

Upper Midwest A-C Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, July 18, 2020 @ 9:00am
(Rescheduled to July 25, 2020 @ 9am)
McLeod County Fairgrounds Pavilion

Call to Order – Darrell called the meeting to order at 9:11am

Roll Call: Present – Darrell Grams, Todd Grams, Lori Miller, Cody Hager, Scott Overgaard, Tom Foss

Late: Joe Graunke

Absent: Joan Paulson, Lynn Bushard

Others present – Tom Hager & Rich Martin.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

ASSETS

Checking = \$ 66,256.01
Building Fund = \$101,000.00
Money Market = \$101,508.43
Scholarship = \$ 10,042.44
SUB TOTAL = \$279,056.88

LIABILITIES

Sales Tax Payable \$ **415.51**
Mortgage = \$ 96,085.07
TOTAL = \$182,556.30

**All accounts were balanced and reconciled to the bank accounts as of 7/10/2020.*

Bills still outstanding – Approximately \$80,000 to SpecCast for 2020 Toy. ~ \$45,000 owed to us for toys ordered but not yet paid for. And 30 toys left to sell.

Cody makes motion to approve Treasurer’s report. Scott seconds - All in favor – motion carries.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Review & Approve 7/25/2020 Board Meeting Agenda. – Scott makes motion to approve agenda, Darrell seconds – all in favor – motion carries.

Review & Approve 6/7/2020 Conference Call Minutes. – Scott asks that Lori correct Randy Rengo – spelling of name. – Scott makes motion to approve agenda with that change, Darrell seconds – all in favor – motion carries.

– Randy expressed his sincere thanks for providing membership.

** Reminder to all board members - Emails regarding any club business need to be sent to ALL and replied to ALL.

Bylaws: Changes from Nov 2019 were signed today and will be filed in the club archives. Lori will have April post the updated bylaws on the website. . – Lori will scan and email a complete copy of new bylaws to the board..

Proposed bylaw changes are saved and will be presented to membership at Fall Banquet

Website & Facebook Updates – Scott gave some changes to April and some of those changes have been made. Scott will check on remaining changes. Scott thinks we should also post a notice about 30 toys remaining on website. Also add that they won't be delivered until 1st of Sept.

Lori made a Facebook post about remaining toys.

(JOE SHOWED UP at 9:40am)

Lori asked if anyone would be opposed to the club setting up a PayPal address to be used and linked to checking. This could be utilized for people buying raffle tickets, paying for golf carts, vendors, etc. Scott makes motion to authorize setting up a PayPal account - & Joe seconds – all in favor – motion carries.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Membership Information:

405 Total Members as of 7-24-2020

Includes: New Members (2) in July (1) in May (1) in April

Archives: (1) Death Richard Simon

Note: 47 Memberships renewed as of 7-24-2020

- 184 Members – past due/expired membership as of 7-24-2020 (majority expirations in July)

Lori makes motion to approve membership report. – Cody seconds. All in favor – motion carries.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

5045 Tractor from Indiana – She's a classic! Darrell has the grill for it. Darrell reports it runs good. Good tires. Sheet metal is rough but for free, it's a good tractor. Fiat motor. Only 499 of these were built. It's here at the fairgrounds.

Wheat and Straw sales from field demo area – possibly 300 bushels of rye/wheat were harvested yesterday. Steve Johnson bought the rye/wheat and is coming today to pick it up. Paying \$3/bushel. It is in club shed right now. Norman Grams got 110 bales of straw and will send a check for \$440. Darrell Jr. got some as well and will send a check. Gary ?? is coming today at 11:30 to take the rest of the straw at \$4/bale. Lori needs to ask Darrell Jr. what we owe him for reimbursement for harvesting yesterday.

Scott wants to know what we should do for Jim Pessek for videoing and photo taking. Cody makes motion, Tom seconds to buy a \$25 gift card for Jim.

Club Building Donations – We received the check for \$1,000 (anonymous donor mentioned in prior minutes) and another \$1,000 coming and two \$100 checks are also coming. John Bergman from Seneca Kansas is willing to give us a donation for building AND pay rent to store both test tractors here in our new building. Everyone agreed that having those two tractors here would be a great addition to our show every year.

Club Building Status – Darrell reports that he got another bid from a guy that has the orange color for roof and wainscoting. No additional cost. He also mentioned a wet set, where you dig the whole and fill them with concrete. They make 30 inch braces that go in and then the building is attached. This would mean no poles in the ground. It's about \$3,000 more to do that. Darrell thinks we are going to be required to do soil borings to dig in poles. Doing the wet-set method would make the building perfectly square and we wouldn't have the risk of rotting of poles and the poles then wouldn't have to be treated. Darrell's estimate included 30 x 60 end that would have a floor upstairs with ceiling which would be 29 gauge steel, windows and double doors, sky lights. Cost for everything is \$148,000. This does not include overhead doors, concrete or finishing. 14 x 16 and 14 x 18 doors. 16 foot sidewalls. 8 x 60 porch – Cost of permit is \$2,400. Power company will run power to the building. Cost would be to get electric to panel. Darrell said he has an electrician that said he would do that for \$500. Interior wiring/lighting would need to be done later. Weight load of 2nd floor would be ?? – Darrell was still waiting for that information. But it would be engineered to meet all city codes.

