

Upper Midwest A-C Club™  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Hutchinson Event Center  
November 9, 2019 – 4:30pm

**Call to Order:** Darrell calls the meeting to order at 6:10pm

**Roll Call for the Board:** Darrell Grams, Todd Grams, Lori Miller, Cody Hager, Joan Paulson, Lynn Bushard, Scott Overgaard & Joe Graunke Absent: Tom Foss

**Secretary's report:**

Review and approve minutes from April 2019 Membership meeting. Lori read the minutes from the April 2019 Membership Meeting. There were no questions or comments.

Charlie Strom makes motion to approve minutes from April 2019 membership meeting. Rich Bagel seconded. All in favor – Motion carries.

Arland Lepper asked that Darrell explain to the membership who Michael Crowe is and what he does for the club. Darrell explained that Michael Crowe is a club member who is a tax attorney who does all of the tax returns for the club and assists with legal issues such as our corporate filings, charitable gambling filings and provides support in countless areas. There were no other questions.

**Treasurer's report:**

Checking = \$49,967.63  
Money Market = \$100,000.00  
Scholarship = \$10,042.44  
**TOTAL = \$160,010.07**

Bob Paulson makes motion to approve Treasurer's report. Joan Paulson seconds, all approved, motion carries.

**Membership report:** Membership is currently at 420 – last year at this time was 387. 70 are on the expired list right now. 30 new members since Jan 1. Arlene has received many 2 and 5 year renewals.

**New Business**

**Bylaws** - proposed changes: Darrell covered the changes proposed to the club bylaws. Reviewed attached document. Arlene Bushard makes motion to approve the amendments to the club bylaws. Darrell Grams Jr seconds. All approved. Motion carried.

**Report of changes to Board of Directors and Officer's:** Darrell explained about how we came to 2/4/3 election cycle. He explained how the board proposes to remedy this by fixing at the

upcoming election by appointing the winner with the least number of votes to hold a 2 year term which would then get us back to a 3/3/3 cycle.

**Show Toy for 2020 show:** Rich presented how we came up with this year's show toy. After high demand for a forager and the prohibitive cost to produce this we decided to do a 330 6-row corn planter. Production cost came in quite reasonable but the assembly cost will be \$17 more per toy because of the increase in assembly of all of the small parts that need to be installed. We will be producing 800 of these planters. Rich said he was in Dyersville recently and he took 75 flyers with him down there. They all went and reception was very positive. Rich said the fact that we produce only 800 keeps the value up. Our previous toys are selling on Ebay for more than twice what we charged for them. Lori points out high praise for the toy committee in their hard work and commitment to make high quality toys which contributes substantially in the club's income and allows us to do the things we do and keep our show completely free to attend.

**Nomination Committee:** Darrell points out we need people to volunteer to sit on the nomination committee for the upcoming election in April. Arlene Bushard, Dale Heinz & Curt Anderson all volunteered to sit on the committee with Cody Hager.

### Old Business

**Building Project/Land purchase:** Darrell explained the building situation at the fairgrounds and the difficulty we've had in getting the commission to move with a decision for us. We came to a conclusion that building another building for the fairgrounds to someday own when we could purchase land and build our own building for the club to own would make more sense. So, the board explored multiple pieces of property and found 6 acres on Airport Road that checked all of the boxes we were trying to check. The asking price on this property was \$130,000. We committed \$1,000 of earnest money in this property and put in an offer of \$110,000 for the property, which was accepted. Darrell explains that we still have \$100,000 commitment from an anonymous donor to apply to this building project. Darrell is asking the membership to agree to proceed with the purchase of this property.

Lon Sager questioned the total investment into the property inclusive of the building. We're thinking \$160,000 to \$170,000 to start but everything is still in the preliminary planning process. Darrell explained that a building committee has been formed.

Darrell said the dreams of the property are big and will have to happen over time. We know we won't be able to do this all at once. He explained about the application for Sales and Property Tax Exemption that Michael Crowe is doing for us. (Pro Bono).

Scott Schanus asked if we would need more fill or not for this property. No, the property is ready to go. Just need to get some of the dirt moved around. Curt Anderson said he would be more than willing to do any of the necessary dirt work.

Darrell explained that the city is bringing utilities to very near this property for the Civil Air Patrol which would make getting those same utilities to our property very reasonable – or much more reasonable had they not bring it close.

(member ???) asked if we knew what the cost would be for the utilities. No, not exactly but much more reasonable than without the civil air patrol.

Milfred Smith mentioned an Amish Group and said this group will come and set up a camp and built the shed and do excellent work. We would like more information about how to contact this group.

A question was asked if we would still proceed with the land and purchased even if we didn't get tax exempt status. Yes. We would, with approval from the board.

Darrell explained how the Money Market certificate would continue to accrue even though it would be used for collateral on the property.

Gail Shipansky asked if we would maintain use of the existing club shed. Yes. We would follow the current process of the existing agreement. Bob thinks we need to extend the agreement with the county on the existing shed every 7 years. Lori will try to find the original agreement.

Darrell explained that we would like the membership to give us a motion to proceed with the purchase. Bob Paulson makes motion to allow the board to move forward on purchase of the land and construction of a building. Cindy Schanus seconds. All in favor – Motion carries.

#### **Coordinator Positions/Changes:**

Darrell explained that Bobby Paulson has taken over as Garden Tractor Coordinator.

Todd Grams has taken over Golf Carts Rental.

Brenna Grams has taken over Tractor Registration and Personally Owned Golf Carts.

Lori Miller has taken over the Toy Vendor Coordinator position.

Cody Hager has taken over the Tractor Pull from Bob Paulson. **\*\*Congratulations to Cody Hager and Jen on their engagement.**

Arland Lepper expressed his praise to The Allis Connection and their show in Amana Colonies. They have been huge supporters of our club for many years and they could use our support as well at their show. Arland explained that their show is every year over Father's Day.

A question was asked about whether we would consider using a private residence again for a Spring Meeting. It's not out of the question and we're always open to offers and suggestions.

Marlow Illig shared the accounts of his recent stroke.

Bob Paulson talked about the 2021 show. He suggested a saying like "Going Orange is Going Great". Bob said the City of Hutch has now realized what the show brings to Hutch. The

Chamber and the City will do whatever they can to help us out. The City, the Mayor and Police all appreciate us and want to help in any way they can.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourn Meeting: Rich Martin makes motion to adjourn at 7:34pm. Marlow Illig seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.