

Upper Midwest A-C Club
Board Meeting Minutes (Conference Call)
Sunday March 14, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Call to Order: Darrell called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Roll Call: Present: Darrell Grams, Joe Graunke, Todd Grams, Lori Miller, Joan Paulson, Scott Overgaard, Tom Foss, Lynn Bushard

Late: Cody Hager

Others Present: Bob Paulson & Arlene Bushard

TREASURER'S REPORT:

ASSETS

Checking = \$ 62,222.15

Building Fund = \$142,745.00

Money Market = \$102,758.67

Scholarship = \$ 6,292.44

SUB TOTAL = \$314,018.26

LIABILITIES

Sales Tax Payable \$ 328.48

Mortgage = \$ 90,050.27

SUB TOTAL = \$90,378.75

TOTAL = \$223,639.51

**All accounts were balanced and reconciled to the bank accounts as of 3/7/2021.*

We received a QCD Distribution check for \$1,000 from James Braunworth. Lori sent him a Thank You/Donation Letter on 3/6/2021.

Darrell needs to provide a detail of the return of money \$11,855 from shed builder, Dan Morris.

Lynn asked how someone with a contract could just cancel the contract. Darrell talked to Michael Crowe who reviewed our contract. He said we could spend \$7 to \$10k in attorney's fees but then most likely the builder could make it up in the building. We still own the engineered drawings and he kept the money that we paid for those. Todd pointed out that we need to take some responsibility for this as well because if we would have had our land ready last fall he would have had to build it last fall. Dan Morris said he would be willing to bid it but he thinks prices won't come down until at least May.

Bob talked to the people putting the dirt out there (R&R) and these people told him that they knew that land wouldn't be buildable. Bob said we need to make sure that the land will pass inspection before we proceed on getting any more bids for buildings.

Lynn makes motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Scott seconds – Motion carries.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Review & Approve 3/14/2021 Conference Call Agenda.

ADDITION: March 14th Email from Brad Johnson to Darrell, Joe & Lori asking if he could donate an AC 60 All Crop Combine.

ADDITION: Luke Olson – Discussion of his display in the Agribition Building

Lynn makes motion to approve the Conference Call Agenda, Scott seconds – Motion Carries.

Review & Approve 1/23/2021 Board Meeting Minutes. All edits were made. Todd makes motion to approve, Tom seconds – Motion carries.

We need to work on the Membership Meeting Agenda – Lori asks for a list of items that need to be addressed with the membership.

Land/Building

One Proposed Bylaw change (plus wording from Arlene)

Features for 2022 & 2023

Ask for Volunteers

Renaming the scholarship to the Shipansky Scholarship Fund.

Help for Scholarship Committee

Field Demo w/ D19

Membership Fee increase

Important upcoming dates:

March 18 – 20th – Owatonna Farm Show **(CANCELLED)**

April 17th – Next Board Meeting and Spring Meeting

April 23 – 25th - LeSueur Swap Meet – 44th Annual Pioneer Power

May 1st – Summer Newsletter Deadline

May 15th – Tax Returns need to be filed

June 12th @ 9am – Board meeting – Hutch

Tri-Folds – Lori will mail a supply to Allis Connection Show on Father's Day Weekend.

Website & Facebook Updates:

We now have more than 1,100 members on the Facebook page. We gave a complimentary 1 yr membership to Ryan Fowler who was the 1,000th person to join the page. Lori also gave a 1 year membership to Lynn Miller – he thought he won a membership and there was some confusion. Rather than try to explain, Lori just decided to put \$20 into the checking account and give him a membership. Arlene was notified March 4th via Email. Joan makes motion that the Club cover the costs of these two memberships rather than have Lori pay for one or both – Todd seconds – all in favor – motion carries.

Archives: PDFs of Newsletters & Flyers, ads, etc.

* We also still need to get all of the files that are being stored at Larry Karg's. We want to make sure we keep this on the agenda as an action item until it has been done.

Joe makes motion to approve the Secretary's report. Lynn seconds. All in favor & motion carries.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 403 members – 66 past due from show stuff from last year. 7 new members.

