

Upper Midwest A-C Club
Board Meeting Conference Call Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 @ 7:00pm
(Rescheduled from September 12, 2020 @ 10am)

Call-in Instructions for the call: 866-906-7447
Access Code – 5410765#

Call to Order – Darrell called the meeting to order at 7:12pm

Roll Call – Darrell, Todd, Lori, Lynn, Code, Tom, Scott -- Absent Joan, Joe

TREASURER’S REPORT:

ASSETS

Checking = \$ 4,630.50
Building Fund = \$101,100.00
Money Market = \$101,928.04
Scholarship = \$ 10,252.44

SUB TOTAL = \$217,950.98

LIABILITIES

Sales Tax Payable \$ 428.42
Mortgage = \$ 94,097.46

SUB TOTAL = \$94,525.88

TOTAL = \$123,425.10

**All accounts were balanced and reconciled to the bank accounts as of 9/14/2020.*

Darrell has a bill for \$274.97 for the culvert that was recently installed at the property.

SpecCast has been paid in full for the 2020 Toy.

Also, the check is written out (but not yet mailed) for the 2nd ½ Property Taxes. – reflected in balance above.

We still have approx. \$25,000 owed to us for toys ordered but not yet paid for.

Lynn makes motion to approve Treasurer’s Report – Scott seconds – All in favor – Motion carries

Darrell got the some of the toys delivered to his place which are being hand delivered by Darrell and Rich.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Review & Approve 9/15/2020 Conference Call Agenda. – Scott makes motion to approve 9/15/2020 agenda – Lynn seconds – Motion carries.

Review & Approve 7/25/2020 Board Meeting Minutes. One addition – Scott talked to Jim Pessek (who did the video and photos of the harvest day) and gave him the option of a year free membership to the club or a gift card. Jim said he would prefer the membership and was grateful for it. Scott said John & Deb Bergman are in Seneca, Kansas – not Salina. Lori makes motion to approve – Scott Seconds – All in favor – motion carries. Also, Lori clarified the proposed billing discussions so it is more clear on how that conversation went.

Website & Facebook Updates: Scott has been working with April on getting website updated and it is nice to see the updates and it getting freshened up on a regular basis. Toys remaining has been updated on both the website and Facebook as well.

Past meetings – Need to document meetings that didn't happen or got rescheduled.

May 31, 2020 @ 7pm – Conference Call (Cancelled)

June 7, 2020 @ 7am – Squeaky's in Hutchinson (Changed to a Conference Call)

July 13, 2020 @ 7pm – Conference Call (Rescheduled to 7/18 which was again rescheduled to 7/25 IN PERSON at Fairgrounds)

August 4, 2020 @ 7pm - Conference Call (This call was cancelled.)

September 12, 2020 @ 10am – This meeting was rescheduled to 9/15 Conference Call.

Email addresses: Some of the emails have been going to Joe and Tom at their OrangeSpectacular email addresses. Do these still get to you?? Lori will talk to April to see where this is on the website. Lynn wants to make sure his goes to gctel – not yahoo. Lynn said he has an alias set up too and maybe that is where the yahoo address is coming from. Arlene also gets them from OS.com.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 401 members. 1 expired 3 years ago and signed up again. 146 expirations 245 memberships paid. Jim Schriffels and Gail and Nancy are now in archives. Todd makes motion to approve Membership Report – Scott seconds – All in favor – Motion carries.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Building project – Darrell emailed everyone a copy of the proposal he received from Morris Builders, Inc. (copy attached). The proposal is for a 60 x 180 with 16 foot sidewalls for \$149,480. 4 bidders were in the running at the start but now only 1 responded back. Morris is the company that has the quickset concrete method versus using treated posts, which are near impossible to find right now due to COVID. The other 3 people said they won't bid because they can't get treated materials and that the cost of materials is going up exponentially weekly. Dan Morris is just west of Glencoe and is very familiar with the area and building codes in McLeod County. Dan Morris said he would be able to start building yet this fall as long as we get our proposal signed and submitted.

Darrell feels strongly that we should have a membership meeting to have the membership approval on this project due to the overage of cost. The proposal presented, when added to the incidentals is over our \$150,000 budget by roughly \$11,000. (To recap – A benefactor pledged to donate \$100,000 to a building (\$50,000 of that has already been received and we will receive the second payment upon start of construction.) At the November 10, 2018 membership meeting a motion was carried for the club to add \$50,000 to that project.)

