Upper Midwest A-C Club™ Board Meeting Minutes

Conference Call

July 2, 2019 7:00 p.m.

**Open call –** Craig called to order at 7:04pm

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

Others present: Bob Paulson

**Treasurer’s report:**  
 Checking = $204,137.04  
 Scholarship = $7,622.44  
 **Total = $211,759.48**

Darrell reports that he received the SpecCast bill today for $43,725. Technically we wouldn’t have to pay this bill until the toys are delivered to the show, but everyone is in agreement to go ahead and pay the SpecCast bill now. Also there is an invoice from Holt for the garden tractor which will be auctioned off for the Scholarship Fund and there are a couple of checks waiting for deposit.

As agreed to at the last meeting, Darrell transferred $100,000 into the money market fund. It will earn interest as long as the balance does not go below $5,000. Darrell reports Average 36 month return is 2.15% on the business Money Market

Darrell reports we will have one debit card available for use of buying show supplies at the show. The bank required an individual be named on the card so Darrell’s name is on this debit card.

Tom makes a motion to approve treasurer’s report – Craig seconds. Motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SHOW ITEMS**

**Coordinator Positions that still need to be filled:** Keep on the agenda for upcoming meetings.

**Doug Stade’s position – Swap Vendor Coordinator** – Gail Shipansky is not interested in doing this again. He did it for 12 years. Doug gets there Monday or Tuesday and draws out the lines. Craig recommends that we give whoever takes this job over the flexibility to do it the way they want to. Gubbles have expressed interest. Lori mentioned that up until the time we have this coordinator position filled we need to have someone overseeing this because many vendors pay at this year’s show for the next year. Darrell thinks we should approach Norman Grams to see if this is something he would be willing to take on.

**Rich Martin’s position – Toy Vendor Coordinator** – So far no one has expressed any interest in taking this on.

**Food Vendors:**

McLeod County Dairy Princesses will be at the Orange Spectacular on Saturday starting at 4pm. We need to decide the location we want them and if they are going to serve soft serve or just plain ice cream. Craig said they could be in the pavilion. Bob said he understood that they were come and help the Elks. Craig said he would call the Elks and make sure the Elks will provide the ice cream for them to serve at the show. Pat May 320-583-5824.

Scott said KDUZ wants to come and serve ice cream free of charge at the show on Friday afternoon. Time is yet to be determined.

**Buttons & Plaques:**

Joe to report on buttons and plaques. – Joe was not in attendance to report. Darrell said he has received the plaques and buttons. Scott reviewed the images sent by Darrell for changes on the button and plaques and all looked good. Darrell and Scott confirmed the quantities and size of button.

**Biffs/Dumpster:**

Have Biffs and dumpsters been ordered?? – Craig said Dumpsters are ordered. No, he has not ordered the Biffs. He will call them tomorrow. (Update – Craig reported 7/3 at the Biffs are lined up.  
  
**Tractor pull:**

Cody reports the he and Craig will get with Bob to coordinate the pull.

**Boys Scouts & FFA:**

Cody talked to Jim Strobel – They are on par to help with parking and help at the golf

cart table. He is still working on getting ahold of the FFA.

**Golf cart rental:**

Lori reports that Gresser has now informed us (Late in June) that we will NOT get the 10 carts we requested for set up of the show. We will get only 5. They also informed us that they will only provide the same number of carts we had last year. Lori was trying to get a few more for Saturday. Lori called Versatile Vehicle out of Prior Lake. They can provide any number of carts of any seating capacity whenever we want them. They are more expensive, and they charge a delivery fee, but once you give them your request, they generate a CONTRACT. We would pay a deposit and then there is no question how many we would get and when we would have them. So far that’s the only place she has called but she intends to call more places. At any rate, if we need more carts for set up, Versatile will deliver in a pinch.

Lori talked to Terry Nowak and he said that as far as when the carts will be delivered is a crap shoot. He said we get them when they get them to us. They have never really communicated any more than that.

Lynn called Winter’s Recreation in Sauk Centre. They are willing to provide carts, even on short notice for this year’s show. He said we just needed to let them know how many we need and when we need them by.

We have had 2 requests for carts for Thursday. – Darrell said he would give his up and we may have to take one of the two that Lynn gets for set up. Craig said if need be they could use one of the equipment ones provided by Farm Rite, Arnolds or Lano’s as a temporary replacement just for Thursday.

We will use one of the first 5 to be delivered as the Emergency Cart.

**People Movers:**

People movers (2 New 30 foot being built by O.E.M.) – One is almost complete. It will go to sandblast and paint tomorrow 7/3. Darrell said we will go with Corporate Orange on the color. The handicap ramp will be a solid ramp for now and if we want to add a more expensive folding one later we can.

