Upper Midwest A-C Club Board Meeting Minutes

Machine Shed Restaurant

Lake Elmo, MN

January 19, 2019 - 10:00 am

**Call to order:** Joe called meeting to order at 10:12 am

**Roll call:** Present: Joe Graunke, Darrell Grams, Lori Miller, Cody Hager, Lynn Bushard and Scott Overgaard. Absent – Craig Buss, Joan Paulson and Tom Foss  
Others present: Arlene Bushard, Tom Hager

**Treasurer report:**  
 Checking = $198,908.08  
 Scholarship = $9,122.44  
 **Total = $208,024.52**

**Taxes, licenses, outstanding bill's:**

SpecCast bill for $16,000 was paid yesterday for second payment of tooling. One more payment of tooling of $16,000 will be due before final okay is given before production.

Darrell will be reimbursing himself for printer ink and will have Joan endorse that reimbursement check.

Michael Crowe has been given all of the Club’s accounting records and will get started on the 2018 taxes.

The important list of dates has been updated to reflect when all tax reports and items are due.

We received another bill from KDUZ for $194 which included spots which were done AFTER Scott had called them on 12/10/18 to cancel our advertising with them. We discussed this bill and whether or not it should be paid or disputed. Scott made motion for Darrell to pay the bill and send it to KDUZ with a letter advising our cancellation and advising that no more bills will be paid. Lori seconded – Motion carries.

Also discussed the effectiveness of the radio ads and whether it would be more effective to advertise more in the local papers. We all agree that we will focus on local paper ads. Scott has taken on advertizing and is working directly with Joe to coordinate the trasition.

Gambling license application is in process. It has been filed with the City of Hutch who will then approve and forward it to the State. Darrell is working with the City of Hutch on this.

Lynn pointed out that the meeting room rental for Nov meeting was put in travel/lodging. Lori created a new item in the list of accounts and separated those entries.

Allis Leaf Mill –Joe recalls this was donated to the Club around 2012 and he thinks it is at Larry Karg’s place.   
 Generator – Joe thinks it came from a hotel/motel in Arizona. Darrell recalls that this was paid for with Club funds. Joe said that too is in Larry’s shop. Joe is going to contact Larry about these items and will find out details and get them transferred to the Club building.

Darrell will be gone for 3 weeks starting Tuesday morning. Rich has a deposit ticket and endorsement stamp will make toy deposits while he is gone.

Lori will not be able to attend the April membership meeting but will have books ready as well as a Balance Sheet printed for all members at the April & November membership meetings.

Lynn makes motion to accept treasurer’s report – Lori seconds. All approved – motion carries

**Membership report:**  
 389 members, 7 renewals. 1 died in July and his son replaced his membership. Expired is down to 8 members but includes Aaron Barneson who is a former board member and Paul Grams. Darrell will contact Paul.

Starting in 2018 there were 446 members and that number is down to 389 now with a net loss of 57. Has anyone questioned why? Arlene said consensus is dissatisfaction with how the board handled the Karg/Larson issue. Darrell pointed out once again that that issue had fault three different ways and expressed that it was over 3 years ago and has been put to bed numerous times.

Arlene got a call from ?? asking for a membership kit to take to the Owatonna show. Apparently in years past someone got mad because memberships renewed at the Owatonna show got put with the Raffle money and not recorded as membership. Arlene has set up a system to hopefully alleviate this issue in the future.

Cody makes motion to approve the membership report – Scott seconds – motion carries.

**Secretary report:**

Review prior meeting minutes & approve – Arlene asked about language under membership committee minutes from last meeting. Again this issue of confidentiality of the membership list and the sharing of information came up. A policy needs to be in place once and for all. We decided this needs to be discussed with the membership at the April meeting, voted on, and come up with a policy. We will also put something in the newsletter explaining that the Club needs to be able to contact members about CLUB issues via email and regular mail.

Darrell motions to approve prior minutes from November 10, 2019 – Cody 2nd – Approved – motions carries.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Important dates**

Lori will share the latest list of dates and asks that we update the list to include any items each of us are responsible for so we have a complete list. This list should include deadlines for newsletter content. We decided to determine the upcoming board & membership meeting dates and Lori has added these to the list as well.

**Website and social media**

The site has been updated to a secure site – cost was $49 and April is submitting a bill for that.

Make a separate tab for future show dates. Indicate the 2021 show is GATHERING OF THE ORANGE.

Arlene will email Lori the membership application form and we need to clean up that tab to get content back on.

April will make one tab with ALL FORMS under that tab. We believe this will make it much easier when looking for a specific form as well as updating the forms.

Discussion of email accusations of Lori marketing via email and/or other forms. Darrell pointed out that when Craig was accused of something last summer he was afforded the courtesy of being contacted one on one prior to getting the board involved when there was no resolution to that issue. Lori should have been extended that same courtesy. Board agreed this was handled poorly. It should also be pointed out that the accusations of Lori marketing toys via email were totally unfounded and a complete misunderstanding.

