**Upper Midwest A-C Club Board Meeting Agenda**

**McLeod County Fairgrounds - Meeting Room**

**July 25, 2019 – 1:00pm**

**Call to Order at 1:00pm**

**Roll call -** Craig Buss, Joe Graunke, Darrell Grams, Lori Miller, Joan Paulson, Scott Overgaard, Cody Hager, Lynn Bushard, Tom Foss.

**Treasurer’s report:**

Checking: $ 51,733.11
Money Market: $100,000.00
Scholarship Fund: $ 7,622.44
**TOTAL: $159,355.55**

The bill for the toy was paid, causing the drop in the checking balance. We have approximately $32,000 of receivables for toys that will be paid by dealers that pay after the toys ship.

We will have a bill for the two people movers that we will need to pay.

We just paid $532 for the water pump sprayer that was approved at the last meeting.

Lori needs to fix the Chart of Accts to 2019 Model 782 Chopper – It’s not a 787. (This has been done.)

Joe makes motion to approve treasurer’s report. Scott seconds – Motion passes.

**Membership report:**Numbers are pretty much the same as the last meeting. One new member from Missouri that paid a 2 year membership.

**Other committee reports:**

Toy Committee – Rich is getting an estimate on getting a wagon for next year. The running gear will be die cast and the box will be hard plastic. The cost of the mold will be the same no matter what it is made of. Other companies have made the box so we may be able to get some sharing of tooling cost. Rich suggested we communicate to our customers about the construction and see if we get any negative feedback. Joe talked to Rich and they are going to work together to draft up a communication. Input from dealers will also be very valuable to us. Many of our customers are not members so communicating with them might be difficult.

Lori suggested using the shipping invoices from last year to compile a mailing list. She will check to see what info we have.

**Audit Committee:**

Michael Crowe is not coming to the show, so the meeting has been postponed. Lori will communicate with Michael and Jerry Hagg to see when we could have a review and meeting.

**Scholarship Committee:**

The scholarship committee is meeting tomorrow and Cody will report back any information.

**Joan:**

Bus stop will be over by Golf Cart Rental stand parking lot. Lori to make signs.

**Current Show News:**

Randy will be putting a water tank in the 1 ton to spray roads with at the show this year. Next year we will have the water truck mentioned above.

**Old Business**

**Coordinator Positions:**

Doug Stade – Joe Graunke will take over for next year’s show. Doug will turn over all of his paperwork to Joe. Craig and Joe will meet with Doug tomorrow to get the lay of the land.

Norman Grams has also offered to help. We will get Norm’s info to Joe and have Joe & Craig coordinate with him.

Rich Martin – Cody Wangen has shown some interest and Tim Holker from Texas who is planning to move back here has expressed interest in helping out.

 Mini farm displays - Craig reached out to a few people and we will wait to see what comes at the show. Brad Denow who lives in Monticello expressed interest in setting up but we are still waiting to see if they do show up. Mike Richter always used to set up at Kargs – Craig will ask him if he wants to do it again.

**Budget for shows:**

Please bring info for each input to September meeting. Lori will put together a synopsis of the P&L itemized by category to see if that is helpful information.

**Club Newsletter:**

Advertising: See attached advertising for reference. We discussed the new rates and are in agreement that they are in line. Craig said he would contact all of the current vendors who advertise to explain to them the new procedure. We all agree that ads should be communicated using an ANNUAL cost instead of per issue. We will bill for these ads in Nov/Dec for the upcoming year. We all agreed to not have the bartering of ad rates for writing articles. Lori suggests instead offer that a vendor can write an article about themselves and how they tie to the club or the show. That article would be approved by the board and then put in the newsletter.

Craig wants to get stories from the people that travelled the farthest to come to the show. He also wants to interview the oldest attendees.

Craig will do a 220 layout of the display from this show for the upcoming issue.

Joan suggested a “Welcome New Member” page. We would need Arlene to communicate new members for each issue.

Joe suggests possible new color scheme or some color pages inside the newsletter but Bob says we have to keep the tractor tracks on the cover.

We had mentioned putting a Down Memory Lane section in at the last meeting. We would refer to old newsletters and show guides for this information. Bob suggested putting some old show pictures in there.

Lori will continue to provide recipes.

If there is anything in particular from the show or anything else, please point Craig to the idea or a person to contact to interview at a later point.

**Show Guide:**

Connie of Beyond Broken wants to get on the agenda for the Sept meeting to discuss the show guide. Lori talked to her at the show and she will not be able to make the Sept meeting but suggested maybe the November meeting would work.

**Club equipment donation:**

Scott Overgaard to report. Gary and Scott talked to Wayne Johnson from Leonard. He has started talking to his kids and his accountant. Scott will continue to touch base with him.

**Club new shed/ new property:**

 Jim Fayhe of Glencoe and Edina. They presented Zieman Heating & Plumbing building. .4 acres/two car garage. $160k

 They also presented 115 Bypass by Hwy 7 – Follows 1115 Hwy. Across the road from Larry Karg’s . Currently they are un-mowed lots. Two plots are 1.9 acres and 1.59 acres. Jim said $80,000 for both of those parcels. McLeod County Coop would run power for free. They are not in the City of Hutch. Step Level – Contract for Deed. We could buy outright or contract for deed with earnest money down. Close proximity to the fairgrounds.We would have no property taxes as a 501(c)3 – Jim would help us get the tax exempt status.

$130,000 for 6 acres. – Not a great option because of the building restrictions due to the proximity to the airport.

Lynn asked if there are any restrictions out on the 115 Bypass option. Craig said it is all zoned for commercial so there shouldn’t be any restrictions.

Darrell makes a motion to pursue the 115 bypass option as opposed to the others and asked that we be allowed to gather more information. Darrell would like to spearhead this with the realtors and Michael Crowe and then present more info to the board at the next meeting. Craig gave Darrell the go-ahead to move forward on more information.

**Reels of film:**

Scott Overgaard to report. Nothing to report yet.

**Use of Trademark Orange Spectacular:**

Darrell Grams, Sr. & Lynn Bushard – Michael Crowe told Darrell that one of the rules of owning a trademark is protecting it. We need to be very cautious about that. We cannot afford to set precedence of allowing the use of the name without careful consideration and making sure we are doing it correctly. Craig has some ideas about how to allow future use for certain things.

**New overhead door for Club shed:**

Bob Paulson – Table to September

**Golf cart vendors:**

Lori Miller to report. – Will work on getting more information before next meeting by contacting new vendors.

**2020 Show:**

**D-14 raffle tractor**

 **Feature tractor 210**

 **Field demo feature**: letter series plowing team.

 Plant 8 rows of corn in spring to chop, planting north to south by ditch.

 **Garden tractor feature** - Ken Holtz input.

 2020 Show Toy - Rich Martin, Luke Olsen, Joe Graunke and Darrell Grams

**2021 show-**

Feature D19

 History walk - Cody H. discussed that the show could line up every A-C tractor produced.

 Field demo – D19 plowing team. Craig said we have done this at least 1 time that he knows of.

 Garden tractor feature - Ken Holtz.

**Upcoming shows:**

Scott County Threshers - Aug. 2-4th

 Days of Yesterday - Aug. 10-11

 Union Grove - Sept. 13-15

**New business:**

Tri folds for 2020 show.

**Next meeting:**

Sept. 7th 2019, 9am meeting room fair grounds

Nov. 9th 2019 1pm meeting room fair grounds.

**Adjourn meeting:** Joe makes motion and Darrell seconded. 2:45pm