Darrell pointed out these expenses:

So far we have paid \$350.00 for a conditional use permit.

Approx cost to widen the driveway was \$400.00

Site prep expenses will be approx \$500.00

Building permit \$4000.00

plus the estimate for the building \$149,480.00

2 Overhead doors and 2 2ft 6in service doors OHGD 1-14x16 and one 16x16 Approx \$5000.00

2 service doors 3ft x 6ft8in \$1500.00

For a total of \$161,230.00

Dan was not sure on the door charges, and will give us a firm price when a contract is ready to be signed. He told me prices are changing weekly.

Lori just wanted to point out again that this proposal doesn't appear to include any electric or running electric to the building or any other utilities or cross bracing in the ceiling. It doesn't include any windows, skylights or doors. It also doesn't include the required asphalt work we will need to have prior to occupancy. We also paid \$1,321 for land surveying. I just want to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Lori disagrees with having a membership meeting and pointed out the cost of waiting. By the time we held the meeting and got a vote it would be the middle of November. Lori commented also that we could potentially spend \$5,000 to have a membership meeting, which could go towards the overage. She also pointed out that the last two newsletters had articles about what we were GOING TO DO, not what we were going to ASK IF WE COULD DO. To our knowledge there were no members' objections to our plans presented in the newsletter unless they were not shared with the board.

Tom thinks it would be irresponsible to try to have a meeting.

Arlene wanted to know if we thought any more donations coming in. Darrell said the other people who had expressed to him they were going to donate have now since pulled their donations – Darrell said he would rather not say what the reasons for that were.

Scott thinks we should spend the \$11,000 more. We've incurred other expenses that we haven't had membership approval for, ie banners, signs and 2 people movers to the tune of \$30,000. Scott thinks we should go ahead with the building proposal before costs go up any more.

Lynn thinks we should go ahead and agrees we should go with the cement base instead of treated poles.

Cody thinks we can go ahead and spend the \$11,000 extra to save money in the long run.

Todd thinks if we wait and don't sign this proposal that the building cost is going to go up even more and he thinks we should proceed.

Scott asked if we had any information on a steel rafter construction shed. Darrell said he checked with Vos in Green Isle and their 60 x 180 was over \$220,000 - so it is much more expensive to go that route.

Lori asked if the list of cost of items (above) we have is complete. Darrell said yes, it is complete. Scott asked about skylights. Darrell said they are in the proposal; however Lori can't seem to locate that on the proposal.

Darrell wanted to know where the doors should be. He suggested the 18 foot wide overhead door on the west wall (side) because posts are 16 foot on center and suggests the 16 foot overhead door on south end. Scott thinks the overhead door should be on the north end so that people driving by could see it open and stop in when someone is there. Todd agrees the overhead should be on south end to allow for signage on north (airport road facing) and to allow for future finishing on inside of north end, if that becomes a reality in the future. Tom &

Lori had no preference one way or the other. But, Lori agrees that signage and future office on north end (which is what will have to be paved) would be the best option.

Darrell wants us to remember that we also need to store all of the file cabinets that are currently at Larry Karg's. Larry had stopped in at Darrell's to pick up his toy and Larry told him when we have a place to put them we can come and get the files.

Lynn makes motion to proceed with building as proposed by Dan Morris. Lori seconds – All in favor – Motion carries.

Lori should update minutes from 7/25 meeting – Lynn was confused (THIS WAS DONE 9/17/2020.)

2. Land improvement project- Darrell said Lano did some digging and left us the material that we can use to widen the driveway. Bob and Darrell extended the culvert. There is some material on top but we need to move more on top. Lynn wanted to know if the county has any stipulations on how much fill we can bring in. Darrell said no. County said we needed a permit to widen the driveway which we got. We need to grade the road coming in. Parking lot must be hard cover – 3 stalls coming up to the building. Darrell wants to make a gradual hill so that we can mow it. Curt Anderson was going to come and do some dirt work. Building owner to the east would be willing to put 50% cost towards a tile line in that ditch which we could then fill in. Scott wanted to know if we would need approval for that. Darrell said probably. The utilities coming underneath the road – street project has been scrapped but they are going to run utilities. There is sewer pipe laying on the wheat grounds. We will have to work around these to seed wheat. Once utilities are in we could work that ground and seed and expand if we wanted to. More fill will be available this fall from the elementary school which they will bring over. Lynn stressed that fill MUST BE CLEAN fill and not contain any contaminants.