Lori makes motion to approve the membership report. Darrell seconds – all in favor – motion carries.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Spring Membership Meeting & Elections – April 17, 2021 at 1:00pm – Randy Starkey could only guarantee us the pavilion for that date and time. Because we have no idea what the weather will be, Darrell called the Event Center. They are available and will be able to spread us out to accommodate whatever state mandate is at that time. The museum didn't have enough room to spread us out. The event center is a little more expensive than the fairgrounds, but it is all we have. There will be NO LUNCH served and the meeting will start at 1pm – we have the room from 11am to 5pm.

Board will meet at Squeakies at 9am before the membership meeting.

Property Tax Exemption/Relief Application/Status – Assessor was not meeting yet and said to come back after April 1st.

Brian Baxter – GOTO video/RFD TV – Brian said cost would be the same as last time \$5,000 for Baxter Communications to come out and make a DVD of the show. Some advertising will come along with the \$5,000. They will advertise our show. We do have the option of buying additional advertising; \$1,500 for 30 seconds or \$2,500 for 60 second ad. They will need a golf cart with a box for moving their equipment around the grounds. Darrell already signed the agreement, scanned and sent it back to them. Lori should get a copy of the club records.

Daryl Krause requests compensation to bring items to the show. We discussed how this could/would open a huge can of worms. Where do we draw the line? Who all gets compensated and who doesn't? Lynn makes motion that we not compensate Daryl as it would set precedence. Cody seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Agribition Building –

Lori had contacted Luke Olson and asked if he planned on setting up a table for Olson Tractor Restoration in the Agribition Building as he has done in year's past. Lori explained to him that we are trying to coordinate the building so that we don't have a free for all in there and know who will be set up in that building. He responded to Lori by saying he had been planning on bringing "two semi loads of tractors" but after hearing we were coordinating the building said he "might reconsider". That was the last Lori had heard from him. Apparently he called Darrell. Darrell said he and Luke only discussed the exhibit that Luke will have OUTSIDE.

Luke has gotten permission from Marilyn Fanetti to bring two proto-type tractors and asked that they not be sitting outside. Asked to have those in the agribition building. Lori confirmed he is going to contact Marilyn and confirm this and will let Lori know.

So as not to end up with people just "assuming" spots in the agribition building, Lori was put in charge of coordinating who is there and what spots are available.

Heritage Iron, Old Allis News, Bob Campbell and the guy with the 5/8 scale WD are the other people that have been in that building in years past.

We will be setting up over-flow vendors in that building and need to have a handle on who is in there. Everyone agreed that we need to keep spots open in there for very unique A-C items to display but we also agree that we can't just have a free for all in there either. Not sure anything was definitively decided one way or the other.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building Committee: See above

Nomination Committee: Norman Grams, Steve Eggert is putting bio together. He would need 2 hours to set her up and 2 hours to take her down. Arlene asked him if he would be able to spend time helping. Waiting for 2 more to call her back.

Joe Graunke will be running for reelection.

Tom Foss – Not running again.

Joan Paulson and Scott Overgaard will both run again.

Scott will have April put bios on website as long as he gets them by April 1st.

Scholarship Committee:

Board Member to Chair the Committee

Lori has the quilt done and needs input on the raffle. – It was decided nothing else would go on this raffle drawing. It won't sell any more tickets. Lori is having 1,500 tickets printed and we decided the tickets should be \$1 each.

Gail & Nancy Shipansky's children will be donating pallets of A-C parts to the scholarship committee to be sold. Lad & Laddies will handle the parts and sale. Lad also said he would give us a fair price for any remaining parts.

All of Gail's D19s that he sold are planning to come to the show except one that is stuck in Canada. If the border opens, it will be here. Bob has one of Gail's D19s too.

Charlie Widlund is bringing both Beachmasters that he got from Gail and Luke Olson's will also be there. Luke is hoping to have his sanitizer done for the show too. Darrell thinks the Beachmasters could go where Arland's green one used to go.

Toy Committee: Darrell received an email from Rich Martin. To date we have sold 650 units. March 1st deadline will be removed from the order form. SpecCast will have it on their website and send it to their contacts. He is wondering if we should run it in the Toy Farmer again. We still have 350 units to sell. Toy Farmer will run the ad again for \$750. We will check and see when the next Toy Farmer will come out and see when we would need to put that flyer in. Possibly we can defer this to April meeting.

Audit Committee: We will meet/review after the year-end books are reconciled and taxes have been filed.

Other Committee Reports:

Field Demos: Cody said we will proceed as planned. We will ask at Membership meeting for D19s to help in field demos.

