

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

Phone call for Conference Call: 1-866-866-2244 – Pin 5410765 followed by #

Call to Order: Darrell called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call:

Present: Darrell Grams, Sr., Todd Grams, Lori Miller, Scott Overgaard, Cody Hager, David Grinnell, Joan Paulson

Others Present: Bob Paulson

Absent: Lynn Bushard & Joe Graunke

TREASURER'S REPORT:

ASSETS

Checking = \$ 47,207.48

Building Fund = \$132,536.99

Money Market = \$102,758.67

Scholarship = \$ 6,302.44

SUB TOTAL = \$288,805.58

LIABILITIES

Sales Tax Payable \$ 427.08

Secured Loan = \$ 87,965.45

SUB TOTAL = \$ 88,392.53

TOTAL = \$200,413.05

**All accounts were balanced and reconciled to the bank accounts as of 6/1/2021.*

All outstanding bills have been paid. We will owe \$65,000 on delivery of toys in July.

Darrell pointed out that most likely we will not be starting a building on the property until next year. He asked what everyone's thoughts were about using the Money Market account to pay off the secured loan and then moving \$125,000 of the Building Fund to the Money Market to try to accumulate some interest on that money. Currently we do not earn any interest on the checking accounts.

Lori said we need to keep the accounting clean so we can clearly keep the Building Fund money separate from General Funds. So going forward the Money Market contains ONLY Building Fund money.

Darrell makes motion to use the Money Market to pay off the Secured Loan. Then we will move all remaining Money Market money to General Checking and then take \$125k of building fund and put that into Money Market. Scott seconds. All in favor – motion carried.

Scott makes motion to approve the treasurers report without changes. Lori seconds. All in favor – motion carries.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Review & Approve 6/7/2021 Conference Call Agenda. Todd makes motion to approve agenda. Scott seconds. All in favor – motion carries.

Review & Approve 4/17/2021 Board Meeting Minutes (BOTH):

Darrell pointed out on the 4/17/2021 Board Meeting Minutes (long version) – that some amendments need to be made on page 3 in the President's Report where he was discussing the building pad. Darrell pointed out that he had misspoke about the logistic of the equipment. Lori & Darrell will make adjustments and get Darrell's approval on the changes. Then Lori will provide corrected minutes to the board and we will review for approval at the next meeting. We all agree that we can still make changes to the minutes because they have not yet been approved by the board.

Review & Approve 4/17/2021 Board Meeting (Special Meeting) Minutes: No corrections or adjustments needed. Todd makes motion to approve. Scott seconds. All in favor – Motion carries.

Important upcoming dates:

June 1st was the Newsletter HARD Deadline.

June 12th @ 9am – Board meeting – Hutch (Rescheduled to June 7th via Conference Call)

July 22, 2021 (Thursday) at the Fairgrounds (8:00am)

July 23rd thru July 25th daily at the show (8:00am)

Bob Paulson pointed out that he was in Runnings getting feed and Runnings told him they wanted to display our raffle tractor there from July 1st to the time of the show. Scott will put that information in the newsletter. Lori thinks we should have a supply of Raffle Ticket Request Forms there with the tractor.

Website & Facebook Updates: Scott was going to send April a message to get the toy information and raffle tractor information back on top of the website as well as the raffle ticket request form. We all agree that all show related items need to go back on top. Scott was waiting until after this board meeting to notify April in case there were any other changes. Lori and Todd will post reminder notices of the show on all of the Facebook sites.

Archives: Nothing new at this point.

* 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.

Scott makes motion to approve the Secretary's Report. Dave seconds. All in favor – Motion carries.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Marlow Illg donation – Scott reported on Marlow's 1962 D-15 with an industrial shuttle clutch, backhoe and loader that he picked up in South Dakota around 7 years ago. Marlow drove it off the trailer at his house but it currently run does not run. Marlow noticed the hydraulic control valve was leaking for the backhoe and had it repaired but never got it back on the tractor. Marlow would like to sell this tractor to the club. Gary Agrimson would like to purchase the D-15 from Marlow for the club and has offered to pay Marlow \$1,000, which Marlow accepted but he would also like a letter of donation. Tom Foss has offered to do the mechanical work to get this thing running again, free of charge to the club. Scott said it needs new foot clutch for sure. Hydraulic hoses, fluids, etc. Scott reports that it will need to be split to fix the clutch. The club would need to pay for the parts. Gary and Scott estimate a cost of around \$2,000 for parts. Once the work is done we could use it for loading, unloading, and maybe at the building project. Proposal is that if the Club gives go ahead, Gary will purchase it. Marlow has someone else that wants it if we do not want it so he would like to know ASAP. We would not have to invest anything until they figure out if it is worth repairing. Darrell wants to carry this to another board meeting. Marlow would like to know sooner. Lori points out that if Gary does the work he did on the raffle tractor we would be dumb not to let him be in charge of this for us. Scott thinks the back hoe looks pretty good. Maybe the bottom pin or drop harp pin needs to be replaced. Todd makes motion to have Gary buy Marlow's D-15 and have Tom do the work. The Club will buy the parts needed. Scott seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Darrell said Curt Anderson did some work out at the property and Larry Karg used his Bobcat with a roto-tiller to break up the chunks and level the black dirt at the property and said it looks beautiful. It is now ready to seed. Scott and Gary are going to plant grass/something on the site on Wednesday this week. Connie Reinert will also be there taking pictures for an article she is writing.