**2019 SHOW**

**2019 Toy** – Toy sales – We are right at 650 toys spoken for.

Joe and Darrell got to see the prototype of the 2019 toy. Design is excellent and only a few minor tweaks need to be made.

We discussed possibly adding an attachment package for this toy including the wagon, corn head, etc. Joe will bring this up to SpecCast.

Rich is going to ask SpecCast to have toys that are being shipped be in heavier boxes. We still have no determination on whether a the tariff will be assessed on the toys yet.

Joe put an ad in the Old Allis News recently so that should be coming out and we expect all toys to be spoken for by the end of February, if not before.

Featured Garden Tractor at the show will be the B-200 series garden tractor in the Outdoor Products Building. We need to post this on Facebook and have April post this on the website.

Honorary, life and charter members - Form committee?

**2019 Raffle tractor:** – D-10.

Raffle tickets will be printed as soon as we get our gambling number.

Nancy is no longer our contact at Sky Printing but the contact email and phone number remains the same.

Cody pointed out how terrible the D-10 ran at the Fall meeting. Bob Paulson has done some work on it (replaced points) and reports that it is running much better. Darrell is going to talk to Bob to see if anything more should be done to get it tuned and running well.

**Future raffle tractor**– Form a committee

Cody wants to be on this committee. He reported that he found a 170 with a narrow front for $5,500 – but that has already sold. He also found an original 180 asking $8,950 in Mountain Lake. Cody asked Chad Stradtman to go look at it and apparently Chad is also interested in buying it. Franzien also has a D-15 Series I diesel for $4,000 which would need to be painted. Club is considering two units for raffle at the 2021 GOTO show. The 160 from Mankato has also been sold. We thinking forming a committee to go hunt and then report to the board for final approval before purchase would work well. Joe & Cody both volunteered for this committee. Chad Stradtman has also expressed willingness to be a non-board member on the committee.

Larry Karg also has two tractors he’s willing to sell to the club for future raffle tractors; a D-10 and I-400 w/ Loader.

Darrell makes motion that Cody try to buy the 180 diesel for $8,950 after driving and looking it over. If that falls through then he should look at the D-15 diesel. Joe seconds – Motion carries.

Darrell recommends the board get together to come up with some people to work on the mechanics of future raffle tractors to help keep costs down. Darrell recommends giving the existing D-15 a tune up and a good wax and raffle that one again.

Ken Holtz wants us to consider raffling a garden tractor. He has one in mind he would sell to the club for $500. – More info below in Scholarship notes.

**2019 Show Budget –** KDUZ advertising – taken care of above.

**Signs and displays for 2019 and future shows –** Scott asked his brother to hold off on the signs that were approved at last meeting after the new agenda item of club branding was added.

Luke Olson asked about making a sign for the 220 feature for the 2019 show and what the budget would be for something like that. Lori asked that Luke submit his idea or what he’s looking for so we have a better idea of what he’s thinking so we can come up with a budget. It sounds like he wants us to make a sign for the featured 220s and then raffle that sign off to the people who bring 220s to the show. We don’t know if he’s looking for a vinyl sign or some sort of a vintage reproduction type sign. We also don’t know exactly what he wants this sign to say.

Darrell said John Bergman wants a sign for his proving grounds tractor that he is bringing to the show as well. Darrell said he would also get more information about what this sign should look like.

Scott presented a mock-up of the GOTO sign(s).

**Vendor charges and changes**:

Discussion of cost of swap meet vendor spots. It has been suggested that we go back to charging a flat fee for the show instead of per spot – like it was years ago. Let’s put this on the agenda for the Spring meeting and make sure Doug Stade is available for discussion. It seems no matter what we do we won’t please everyone.

Food vendors & charges – Table too until Bob Paulson is available at Spring Meeting.

**Club/Show Contacts List – List of show responsibilities (Who's doing what?)**

We reviewed the Contacts list on the website, the pdf attached in website and the Tri-Fold brochure and came up with revisions to these lists. She will communicate the updates to April and Sky Printing.

Joan, Cody & Lori all asked if the Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts/FFA or other volunteers could be allowed to help with children’s activities, parking, golf carts and other activities and offer a donation for good work. Absolutely! Great idea! ?? is going to contact the Scouts and FFA and express this.

We need to make an appeal at Spring Meeting for show volunteers.

People counters – we all decided to eliminate counting people and/or cars. There is no effective point of reference for past shows that is reliable anyway. We have always used the net income/profits from the show to gauge success of the show anyway.

Arlene is going to do volunteer meals again and said her budget of $800 should be fine.

Luke Olson is going to be in charge of parking tractors. – Luke should contact Bob Rohda and see if he will bring his Nebraska 220 to be parked with Bergman’s.

Bob Paulson asked that we find someone to take over the Tractor Pull for 2020 show. Tom Hager volunteered to help out in any way that he can. He said he runs the Tractor Pull at the Rochester show every year and is very familiar with the process. Cody will talk to Bob about this.

**SHOW FORMS:**

**Safety/Registration – Are we okay to post this?** Yes – No safety ribbon will be necessary this year with this form being completed upon registration. Registration will include a safety form, registration form, button and a plaque.

**Golf Cart Rental Reservation Form & Personally Owned Golf Cart Registration** – okay to post on Website/Facebook and get to Sky Printing for newsletter.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Scholarship Application – Cody updated the club and said new form with one minor change is coming very soon.

Scholarship Auction to be held at 5:30pm at the Pavilion – yes, that’s good.

Dale & Ken mentioned having a garden tractor to raffle or silent auction. Cody will find out what the details are. We would have to buy it for $500 and he would donate the rest. We need to revisit this at April meeting.

**Upcoming Show Events**

Boonville Swap Meet – 1st weekend in March.

Owatonna Farm Show, March 14-16, 2019

Pioneer Power Swap Meet, April 26-28, 2019

Allis Connection Show, Amana Colonies – June 15-16, 2019.

Water Carnival – Hutchinson, June 16, 2019

Allis in Rochester – August 10-11, 2019

Union Grove show, September 13-15, 2019

We will try to have a presence at each of these shows. Joe will get information and details about each show and what can and cannot be done at each show.

Cody said Allis in Rochester - August 10th and 11th – Cody will find out what we can do at that show and possibly bring the raffle tractor, etc.

**Club shed update:**

Bob Paulson said the County has not been able to obtain the land they were trying to get so there is nothing new to report here.

**Fuel cell tractor updates** – Insurance & rent is paid. We all agree we should continue to keep this piece of history in our community and continue as we have been.

**Nomination committee:**

We need at least 2 people to step up and join the club’s nomination committee. The nomination committee would be tasked with finding, vetting and recommending individuals to run for the board of directors at the upcoming April Membership meeting. Time is of the essence! Lori needs to put a post on Facebook.

We agree that we will NOT accept absentee votes.

Ballot shall be BLANK – voter will write in 1, 2 or 3 names.

Can we get back on track so we can get 3, 3 and 3 for each year. Next year is Joe, Tom, Scott & Joan. Maybe ask one of these people to shorten their term to two years and run this year. This would get us back on a 3, 3 & 3 nomination. Scott will inquire if any of these 4 individuals might be willing to shorten their term.

Important Dates – Added to list of dates to ask for volunteers for the nomination committee.

Audit committee – Bylaws state we need to have an Audit Committee. We all feel that the entire board IS the audit committee. We as a board addressed this issue and have decided that the books ARE audited at every board meeting. Whether or not an amendment needs to be made to the bylaws will be addressed in the future.

Other old business items – Joan was going to check with Randy on no dog policy as there doesn’t appear to have been resolution here. The board agrees that if the fairground doesn’t enforce the policy and they don’t care if we enforce the policy, then we won’t enforce it. There shouldn’t be dogs in vendor areas, but we all agree that that is not up to us to enforce that either.

Gary Agrimson’s check – that check has been reclassified as a donation. – Issue closed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2020 show items:**

Darrell presented the possibility of building a belt pulley dyno set-up. He got a quote from OEM for $3,000 to build this. This would be a Belt Pulley or PTO capable. He knows of a dyno for sale in Arizona for $4,500. Joe made motion that Darrell proceed with obtaining the items needed to build a belt pulley dyno set-up and also approved for Darrell’s reimbursed for trailing cost from Arizona to home. Scott seconds. Motion carries. Joe will look and see what he has for a pulley and a blower to be used as well.

**Explore the creation of a logo and branding Upper Midwest A-C Club & Orange Spectacular**. Table this to next meeting as this was an item Craig added to the agenda and wasn’t in attendance to present.

**Other new business**:

Joe said Larry asked if we would be willing to do a consignment auction at the GOTO in 2021. – We will discuss this at April meeting.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Next Board meeting - April 13th 2019 at the Fairgrounds (diner) at 9am

June meeting will be 6/8/2019 at Fairgrounds at 10am

July is meeting Thursday before the show 7/25 at 1pm at Fairgounds

September meeting date 9/7/2019 - Fairgrounds

November – Board & Membership Meeting

We had a snafu getting set up at this meeting because the Machine Shed didn’t have our reservation and tried to put us in the main dining room which was not private and very noisy. We ended up with two tables in the bar. Lori suggested either getting this reservation in NOW or as soon as they will take it or else holding the January meeting in Edina at her office’s conference room.

Lori makes motion to adjourn. Darrell seconds motion – Motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15pm