**Advertising:**

Scott has placed ads in Farm News, Hutchinson Leader, Hutchinson Galaxy, Country Today, Dairy Star, and Southwestern Peach. Lori will get him the local paper contacts for this area such as Golden Nugget. Scott is also working on putting together a tri-fold for next year’s show.

**Mini farm displays:**

Deno from Glencoe has come to the show in the past. Craig said he would get back to him and let him know.

**Friday Night Ride through Hutchinson:**

Bob said he has the Friday night parade route from the police. Bob said he would send it out to us and will get it in the local paper and on the website. Darrell asked if it was possible to mark the route. Craig asked if Much-In-Hutch would put it on their website.

Lynn said Larry Karg would like a table at the show to display every toy that the club ever made. Everyone thinks this is a great idea. He didn’t say where he wanted to set up. Darrell suggested the inside Agribition building on the southeast side. Lynn thought if we don’t get any mini-farm displays, he could set up there. We were in agreement that he has to have his display attended to throughout the day and he will be in charge of watching them.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget for future shows:**

Plain and simple. How much money do we want to spend on club projects for each Orange Spectacular? From advertising and toys to merchandise. Eventually the check book could dry up or we could have and accident that’s not foreseen and Craig thinks like every good business and organization there should be a game plan.

Craig wants an informal budget on each item showing actual income and expense for each category. Even though that information is found on the P&L that we currently have, Craig wants it in a different format. Darrell thinks each committee should put together their committee’s expenses and report. Craig would like this for the September meeting. Table to September meetings.

Lori thinks this is something she could get together pretty easily. It will just take some time to re-type the existing P&L into a different format. Scott’s suggests we keep the detailed P&L and create a new high level reporting showing just the totals…of course as one looks at the high level and has questions… they are going to need the details to answer their questions.

**Board member responsibilities:**

**Club Newsletter**:

Craig has volunteered to take the newsletter coordinator position. He spoke with Connie about possible ideas also contacted Dave Clausen and Jim Williams. Because Connie works with 3 other clubs on their newsletters they discussed the proposed advertising rates that Craig communicated to the membership at the April meeting. Connie said we are very low on our advertising rates and thinks we should reconsider them. Craig talked to Luke Olson and he’s fine with whatever we decide. Craig would like to come up with some new proposed rates to present at Board Meeting in July then to the membership in November.

Craig talked to Joe McKim who is on the Much-In-Hutch Board. He said the Board would be willing to add items for Hutchinson community surroundings to be added to our newsletter.

Joan said we should consider a “down memory lane” section and refer to old Newsletters and Show Guides to come up with items to put in the newsletter. Scott said he would pull out 1 to 2 pages from his past Newsletters and send to Sky Printing.

**Club tractor donations from Leonard, MN**:

Scott said he sent Wayne Johnson a letter 2 weeks ago from Gary and the UMAC Club. He followed up this past Friday with Wayne. Wayne is talking to his family members to confirm they don’t want any of the stuff he has to donate. Wayne is also talking with his CPA to see when the best time would be to do this. Scott and Gary will follow up with him in another month. Darrell called Gary Agrimson said if need be he will move his equipment to another location so this stuff would be in our building. Keep on agenda

**New Club Shed/Land:**

Craig talked to Randy. We are up in the air until the commission decides what they want to do. It could be quite some time that we would be here waiting. Darrell thinks we should still pursue looking for land for ourselves outside of the fairgrounds. He thought after the show we should send a letter to all members explaining our desire/intentions and see if the membership thinks this is something we should pursue or not.

Darrell thinks if we explain we would like to build an Allis museum that the club would be able to own forever, rather than build another building on the fairgrounds that we would never own, it might be more welcome. The benefactor thought this was a better idea and he would be in agreement for it. He also thought other members might be willing to donate to this if they understood what we were looking to do. The benefactor would like to have a building with bathrooms and meeting rooms. He would like to have classes with children to teach them about the equipment and then show them how each piece works.

Tom agrees to have storage somewhere would be good but he doesn’t think moving the show would be a good idea.

Lynn & Scott both think we need to get a feel from the membership on their thoughts. The benefactor would like us to come up with a plan. Darrell and/or Craig will draft a letter to the membership and get their thoughts and input. There should be a return card for comments included in the mailing. Keep this on the agenda

**Reels of film:**

Scott reports that Costco still appears to be the cheapest to get these reels of film on media. After the show, Scott wants to get one reel and start with that and see what the quality looks like. If that turns out, then we need to pursue getting it all done.

**Archives:**

Lori is going to get Bob’s binder from Brad and scan in what’s in there – old Newsletters and Show Guides. Darrell will call the attorney and see if she has the original jump stick that we had the old newsletters scanned onto. Once we can finally get this task done it could be very helpful to the Newsletter prep mentioned above.

