerous situation. The product was much ahead of its time. Although the units were manufactured through 1942, the sales of these units could not compete with the lower priced John Deeres and International Harvesters.



# TREASURER'S REPORT: AUGUST 2014

## Financial Statement: August 1, 2014

### Internal Accounts

\$9,162.52	General Fund
\$2,279.07	Building Fund
\$3,282.39	Chapel Fund
\$14,423.55	Farming Fund
<b>\$29,147.53</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### Investment Accounts

(\$731.00)	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$29,878.53	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$29,147.53</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

\$0.00      Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

## Operating Statement

**\$29,147.53**      **Balance: August 1, 2014**

### Donations

\$400.00	Kibble Equipment
\$200.00	Montevideo NAPA
\$100.00	John Lundgren
\$200.00	Knoshal Farms
\$100.00	Our Saviors Lutheran Church

### RECEIPTS

\$38.00	Button Sales
\$152.00	Camping
\$174.00	Church Service
\$860.50	Concession Stand
\$1,000.00	Donations
\$120.00	Dues/Memberships
\$100.00	Equipment Sale
\$2,322.00	Food - Tractor Pull
\$8,100.00	Gate Admission
\$2,375.00	Hook Fees - Tractor Pull
\$4.19	Interest
\$48.00	Meeting Lunch Donation
\$503.25	Merchandise
\$1,120.00	Minneapolis-Moline Banquet
\$3,440.00	Raffle
\$156.00	Shingle Mill
\$570.00	Swap Spaces
\$11,321.50	Threshers' Kitchen
<b>\$32,404.44</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

(\$514.86)	Advertising
(\$1,200.00)	Audio
(\$125.18)	Electricity
(\$860.00)	Farming
(\$880.00)	Feature Event
(\$5,159.56)	Food
(\$1,128.86)	Office/Postage
(\$1,832.00)	Portable Toilets
(\$484.51)	Posters
(\$253.13)	Propane
(\$1,100.00)	Raffle Expense
(\$307.12)	Refuse Removal
(\$1.00)	Rent
(\$695.32)	Repairs
(\$2,289.24)	Saw Blade
(\$200.00)	Steam Engine Fee
(\$1,525.00)	Tractor Pull Sled & Trophies
<b>(\$18,555.78)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$42,996.19**      **Balance: August 31, 2014**

## Financial Statement: August 31, 2014

### Internal Accounts

\$23,771.18	General Fund
\$2,279.07	Building Fund
\$3,382.39	Chapel Fund
\$13,563.55	Farming Fund
<b>\$42,996.19</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### Investment Accounts

(\$886.26)	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$43,882.45	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$42,996.19</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

\$0.00      Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