Scott agrees that we should build a building. However, he still thinks we should build the warehouse building in first stage and then add a separate meeting room or a completely separate building later in a second stage. Other board members agree. We went into a lengthy discussion about what the original proposal was, at the January 25th, 2020 meeting where we had all decided to do the building project in two phases. Starting with a cold storage building and then in phase 2 adding the meeting room, office, bathrooms and storage at some point in the future. The original agreement was to have 10,000 square feet of storage space. The proposal that Darrell was presenting today was a 60 x 160 building (9,600 sq feet) and using 30 feet of one end (two stories) for a meeting room. This would ultimately decrease the “storage” portion of the project down to 7,800 square feet. The discussion went around in circles for a bit. We also discussed the current state of affairs with cancellation of the 2020 show and the unknown future of COVID and what might happen with the 2021 show.

Darrell, not agreeing with the other board members to proceed in “stages” resigned as building chairperson. No one else volunteered to assume that duty so Lori was appointed as building chairman. (UPDATE – July 26, 2020 at 7:27am Darrell rescinded his resignation as building chairperson and agreed to fulfill his commitment to see the project through to the end.)

The benefactor of the \$100,000 donation to the building fund was consulted on where the board was in discussions and brought into the meeting. He agreed that in light of current situations with COVID and the unknown of future shows, the best way to move forward and get this project started was to do it in stages as the majority of the board suggested.

Lori makes motion to proceed with plans to build a simple 60 x 180 cold storage building (phase 1) and next year proceed with plans for a permanent structure as phase 2 of the building project after the 2021 show when we know better what the state of funds are. Scott seconds. Roll call vote – Todd yes, Lori yes, Scott yes, Tom yes, Cody yes, Joe yes, Darrell no. – Motion carries.

ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PRIOR MINUTES AND AGENDAS:

Raffle Tickets: New tickets are here. More tri-folds are here. Lori will take and have them available for anyone that wants any.

Property Tax Exemption/Relief Application/Status: We can't apply for that until we can prove we are doing education or other charitable stuff.

Spring Membership (Elections) Meeting (reschedule date) – Tabled to 7/23 mtg, which was cancelled: Shooting for election at Fall banquet, if we can have it.

Fall Banquet (w/ possible elections):

Print Vendors: Scott has been working Mike Jennie at Southdale Mini Print and Jim at Sky Printing about estimates. He also talked to Jim about putting color into the future newsletters. Lori thinks we should get estimates from both and compare. Scott will present more at next meeting.

Newsletter – Jim Pessek was here for harvest and hopefully he has some photos for newsletter. He also video taped the harvest and will get that to us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Toy Committee:

Toy committee, Rich Martin attended the meeting. We discussed postcard being sent on Monday 7/27 to everyone who purchased a toy with the intent to pick it up at the show but is now having it shipped. That postcard is as follows:

July 18, 2020

The Upper Midwest A-C Club™ would like to thank you for your order of the Allis-Chalmers 330 Planter show toy. The 2020 Orange Spectacular® has been cancelled due to the pandemic. The Board of Directors has decided to pay the shipping charge for those people who were going to pick up their toy at our Show. However, if you would like to contribute something towards the cost, that would be appreciated. The shipping charge is \$15. It is anticipated that your order will be shipped by mid-August pending any further delays. Your contribution to these costs would be much appreciated and we look forward to seeing all of you in 2021. Stay safe and be cautious during these troubling times.

Sincerely,

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Rich said they got estimates on a few different options of toys. One is a 1/16th scale AC Self-propelled sprayer, which we believe no one else has ever done. Assuming we do the self-propelled sprayer, and assuming we make 1000 units, tooling cost would be \$58,000, if which we would have to pay 100% - SpecCast will not share in that. Our cost would be \$65/unit. So total cost per unit to us is \$123/unit. Rich recommended maybe we charge \$179/unit seeing as

the cost to us to produce is so much higher.

Other options were a 1/16th scale Blower with pipe extensions, a 1/16th scale Chisel Plow, a 1/16th scale AC 90 Combine with 1 head. Everyone still wishes we could have made the forager. All of these options are die cast. Of these options we would own 100% of the rights because SpecCast would not share in our tooling costs.

If we agree to proceed with the self-propelled sprayer, Rich would like to make 20 or 25 units a different color - as specials. These "specials" would be intermixed in packaging at SpecCast so no one would know who the specials go to. All agree that this would be a great option and incentive.

Todd Makes a motion for toy committee to proceed and move forward quickly on the self-propelled AC Sprayer for the 2021 show toy, Cody seconds motion. All in favor – motion carries.

We all agree that we need to move forward quickly so that next year's toy is guaranteed to be here in time for the 2021 show.

Scholarship Committee: 8 scholarship applications are in. Cody is communicating them to the committee and hopes to have a decision on recipients soon.

- NEW BUSINESS -

Upcoming Board/Membership Meetings:

September 12, 2020 @ 10am – Saturday – Board Meeting – Squeaky's Grill & Bar (Darrell spoke to Gayle at Squeaky's and Gayle thought that date and time should work just fine. We just need to confirm with Gayle closer to that date.) - Cody suggested that we be flexible to float that date to coordinate fall planting. All agreed.

November 14, 2020 – Board Meeting – Hutchinson Event Center – Bob and Joan have reserved.

November 14, 2020 – Membership Meeting – Hutchinson Event Center – Bob and Joan have reserved.

January 16, 2021 @ 10am – Board Meeting – Lori's Office in Edina.

Lori makes motion to adjourn meeting – Cody seconds. Meeting adjourned at 11:10am