**Amending By-laws:** Table to July and September meeting

**New door for club shed:**

Bob Paulsen said he hadn’t contacted anyone about that yet and will wait until after the show.

**FUTURE ITEMS**

**Future items for 2020 show**

The raffle tractor for 2020 will be the D14 and is at Darrell’s house. Scott asked about getting the 2020 Tri-Fold ready for the GOTO show in Wisconsin. Scott ordered a new D14 decal for the hood so we can take pictures of the D14 for the Tri-Fold and Show Poster. We also discussed the possibility of photo-shopping the hood and getting decal on later. Cody mentioned if the Board wants to he has the correct 12 volt generator available to put on the tractor, instead of the car alternator that is currently on the tractor.

Feature Tractor for 2020 show – The 210 will be the feature tractor in 2020.

Field Demonstration feature – Craig talked to Randy Starke. The Fairgrounds has asked that we leave them an area to spread manure generated from the fair. He wants about ½ acre just enough on the end by the ravine. Craig and Joe talked about doing 6 – 8 rows of field corn to chop at the show. Randy said they could chisel plow in the spring it we wanted to do that.

Scott said we still need to figure out field demo feature for 2020. Darrell mentioned a Letter series (U, UC, A, WC, WF, B, C, WD, G, WD45) plowing team. Craig said he doesn’t think anyone has ever tried to get that together. Is it possible to get that together? Confirm in July

Garden tractor feature – Table to July

**Feature items for 2021 show**

Feature Tractor– D19 came out in 1961, so that is a great option. Everyone agreed that should work. Scott also pointed out that the 8000 series tractors came out in 1981. The prospect of getting people to bring the 8000s would be much less than D19s. Cody pointed out that Old Allis News had an article about a prototype D18 featured and suggested we get ahold to see if they would bring that to our show. Cody also mentioned for a prior GOTO that our club hosted, we had every AC model from beginning to end. He would like to do this again. Cody said he would think the All-Model exhibit would be better for the 2021 GOTO.

Field Demo feature - Craig said the field demo that year could feature a D19 plowing team.

**Feature items for 2023 show**

Feature tractor – The D21 to be featured tractor as it celebrates its 60 anniversary.

Possible field demo feature in 2023 could be the D Series Plowing Team and the Gleaner combine as Gleaner celebrates its 100 year anniversary.

**Future toy:**

Craig talked to Rich about the 2020 toy. Darrell got Rich a lead on other makers of forage boxes. We do not know if Allis made their own false end gate or if other manufactures did. Darrell found out that Knight, Decker, Badger and IH made a false end gate. (I am sorry I did not write down the model numbers…)

Rich was looking to see if SpecCast would split the cost of tooling a wagon with a reversing apron. This would reduce our cost and benefit everyone that bought choppers and bailers. This would also allow SpecCast to make another brand of forage box. If SpecCast won’t help us out with tooling, there is risk that we will price ourselves out of the market. Darrell thinks we would need to keep them in the $110 - $120 range. Thinking maybe the sides and floor could be stainless and make them look like wood. Rich has SpecCast getting us a quote. Craig thinks a couple other manufactures had the reverse aprons. Fox chopper. Darrell talked to a guy – the badger ones – something about corn picking and bailing. (I am sorry again as I did not get the details jotted down)

**Upcoming shows:**

**Scott County Threshers, Jordan, MN - (Featuring Allis this year) – August 2 – 4, 2019** – We need someone to set up and volunteer to promote this show. Darrell and Craig both plan on attending.

**Days of Yesterday Show, Rochester – August 10-11, 2019** - Cody has his hands full with this show so we need someone from our club to get down there to promote our show. So far, no volunteers. We still need someone from our club to take the club trailer and any personal items we want to bring.

**Union Grove Show, September 13-15, 2019** Darrell and Lynn both plan on attending this show and will make sure we are promoting there.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bob said the Grandstand committee got an anhydrous tank donated and they are going to make it into a sprayer to be used as a water truck for the fairgrounds. They want to know if we would donate to the cost of the motor. If we did, we would get to use it and advertise on it at our show and at the County Fair. Bob suggests $500. All were in agreement to donate $500 from the club to the Grandstand Committee for the construction of a water truck. Scott wants to know how big of a sign we can get on it wondering if we could put one of our banners on the side. Bob will check but he thinks that wouldn’t be a problem. Bob doesn’t think this water truck will be done in time for this year’s show.

**Misc.:**

Lori will call about possibly getting some mobility scooters to rent at the show. We know we won’t get them for this year, but we could try a few for future years.

**End call.** Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm. Lynn makes motion. Tom seconds. Motion carries.

**Upcoming meetings**

July 25th 2019 1:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds meeting room

Sept. 7th 2019 9:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds meeting room

Nov. 9th 2019 1:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds meeting room. Membership meeting to follow.