**Upper Midwest A-C Club™**

**Membership Meeting**

**McLeod County Fairgrounds**

**April 13, 2019 at 1pm**

**Hutchinson, MN**

**Call to order:** Craig called meeting to order at 1:03 pm

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

**Treasurer Report:**  
 Checking = $192,485.17  
 Scholarship = $8,122.44  
 **Total = $204,160.73**

Darrell reports on financial status and states there are Balance Sheets on the tables for review. Also reports that Michael Crowe has completed the 2018 taxes. The club in a different tax bracket and Club’s return went from 4 pages to 31 pages. Michael has submitted an invoice of $0.00 for doing the Club’s taxes. Darrell noted as in past years, there will be three (n=3) toys set aside. One for each of the following (Michael Crowe, Spec Cast Museum and Upper Midwest A-C Club™ fall banquet). Darrell also reported that checking balance will decrease the club total after final payments are made on the 2019 show toy.

There are no questions from the members.

Bob Paulson (member) makes a motion to approve Treasurer Report, Charlie Strom seconds. All approve, motion carried.

**Secretary Report**

Darrell read Lori’s prepared report as she was not in attendance. Lori is looking for past issues of Newsletters and Show guides for the archives. An Audit Committee has been established and has met once and will meet again in July. The board member on the committee is Lori Miller. The two other members are Michael Crowe and Jerry Haag.

Lori reported that golf carts have been ordered and she has been receiving reservations.

Charlie Strom (member) makes a motion to approve Secretary Report, Scott Shanus (member) seconds. All approve, motion carried.

**Membership report:**  
Arlene Bushard (member) reported the Club is currently at 389 members. 3 new memberships and 3 non-renewals. Arlene also reminded members to look at mailing label on Newsletter as it shows membership expiration date.

**Club Committee Reports**

Doug Stade (member) is seeking a helper for swap meet area. Doug will be retiring from the Swap meet area after this year.

Luke Olson (member) will be in charge of parking tractors at this year’s show. No special parking other than featured tractor (220). Luke is hoping for better utilization of indoor tractor parking. Luke is promoting this year’s featured tractor and the 100 series plowing team.

Bob Paulson (member) reported that the Food Vendors are lined up and the music/bands are almost complete.

Joan Paulson reported on the Ladies Activities – There will be a bus trip on Friday to three farms 9:30 & 1:30 (each has a business on the farm) Bonnie Mohr (artist), Cindy Svoboda of the Koniska country Store (quilts, antiques), Amber Haugen of The Barn + Loft (refurbished furniture, home interiors). The bus ride on Friday is free and open to everyone. More information can be found on the Hutchinson Chamber page, Orange Spectacular website and in the Newsletter. As in past years there will be an indoor Flea market, boutique, workshops. There may be a bus ride on Saturday.

The Girl Scouts will facilitate the kid’s activities this year.

**Old business**

**Scholarship committee**

Darrell reported that a B210 yard/garden tractor to auction at show on Saturday at 5:30pm at the Pavilion. The proceeds will go to scholarship fund. Peg Liekweg has donated 3 toys (one is cast iron w/brass man) for scholarship auction as well. Last year the Club gave out 5 scholarships.

**2019 show**

220 tractor will be feature at this year’s show. It is the 50th anniversary of the 220 tractor. The field demonstration will have a 100-series tractor plowing team.

**2019 show toy**

Rich Martin (member) reported that this year’s toy (782 Forage Harvester) is SOLD OUT. There are 10 additional toys in case of damage during shipping. 810 toys were made total. Most are paid for, except for some of the vendors who pay at the show. Rich is not doing Toy vendors next year... and he needs a replacement. (Had someone set up, but person moved to Texas).

**Building project**

Craig updated members on the status of potential building project. At this time the County Commissioners & Fairboard have hired a commission (outside company) to decide on future buildings on the fairgrounds. Craig reported that options being discussed are:

* add on to current building
* purchase property on the West side of the drainage ditch (large cost to purchase land) and build new bigger building; the fairgrounds would then take over the current club shed
* acquire property off of fairgrounds (need to scope out price, advantage is that it would be owned by club and could be sold if needed, whereas land on fairgrounds would be owned by fairgrounds).

Craig opened the topic for discussion:

Larry Karg (member) asked is Rent currently being collected on current shed? Answer yes. Larry also asked about how to disperse money from sale of private land?

Lon Saeger (member) suggested the Club find a private party to buy property, and have club lease it

Matt Wosmek (member) suggested the land East of Sears? Craig says city owns the land and city keeping it for future development. Matt also suggest the Owner of B&B storage on the North side of town is willing to lease (north side of city)

Randy Rengo (member) suggested the land Southwest of entrance? Craig - That is state mandated reserve parking.

Table until Fall membership meeting and hopefully at that time the outside commission will have future building recommendations submitted to the County Commissioners and Fairboard.

**Open floor to old business**

Darrell reported that current Board members do not have access to the membership list and would like the membership to consider this. Darrell understood that membership does not want their information shared with outside companies and there would be no selling of information to anyone. Larry Karg - feels contact information should be available to board. Darrell suggested a database of names, phone numbers and email addresses that the Board could use.

Craig gave an example of today’s meeting, Fair Board called him on Friday to ask if meeting could be moved to different location on the Fairgrounds. He could only notify Board members, not membership.

Larry Karg makes motion for Board to use membership contact information to contact members. Dottie May (member) amends Larry Karg’s motion to Board to use membership contact information to contact members for club activities only, under the discretion of the board. Arland Lepper (member) seconds. All approve. Motion carries.

Arlene to add contact preference (phone, email, etc) to membership form to help Board connect with membership.

**New Business**

**2020 show**

Craig/Darrel mention the possibility that the Club may feature the 210 tractor as it has its 50th anniversary.

**2021 show**

Craig reminds members that in 2021 we will be hosting the Gathering of the Orange. The first show to host it three times.

**Election of officers**

Nomination Committee – Cody Hager, Larry Karg, Arlene Bushard, and Randy Rengo. Cody thanked the members for helping and looks to start the process early next fall.

**Candidate introduction**

Darrell Grams

Lynn Bushard

**Open floor to candidates**

Brad? Grams nominated Todd Grams

Dave Sousa nominated Matt Wosmek

Both Todd and Matt gave a brief bio of themselves and why they were running.

Arland Lepper (member) stated that Club needs to get back to 3 board members up for election each time. Joe says that will be fixed for the next election (someone’s term will only be two years)

**Election results**

41 =Darrell

37 Lynn

21 Todd

21 Matt

1 rejected

61 ballots

Motion to destroy ballots, second. All approved, motion carries

**Open floor to new business**

Jim Williams (member) introduced himself to the membership as the new owner of Sky Printing. He will be doing all the work that Nancy Schipansky used to do for the club. He has worked with Sky Printing for more than 5 years on Newsletter, raffle tickets, and Show Guide.

Craig reported that charging businesses to advertise in the Club Newsletter has been overlooked, and from now on, will be charging Businesses for advertising in newsletter (25 full, 15 half, 10 quarter, 5 for eighth page per newsletter)

**Next Membership meeting, Fall Banquet**

November 9th, 2019 - Fairgrounds

**Adjourn meeting**

Tom Hager (member) makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Curt Anderson (member) seconds, all approved, motion carries

2:32 pm