Darrell said he got an email from Rosanna Raider – Her father was Charles Store. He was from Hutchinson and had made custom equipment. CA – Snow blower – He also made a C that was a zero turn mower. She would like to re-home them. Would we be interested? Joe suggested that she sell them at the Swap Meet at the show or they could put them on the Facebook page or any of the other Allis sites.

OLD BUSINESS -- ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PRIOR MINUTES AND AGENDAS:

Trademark of Upper Midwest A-C Club name: Application was submitted February 8, 2021. ETA is 3 months, so May 8th we should know something.

Donation of Equipment from Northern Minnesota: Status Quo at this time.

** Addition -- Email from Brad Johnson asking if he could donate an AC 60 All Crop Combine. Darrell thinks maybe we should ask if they will park this in the museum with the fuel cell tractor.

Scott sent 6 pages of info to Connie about museum, fuel cell and other stuff for the show guide.

Donation of Allis Chalmers running gear with a hoist from Michael Crowe. It does have a hoist and a green box which would need to be painted. Darrell will either meet him half way or he will bring it to the show.

Newsletter: Summer Newsletter deadline is May 1, 2021. – Thoughts for content

Bylaws: Proposed changes are saved and will be presented to membership at Spring Meeting.

Addition to the Museum (from minutes of 1/25/2020) – We should put something in the newsletter and/or Show Guide about the addition and the Les Kouba mural.

Reels of Film: Scott is meeting with them tomorrow at 11am

Membership Fee – We will discuss a possible increase in rates next year. Input from membership at Spring meeting.

- NEW BUSINESS -

2021 Show:

Advertising

Merchandise for 2021 Show:

Belt Buckle –

Thanks for the update. I like the serial numbering idea. Given the cost, I would suggest 200 as a good target number.

For example if we order,

150 Belt Buckles -cost \$11.47 each + mold fee ($\$675/150 = \4.50). Item cost= \$15.97 Total Cost=\$2,395.50

200 Belt Buckles- cost \$10.37 each + mold fee ($\$675/200 = \3.38). Item cost= \$13.75 Total Cost=\$2,750.00

250 Belt Buckles- cost \$10.37 each + mold fee ($\$675/250 = \2.70). Item cost= \$13.07 Total Cost=\$3,267.50

Darrell makes motion to order 250 belt buckles. 15 in polished brass. #8-15 would be awarded to the directors on board at the time of the 2021 show. Others to be used for Auction and door prizes. Cody seconds. Motion carries.

Scott is working on other merchandise at the show.

Show Guide – Scott sent info to Connie.

Food Vendors – We currently have 8. The school that was in the diner do not want to come back. Lions Club will have a trailer and will also do the diner and make meals. Darrell said the hotels are full and there will be a big crowd. They added the weenie wagon and a bbq. Mini Donut wagon will be there also.

Show Volunteers – Lori has a list started of volunteers.

Toy Vendor Building and Agribition Building. Contracts were sent out and we have gotten about a dozen back with payment. Also have a waiting list that I will contact once we know we have room. Lori is going to also book up the Agribition Building where the old quilt show used to be.

Mini Train outside guy is planning on coming back again.

John Klettke will be coming with his mini farm display.

Lori and Joan will discuss vendors that are not selling toys in the toy building.

Lynn did talk to Randy about getting some spots for campers with electricity but we would need to park them where the swap-meet space. \$20/day for electricity.

Parking tractors – Joe will ask Chad Stradtman if he wants to be in charge of that.

Upcoming Board/Membership Meetings:

April 17th – Board Meeting at Squeaky's at 9am to 11:30am and Spring Meeting at 1pm Event Center.

Bobby would like the Lions Club would like to have music for people who don't go to the banquet. Table to April board meeting.

Snowmobile – Agreement between Bobby, McLeod County Museum and their museum. It will be here a week before and a week after the show. Bobby will propose keeping it at the museum a little longer. Darrell will need a copy of the agreement for the insurance people.

Banquet will be at the event center. How many people can we have and what will be the price of the tickets. Linda Martin has agreed to spearhead the banquet. We should be able to sell tickets for \$25. If we have to provide additional servers it will cost additional money. Old Allis News is going to put a SAVE THE DATE. Banquet hall is \$500.

Next Board Meeting – 9am April 17th at Squeaky's.

Todd makes motion to Adjourn. Lori seconds. Meeting adjourned 9:06pm