At the end of this month Darrell would like to get some trucks and skid loaders to work on the building pad.

Scott said he and Gary Agrimson drove by and saw the building materials and work that had been done on the land and thought everything looked good.

3. Fall banquet and or membership meeting. – Lynn makes motion that Fall Banquet be cancelled. Tom seconds. All in favor – motion carries.

4. Plow day and wheat seeding – Jim Pessek will be there Saturday Sept 19th, weather permitting, to video the plow day. Saturday the 12th was too wet and didn't work out. Rescheduled for this Saturday the 19th. Cody will do a post on Facebook. Cody has the wheat

seed and will get it to the grounds by Saturday. Bob Roda is coming down with his D-21 and 5 bottom plow. Cody, Darrell, Lori, Todd and Tom will all be out of town.

Jim Pessek's brother will be there to help as well. He talked to Scott. (I didn't catch any of this conversation)

5. 5045 Donated Tractor – Travel expense. Darrell said that the pick-up of the donated 5045 tractor was 820 miles one way. The tractor needs some love but it is a working, low-production unit. Darrell said that should have been a 3 day trip just picking that tractor up. He would like \$400 reimbursement. The board had originally agreed to reimburse one night hotel and fuel. Tom makes motion that we reimburse \$400 to Darrell for the pick up and delivery of the 5045. Lori seconds – All in favor – motion carries.

ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PRIOR MINUTES AND AGENDAS:

Fall Newsletter: Connie Reinert said she was going to submit an article about Gail and Nancy Schipansky. Scott also will find an article that Gail submitted a while back. Gary is also submitting an article. Scott has an article about a guy that worked at Allis in the 60s which is 10 pages long. Cody is submitting the list of scholarship winners to Scott. Tom asked about still pictures from harvest and plow/planting day. Lori and Cody both think we should have color pictures in the newsletter from harvest day & plow/seeding day.

Raffle Tickets: Request form will be in the newsletter again. Darrell said we should have something in the newsletter telling them that we will NOT be mailing tickets with Spring newsletter.

2020 Fall Banquet (w/ possible elections) –Discussed above. - Cancelled

2021 Spring Membership (Elections) Meeting – Final decision tabled from 7/25 and again to next meeting.

Print Vendors: Tabled from 7/25. Darrell said a member called and suggested we ask Dave Clausen if he would be interested in printing our newsletter. Scott said if we go with 6 pages of color (3 in front and 3 in back) – for our raffle tractor in the front and advertising in the back, that would be nice. Lynn thinks if we do color we need to raise membership fee. Scott said he would call Dave Clausen and inquire about costs.

Bylaws: Proposed changes are saved and will be presented to membership at Fall or Spring Banquet. Arlene has another proposed change and Lori will work on getting that incorporated into the existing document.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship Committee: For 2020 8 applications were submitted and 4 were awarded. Recipients were Hayley Claussen, Jessica Beckendorf, Shelby Reaser and Nick Grams.

- NEW BUSINESS -

Toy committee: Rich is starting to prepare the flyer for the 2021 Show Toy which is the self-propelled sprayer. SpecCast got approval from the new owner of Allis Chalmer trademark and it is recommended we sell these for \$179 and order 1000 units instead of 800. Outback Toys (Rich) said it is the most unique toy he has ever seen and he would be happy to promote it with his mailing list. Flyer will be mailed to our 2020 customers in the first part of November. Mid November or December we will be getting a bill for 1st of 3 installment payments on tooling of \$57,000.

Storage in Club Shed. Currently we are getting \$0.50 per square foot for rent in the building on the fairgrounds. Cody said he has his bailer in the shed and needs to know what he owes for that. Darrell said he should ask Gary A. Arlen also just sent in his check. Gary A. sent his check in August.

Show directory catalog: Farm Collector has a show guide that people can purchase and we can place a free ad or we can purchase a picture ad – depending on size. Cost is dependent on size. Scott will look into this and get circulation numbers for their magazine. We will leave it up to Scott to determine size of ad but all agree if it makes sense we should have an ad for the 2021 show.

Upcoming Board/Membership Meetings:

Darrell thinks we should do an in-person board meeting even though the Banquet is cancelled. Potentially 10/24 or 11/14 – He will confirm date, time and location.

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

** July meeting will be strictly SHOW RELATED. Daily early morning briefing meetings will be held during the show.

Adjourn – Lynn makes motion to adjourn – Todd seconds - All in favor, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm