

Upper Midwest A-C Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Squeaky's Hutchinson
Saturday April 17, 2021 @ 9:00am

Call to Order: Darrell called the meeting to order at 9:04am

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

Others present: Bob Paulson, Jessica Meech, Arlene Bushard, Tom Hager

TREASURER'S REPORT:

ASSETS

Checking = \$ 66,825.21
Building Fund = \$142,745.00
Money Market = \$102,758.67
Scholarship = \$ 6,292.44

SUB TOTAL = \$318,621.32

LIABILITIES

Sales Tax Payable **\$ 356.79**
Secured Loan = \$ 90,010.78

SUB TOTAL = \$ 90,367.57

TOTAL = \$228,253.75

**All accounts were balanced and reconciled to the bank accounts as of 4/10/2021.*

Scott makes motion to approve the treasurer's report – Tom seconds – All in favor – Motion carries.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Review & Approve 4/17/2021 Meeting Agenda.

Darrell noted that we need to add an item: We need to officially document a vote by the board on board's decision to extend all board members' terms by one year for 2020 year when no election meetings could take place.

Scott made motion to approve agenda with the addition noted above. Joe seconded. All in favor - motion carries.

Review & Approve 3/14/2021 Board Meeting (Conference Call) Minutes.

Lori makes motion to approve the minutes for the 3/14/2021 board meeting conference call and requests approval to have these minutes posted to our website. Scott Seconds – All in favor – Motion carries.

Review & Approve 3/25/2021 Board Meeting (Conference Call) Minutes.

Lori makes motion to approve the minutes for the 3/25/2021 board meeting conference call and requests approval to have these minutes posted to our website. Todd Seconds – All in favor – Motion carries.

Important upcoming dates:

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 (RESCHEDULED TO June 7th @ 7pm – Board meeting via Conference Call.)

Tri-Folds – Lori mailed on 4/12/21 100 to Allis Connection Show on Father’s Day Weekend.

The Allis Connection

Mike Anderson

913 North Main Street

Abingdon, IL 61410

Pioneer Power – Joe informed that he will not be able to attend this show. Bob said he might be farming. Joe thinks Gary should be able to be there. Joe will find out who will go and sell toys, memberships and tickets. Joe and Bob will coordinate. Later Bob said he would be able to get there and has the raffle tickets, membership packets and flyers.

Tax Returns – Darrell and Lori have reviewed and recommend getting the 2020 return filed. There have been no questions. Darrell will contact Michael Crowe and let him know.

Board Meeting – The next board meeting which was scheduled for Saturday, June 12th (in-person) in Hutchinson has been rescheduled to a Conference Call on June 7th at 7:00pm. Lori will email call in instructions with the agenda a week before the meeting.

Lynn makes motion to approve the Secretary’s Report – Joan seconds – all in favor – motion carries.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: As of yesterday we have 403 members – 69 are past due. 7 new members. In 2020 we had 399 members and in 2019 we had 401. Arlene gave kudos to Jim at Sky Printing for taking care of all of the mailing issues with the post office. Scott Schanus has donated a box of memorabilia and newsletters in memory of his dad.

Arlene reports that she will not be preparing the volunteer lunches for the show. She will try to put something together for a proposal on a box lunch of some sort and present to the board in June. Or, possibly we should just have a cold cut tray and bread for make your own sandwiches.

Darrell pointed out that any time he talks to people he asks about becoming a member of the club and suggests everyone else should do this too.

Scott makes motion to approve the membership report – Tom seconds – All in favor – motion carries.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Building/Land:

Darrell handed out a revised quote for a building from Dan Morris at Morris Builders. The new quote is \$178k without overhead doors – so roughly \$190k with doors. Darrell said everyone he has talked to indicated they believe prices will come down. The Amish builders near Milaca said they would build it for \$3.00 per sq foot. Just another option to look at. We have soil corrections that need to be made first. We are all set up to do the soil corrections as soon as road restrictions are off. Regardless, we will need to get approval on soil before we do anything further on a building. Supplies are still in short supply and cost is extremely high. At this point our hands are tied.

Minnesota Roadways, Brad Grams' employer, has offered to use their connections with Ziegler to rent for us a bulldozer for use on our building site. They have offered to provide an operator and transportation of the dozer to and from the site. We will have to pay Minnesota Roadways for the rental cost which will include insurance on the machine while it is being rented. We will be required to clean the equipment before it is returned. We will provide them a donation letter for _____.

Plehal Blacktopping, Todd Grams' employer, has offered their 12M Cat Blade, an operator and transportation of the blade to and from the building site. We will provide them a donation letter for _____.

Wm Mueller & Son has offered their Sheep's Foot roller and will transported it to and from the building site. We will provide them a donation letter for _____.

We will need to pay all fuel for this equipment while in use and will return all of the equipment clean and fueled.

2021 Toy:

The prototype of the 2021 show toy is ready and the model will be here by Tuesday. It will be delivered to Luke Olson so that the toy can be compared to the original sprayer that Luke has to see if any adjustments need to be made. We have 337 of these toys left to sell at this point. We think we should eliminate the date from the toy flyer because it causes confusion.

Rich wants to run another ad in the Toy Farmer magazine at a cost of \$700 - \$750. Darrell makes motion for Rich to run a second ad in Toy Farmer. Lori seconds. All in favor – motion carries.

2021 Show:

Baxter communication is all in place to make the DVD at the show. They will be there all week. Lynn will call Lano and Farm Rite to see if we can get UTVs

Darrell will call for dumpsters and biffs – The Biffs come from Mini Biff of Hutchinson – (320)587-0244. Lori pointed out that we will most likely also need to provide hand sanitization stations throughout the grounds and at each building entrance.

Bob pointed out that the fairgrounds has added bathrooms so we won't need quite as many biffs.

Lori has ordered the ATMs. They will be in the same location as 2019 – Agribition Building and Toy Building.

Lori has John Klettke and Greg Borth lined up with mini farm displays.

Bob said all of the food vendors are booked. Bob wanted to know where the food vendor trucks should go. He thinks we should have a couple on the east side of the street.

Lori makes motion to approve President's report – Scott seconds – all in favor – motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee: SEE ABOVE – President's Report

Nomination Committee:

Arlene reports that younger people (recent retirees) have expressed interest. Jim Pessek, Dale Heinz, Chad Stradtman. So things in the future look hopeful.

We discussed in prior meetings that we would just extend everyone's term by one year because of the fiasco of 2020 and not being able to have elections. Because of the need to keep 3

people up for election every year and not have a year where the majority of the board are all up for election at the same time, we all agreed back then to extend everyone's term by one year and that conversation is noted in the minutes. However, the board never officially voted and put it formally into the minutes.

Todd makes a motion to extend everyone's existing term by one year due to no elections in 2020. Cody seconded it. All in favor – Motion carries.

Darrell also pointed out that we also may never have officially voted on the plan to fix the 4,3,2 issue we are currently in. Our proposal was that at today's election we will be electing 4 board members. The 3 individuals with the highest number of votes today will hold 3-year terms. The person with the lowest number of votes today will hold a 2-year term. This has been discussed since 2015 when the issue first presented itself but has never been implemented. Darrell made motion to approve that, with today's vote, 4 people will be elected to the board and the person with the lowest number of votes will hold a 2-year term. Joe seconds – all in favor – motion carries.

Lynn said he will resign from the board in 2022 which will be 1 year early for his term. The bylaws already state that at that time the board will appoint someone to fill his remaining term.

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

Scholarship Committee:

Proposed change of name:

We proposed a name change of the club's scholarship. The scholarship committee will remain the Upper Midwest A-C Club and we will honor someone in memoriam or for exceptional work. We are proposing the name be updated this year to The Upper Midwest A-C Club Scholarship honoring Gail & Nancy Schipansky.

Darrell cautions in the future to be cautious of honoring someone that is still living. The board will leave it open to decide on this each year.

Lynn asked who is on the scholarship committee presently. Cody Hager is the board's representative and Dale Heinz is the only other person on the committee at this point. It is on the agenda today to ask for help from the membership.

Darrell makes motion that the board has the option to honor a member (or members) in our scholarship from time to time. We would also leave the option open to not have an honoree

named. We agree to revisit the name annually and decide. Lori seconds that motion. All in favor – motion carries.

Lori recommends that the scholarship committee write a short article for each newsletter updating the membership on what they are doing and asking for donations for auctions and donations directly to the fund.

Picking up donated parts from Schipansky's:

Darrell talked to Tim Schipansky and the land in Marshall is sold. The buyer has agreed to leave the A-C parts that the Schipansky family donated to the club in their building until early July. Darrell talked to Randy Starke and he said we could put the parts in one of the buildings on the fairgrounds from early July until our show. Ladd Benes said he would be willing to sell these donated parts for us at the Swap Meet at the show and keep track of the money.

As everyone recalls, in a prior meeting, Todd challenged each of the board members to come up with an item to donate to the scholarship fund for auction at the show. The Board Members' contributions to the scholarship fund so far:

Lori – Quilt (which will be raffled)

Joan – Quilt

Todd – Norm Swinford Book

Scott – 2016 Show Toy

Lynn – A-C Adirondack chair.

Club – Belt Buckle & a show toy

Dottie May also has a quilt to donate.

The scholarship auction is scheduled for Saturday at the show at 5:30pm. Darrell would like to acknowledge Gail and Nancy at 5:00pm before the auction.

Toy Committee: SEE ABOVE – President's Report

Audit Committee: After a discussion and review of what the original intent of the audit committee was for, and what the current situation of the club financial records are, Lori requested that the audit committee be dissolved. Lori assured the board that the books are balanced to the bank at least once per month – usually twice. Up to date financials reports are presented to the board at every meeting (including conference calls) and the tax returns are always done on time and are always available to the board for review. The transparency of the club's financials has never been so clear. Lori assures the board that the books are and always

will be available. Everyone agrees that prior to 2015 this was not the case and that the audit committee is no longer necessary.

Tom Foss makes motion to dissolve the Audit Committee – Todd seconds – All in favor - Moton carries.

Other Committee Reports:

Joan said bus trip and bingo is scheduled for the show. Wheels & Cogs will be meeting soon to decide if they will be able to come to the show and they will let us know.

Bob asked how we get the CDC recommendations for our show. He said they were going to use the Barrel Train for another function and everyone is concerned about having to wipe it down every time a child gets in or out. Arlene recommended calling the local health service and ask the question in our local county. We all agree that this is an ever evolving situation and we will need to have updated rules at the time of our show. Todd also pointed out we will most likely be required to post what steps we are taking to comply with current Federal, State and local requirements at the time of our show.

Darrell thinks a row of D-19s should be on the south end of the pavilion on the road. Unique and one of a kinds will be where Arland Lepper's old green tractor used to sit.

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. Lori will keep the club updated as information comes in.

Donation of Equipment from Northern Minnesota – Bob asked about the donation and what will happen if we don't have a shed to put it in. This was a stipulation of the donor, that we have all of the donated items stored in-doors. Will we need to rent a shed?? Gary Agrimson communicated that this donation is still on hold and the donor understands we are being held up by COVID and other unfortunate delays at this point.

Donation of 60 All-Crop Combine from Bradley Johnson of Thief River Falls – Who is going to get this? This guy would like us to get this before the show. No resolution to this item at this point.

Donation of Allis Chalmers running gear with a hoist from Michael Crowe – Darrell is going to meet Michael half way and get this and will bring it back.

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 assuming board approves the proposed changes.

Lori makes motion that the Board approve the proposed bylaw changes that will be presented to the membership today. Scott seconds. All in favor – Motion carries.

Addition to the Museum – Update on Newsletter and/or Show Guide about the addition and the Les Kouba mural.

Reels of Film: Scott dropped of 20 rolls of film so far. 3-4 months out at this point.

Membership Fee – Review membership rates for any changes effective in 2022. Darrell asked how everyone liked the color pages in the newsletter. He pointed out that it would be nice to have color integrated throughout the whole newsletter. In order to do that, we would need to increase our membership fee. Arlene did say that she has gotten feedback that our membership fees are cheap. Proposed amount is \$25 versus the current \$20. We all agreed that anyone paid and renewed prior to 1/1/2022 will renew at the current rates and the change would be for 1/1/2022 forward.

Todd makes motion to raise membership fee to \$25 effective 1/1/2022 – Lori seconds – All in favor – Motion carries.

Property Tax Exemption – Lori needs to see if she has the original 501c3 filing paperwork. No – she does not. Darrell will get this from Michael Crowe.

Future Features & Pedal Tractors:

In 2022 - We can see if we get any input from the membership and table this decision to June.

In 2023 - the D-21 boys will start a tractor drive from our show and go to 4 places including GOTO in Albert City. Cody would like to see Gleaner in 2023 in addition to our feature because that will be the 100th anniversary.

Pedal Tractors:

Scott said he has a WD45 in the box and also a D19 in the box. Scott would like \$250 for the WD45 and \$300 for the D19.

Lori makes motion that we reimburse Scott for \$550 which is the cost of these two pedal tractors. Joan seconds – All in favor – motion carries.

- NEW BUSINESS -

2021 Show:

Advertising – Scott reports that he put an ad in Antique Power that will be out the beginning of June. Also putting ads in Farm News and will do Hutch Paper and other local papers. The local papers will hopefully come out the beginning of July.

Lynn asked about advertising in MN or Dakota Farm Guide.

Joan said there is a paper that drops off at the Antique Store and she will get Scott that info. Darrell asked if maybe we could get the Hutch Leader to write an article leading up to the show. Bob said he would make a call to his contact there.

Bob asked about the flags downtown. Joan suggested we get a flag for our club to fly with the other businesses in Hutch.

Merchandise for 2021 Show:

Belt Buckle – Just waiting for the prototype to come.

Plaques artwork done

Hats have been ordered

Tee Shirts, Mugs and Keychains will be worked on next.

Show Guide – In progress

Show Volunteers – Lori has a list started of volunteers.

Hutchinson FFA wants to do parking.

Joe Stroebel and the Boy Scouts will also help out. Joe will be watching the golf cart rental table again.

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 try to also book up the Agribition Building where the old quilt show used to be and coordinate who will have space reserved there.

Upcoming Board/Membership Meetings:

June 7th @ 7pm – Board meeting via Conference Call.

Tom asked about the Club's 39 B tractor – Tom would be interested in buying it if the club is interested in selling it. This is tabled to our next meeting.

Bob said someone is feeding cats in our club shed. It is a problem. Bob has reported it to the fair office and no one is taking responsibility. Lori suggests we get a trail camera up. Bob will see if we can borrow one from Bobby otherwise we will buy one.

Adjourn meeting – Lori makes motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05am – Scott seconds – All in favor – motion carries.