Upper Midwest A-C Club®

Membership Meeting Minutes
McLeod Co. Fair Grounds

November 10, 2018 @ 5:30pm

Hutchinson, MN

Call to order -

**Roll call for the board**: Present – Joe Graunke, Darrell Grams, Lori Miller, Joan Paulson, Cody Hager, Tom Foss, Lynn Bushard, Scott Overgaard. Absent – Craig Buss

**Treasurer’s report:** Checking = $139,590.80
 Scholarship = $9,122.44
 TOTAL: $148,713.24
Larry Karg (member) made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, Arland Lepper (member) seconded the motion. Motion carries.
 **Secretary’s report:** Reviewed minutes from April 21, 2018 Membership Meeting and status of each item. Announced that the club awarded 5 scholarships in 2018.
Brenna Grams (member) made a motion to approve the Secretary’s report, Larry Karg (member) seconded the motion. Motion carries.
 **Membership report:** Arlene Bushard reports that 382 newsletters were sent out. 12 renewals – 6 were 1 year renewals, 4 were 2 year renewals and 2 were 3 year renewals.
387 members as of yesterday November 9, 2018 – 34 are expired but have been contacted for renewals.
Lori Miller makes motion to approve membership report, Darrell Grams 2nds the motion. Motion carries.
 **Old business:**
**Charter members inducted as Life Members – Certificates presented**. See attached list. Arlene asked the membership to please help her update the list for those that have passed away.

**Scholarship Committee Report:** Dale Heintz (Member & Scholarship committee member) updated the members of the scholarship fund, account balance and status. Dale reported that the scholarship auction will be held on Saturday of the show in the pavilion at 5:00 or 5:30 (to be determined closer to the event). He also announced the donation of three toys by Peggy Leikwig which will be auctioned at that auction with all proceeds going directly to the scholarship fund. These toys were displayed at the Banquet. Dale asked for members to consider other donations for that auction including cash donations.

**Recap of 2018 Show:**
**Ladies Activities:** Joan reported her findings about the survey which was included in the newsletter. Asked for the members to submit items for the Ladies Page in the newsletter.

**Field Demos:** Cody Hager presented findings from the Field Demos. All in all very good feedback has been received and no major changes are scheduled for the 2019 show. Overall everyone thinks getting the pavilion completed will greatly improve the flow of the show.

Chad Stradtman (member) asked if it was possible to get the Larry Karg collection presented in the Agribition Building at the show. Bob Paulson responded and explained the difficulties of making that happen.

**New Business:
2019 Toy Report** - Rich Martin (absent). Joe & Darrell updated the board on the status of the 2019 Toy. Some members reported receiving their order forms in the mail already. We are anticipating high demand for these toy and urged members and previous buyers to get their orders in quickly to ensure they get a toy. Orders are due by March 31, 2019.

**Building Project:** Larry Karg (member) discussed to the members about the proposal to erect a new building on the fairgrounds. He explained that the project is still in very early discussions but that two different sites are in discussion. One site being an addition to our existing building with two different buildout scenarios and another site being proposed of newly acquired land to the southeast of the fairgrounds (assuming the county gets that parcel purchased). Larry explained that a benefactor has committed a sum of $100,000 to this project and explained that the board has agreed to a $50,000 addition to that amount – pending membership approval. This discussion went on for a very long time with many members asking questions. After much discussion, Terry Nowak made a motion for the membership to approve a $50,000 payment to this project, assuming the county approves the plans. Bob Paulson (member) seconded the motion. – A vote was cast both verbally and by a show of hands to the membership. Vote was approved and motion carried.

Next meeting will be April 13, 2019 which is the Spring Membership Meeting to be held at the fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned