**Upper Midwest A-C Club**

**Conference Call Minutes**

**August 19, 2019 – 7:00pm**

**Call to Order at 7:03pm**

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

**- COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

**Treasurer’s report:**

**Secretary’s Report:**

**Membership report:**

**Audit Committee:**

**Scholarship Committee:**

**Other committee reports:**

**- OLD BUSINESS -**

**Coordinator Positions:**

**Swap Meet:** Joe Graunke, Norman Grams, Set Up Craig, Norman and Steve Fisher.

Toy Coordinator – Rich will still do. Wants someone to sit and hand out toys during the show. Show set up to be done by FFA. Still looking for more.

Put write up in Newsletter, Website and Facebook page. Words should be – We NEED people to step up and volunteer.

**Ken Holtz Resignation** - Craig talked to Ken. Garden tractors getting short end of the stick. He’s sick of it. He will still do the scholarship. Next year we will put out stakes for combining. We are not going to start anything until the garden guys are done. They will have a spot all of their own. That promise has been made before. Joe will supervise when large tractors can start only after garden tractors are done. Darrell feels you cannot participate and coordinate at the same time. Darrell feels we have so many people out there on an activity that we don’t make any money on. Lynn said the demos are what the people come for. They will buy tickets. Tough finding people to work/volunteer. Joan said it is frustrating having to beg for help and having no one step up and actually commit to work. Scott recommends we keep the demos to schedule so they don’t keep them out there all afternoon. Craig feels strongly we start at noon.

**Show Flyer 2020** – It was sent last Thursday to Sky Printing. Lawn & Garden contact was entered as Craig. Scott told Jim we needed it for Union Grove. Lori feels anyone with their info for contact needs to be diligent about answering and returning calls.

**Club Newsletter:** Newsletter – Deadline is Sept 1st

Jim is coming up with new format – color, etc. Craig asked Jim to get us a quote. Keep tractor tracks, color picture, etc. Lori would like Craig to remind Jim that she needs PDFs of prior year’s newsletters. Joan wants to make sure we put notice of road closures for 2020 show. Lori will make sure this info gets out in Website and Facebook.

Craig emailed everyone the advertising rates. So far he has lined up the for sale stuff and pictures for the center. Maddy plowing on the front cover. Craig will get particulars for fall banquet from Bob and Joan. Craig will interview and put article in for Michael Vandvier from New Mexico Preston Moore from ?? – Another club member. Craig will follow up with Scott for Down Memory Lane. Dave Claussen would be very interested in sharing articles from Old Allis News. Lori will put together more recipes.

Darrell will put together an article about the people movers and the compliments.

Joan and Bob will do their articles for pedal pulls, and article about bus ride

Cody will write something about the kids tractor driving.

**2020 Show – Corn Feed**: Craig tried to touch base with everyone about sweet corn pork chop feed on Saturday at the show. Using this as a membership drive. We would charge $X amount for the meal – free to paid members.

**Club Equipment donation** – Still waiting. Nothing new.

**New shed/ property** – Commission is still dragging their feet on fairgrounds proposal. We all agree that it would be best to obtain our own property to build a shed. The 115 Property is 1.7 or 1.8 miles from the fairgrounds the short way. Long way around is 5 miles. The airport road has the biggest shoulder. Scott thinks that property is too far away. Tom pointed out that his mapping app tells him it’s 4 miles vs 5 miles.

Darrell wants to know more about the piece of property with the quansit on it. They want to sell the whole piece for $600k. When Craig talked to Terry about it. Bjorn his son had that piece of property for sale for 40+ years.

The board is unanimously in favor of purchasing land outside of the fairgrounds.

Craig wanted us to vote on whether or not we were in favor of each property. We all feel we don’t know enough to make a vote. Properties in question – 6 acres - $136k south of fairgrounds. Could potentially be height restrictions on buildings. Craig will have all information put together for each property at the Sept meeting. We will drive to each property and then vote on properties that suit our needs.

Darrell said bankers would be willing to meet with us. Very interested in meeting with us to discuss specifics. Michael Crowe suggests we stay away from a contract for deed. Said they can go sideways fast.

Darrell has drafted a letter to the membership which he wants sent out as soon as possible to explain the purchase of land and where we are at in the decision making process and ask for input.

**Reels of film** – Scott talked to Jim Pessick on Sunday. Conversion Rates, etc. We want to do one film and see how it goes. Then go from there. If one goes well we would probably have something set up legal-wise that he would retain ownership of the films and we would be able to sell them and make money. Jim said he would meet with Scott to discuss more on Saturday.

**Use of trademark** – Paying a royalty to us for use of our name. When we made the Gleaner we had to pay a royalty per unit. Darrell said we need to be specific on legal guidelines and he will try to get something from Michael Crowe by the September meeting. Table to Sept meeting.

**New over-head door for club shed** – Bob has asked for quotes and is still waiting. Because there is no electricity it’s tough. Craig will tell the fairgrounds we want electricity in there and find out what is needed. We would also need a cement apron for the door to sit on. Lynn suggested just putting a treated 6 x under the door.

**Golf cart vendors for future shows –** Nothing until Sept.

**- NEW BUSINESS -**

Discussion about what transpired on Saturday at that show. Conflict arose between Matt Wosmeck, Harlan Englemann and Tom Hager at field demos. Monday this week Matt called Craig and said it was his understanding that they are on the agenda for discussion and wanted to know what the issue was. Cody said Joe and Matt were both bailing and Cody went and had lunch. His best friend from college was there and he went back out to demo area. Joe’s chain broke on his bailer. Matt’s bailer was also parked. Cody asked if anything had happened or if he needed anything and they blew up on Cody in the presence of his college friends and his wife. After that happened Cody’s friends left because they were uncomfortable. Something needs to be done.

There was also a blow up about a garden hose. Darrell went and got a hose and it was still laying there when he came back.

Regarding the Larry Karg issue. Larry approached Craig and Bob and said he was coming to the next board meeting to request that Darrell be removed from the board. Bob asked why. Larry said Darrell told everyone that his Bronco shouldn’t have been there. Bob told him to worry about Larry. Larry went off on them for about 10 minutes. Larry proceeded to threaten to take all 35 pieces of his memorabilia home. Craig offered to help him. Craig told him his reaction was not appropriate or the place. Bob told Larry before he left that he was doing exactly what he got in trouble for doing before. Tom said many people approached him asking why the Bronco was there.

Saturday Darrell got a letter in the mail from a toy dealer who sent a check to Larry by mistake. In the envelope on Saturday was the toy dealer’s check and a letter that was dated July 9th with $20 of raffle tickets from a person that wanted tickets. Darrell will write a letter to the woman and return her check.

Bob wants to know how we feel about having Michael Crowe draft a letter for use in these situations.

Craig wants to tell Larry that he is no longer invited or welcome at the show or any other activities regarding the club. Tom said that will not go over well. Everyone agrees.

Darrell thinks Larry should be invited to the Sept board meeting to plead his case and hear what we all have to say. That way everything will be in the minutes. Craig will call Larry and tell him to be there on Sept 7th by 9am. Craig will call Matt and Harlan and have them there by 10:30am for the same reason.

Tom wants to purchase a clip on microphone for his seminars. People complained that they couldn’t hear him at the show.

Darrell wants to purchase a cash register as ours is old and outdated. The one we have was purchased used in November 2015.

Joan wants to have a meeting each day at the show. Just show items and a short meeting. Like 10 minutes. Also, we should move the Thursday meeting of the show to 10am and focus only on show related items. Lori also feels that we should hold a board meeting within a week to 10 days after the show to regroup.

Joan said Joannie is thinking of not coming next year. She said she doesn’t make any money doing it. Unhinged Pizza guy wants to come.

Emmanuel Lutheran was not a hit and we had a lot of complaints. Bennies, their pork chop supplier, went from a thicker pork chop to a thinner. They were dry and tough.

Craig recommends we talk to Pork Producers to see if they would come. Bob and Joan have a list of people to contact and will report more as they know more.

**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.

Darrell talked about a toy that broke and he gave his to Rich to give in replacement of the broken one. Darrell would like reimbursement of $200 for the one he gave up. Craig makes motion to pay Darrell for bailer. Craig took roll call one by one vote. All approved. Motion carries to pay Darrell $200 for the toy.

Toy – Darrell reports that SpecCast came back with estimate on tooling of the wagon at $98,000 which is unreachable. So now we are looking at a 6 row corn planter. Massi Fergison made one identical to it. That way we could get a share in tooling cost. He will report more as he knows more.

**Next meetings:**

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

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

Tom makes motion to adjourn call – Joan seconds. Motion adjourned at 9:03pm

End call.