Mathison family donation and memberships – The Mathison Family of Hutchinson donated a 416 H Garden Tractor with a cab and snow blower, mower and sound system. They did this to honor their father. Currently this tractor is at Darrell's in his shed. An article will be in the newsletter how Mr. Mathison made this. They asked if the club would consider THREE one-year memberships, one for each of them. Scott has the article and pictures for the upcoming newsletter. Darrell reports that the daughter will try to make it to our show. Scott makes a motion to pay for the 1 year membership for each of them. (Hopefully they will renew after that). Todd seconds – All in favor – Motion carries.

Webmaster's membership - Lori makes a motion to have the club pay for the webmaster's membership renewals (AUTOMATIC) for as long as he/she is the webmaster. Darrell seconds. Motion carries.

Banquet information – Dottie May stepped up and has organized the GOTO banquet for Thursday July 22, 2021. The caterer is hired and Dottie reports that she has it all under control. She has people that have offered to help her. She said if anyone has questions they can call her at any time.

Lori makes motion to approve President's report. Todd seconds. All in favor – Motion carries.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Total Members as of June 7, 2021: 416 - This number includes: 20 **new** members in 2021 & 64 expirations, some of which we expect will be renewed at the show.

Todd makes motion to approve the membership report – Lori seconds – All in favor – Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Show Committees:

Volunteer Meals – Todd makes a motion for Arlene to coordinate LUNCH ONLY box lunch meals from Cashwise at \$5.00 each for Wednesday and Thursday ONLY. Not Monday or Tuesday and no breakfast or dinners. Get a combination of A FEW different sandwiches for each of the two days – **NONE with Mayo so they can be taken outside to eat.** Also get bottled water. Budget is \$650. Lori seconds – All in favor – Motion carries. The club purchased 10 coolers within the last 5 years so there should be a large supply of them in the club trailer. Also, the refrigerator in the kitchen should hold a large number of these sandwiches.

Family/Ladies/Children (Joan): Joan said all is going well. Joan sent to Scott what she wants him to put in the newsletter. Joan reports that Bonnie Mohr has a lot of the tractor pictures left over. She wants to advertise them somewhere. She will give us one for the scholarship raffle.

Bus Trip to the museum. Joan got a hold of the museum and a bus will go to the museum Friday and Saturday between the farm trips. Museum will be a good will donation for entry.

Wheels & Cogs - is on. Joan is coordinating.

Ladies' activities. Joan will have a list of vendors in the building so everyone knows who is there as well as a list of activities.

Food Vendors (Bob): Bob is having trouble getting some of the vendors to respond. But he thinks he should have 5 or 6 in addition to what we had before. Scott wants to know where they will be so we can do that map. Possibly the north side of the pavilion on the sidewalk. Bob said we have to be cognizant of fire lanes. Bob said he will get to Scott the location of the food vendors so Scott can get the map done.

Field Demo (Cody): Cody said everything is on schedule but so far no volunteers for the D19 plowing teams. Darrell said Charlie Widlund is bringing four D-19s to the show but hasn't said anything about plowing. Darrell reports that the field has been sprayed and that bill has already been paid.

Garden Tractor Display & Entertainment (Bobby): Bobby told Darrell everything was on track.

Tractor Registration: Brenna Grams re-did the Tractor Registration and Safety Form and that has been added to the website. They have started coming in and Brenna is coordinating. She will also make sure Arland has what he needs for the parade announcing.

Toy Vendors (Lori) – Lori said all is good. We are full. She is working with Rich on placement of the vendors in the building. There will be NO VENDORS in the Agribition Building at this point.

Golf Carts (Todd): Golf cart reservations are coming in hot in heavy. Can Scott put a reminder in the newsletter saying that they are first come/first served? **(UPDATE 6/8/2021 – Todd got a call from Gresser – They cancelled our order and will not be bringing ANY golf carts to our show. We will be scrambling to get carts and hopefully will not incur too much of a loss on these carts.)**

Lynn reports Skid loaders, UTV's, Bobcats, etc.: Contacts with Lano's and Farm Rite - whatever the Club usually gets from these two companies isn't available as of today. They requested that he call back in early July for availability. Darrell said if he needs to bring his skid loader he will.

Scholarship Committee: Cody said they have 3 applications so far. He hasn't even looked at them yet. He is planning to meet with the rest of the committee at the show. We need to know if any scholarships were awarded in 2019 because no checks were written. Cody, Dale & Ken will check their records and see what happened. Cody seems to think we awarded two but they never got the transcript or other requirements from them.

Swap Meet: Darrell can't find the list of people who prepaid for 2020. He is going to check with Doug Stade to see if maybe he has a copy of that information somewhere. Norm Grams is taking over the swap meet coordination. Darrell will give him the stuff from Joe and the map. Larry Karg wants a couple of spots. We will keep some spots for the Schipansky donation which will go next to Lad & Laddie Benes.

Biffs/Dumpsters: Darrell reports they are ordered. We ordered less because there are new bathrooms on the grounds. Dumpster is also ordered and that will come on the 22nd and pick up on the 27th. They will also bring one to the building site so we can get rid of the debris there.

Camper Parking: Lynn reports many out of state callers requesting information about camping and he is hoping enough sites will be available. Darrell said if we need additional camping sites we can put campers down on higher ground in the trailer parking and have trailers parked over across the way on our property. Lori asked if they can put campers on our building site property as well. Yes, but it will be very dusty over there if the grass isn't growing yet. Bob pointed out that we can't park any campers at the west end of the pulling track.

Toy Committee: Darrell said they are at 750 sold. SpecCast is not worried one bit about us selling all of our toys. It will be nice to have some to sell at the show.

Building Committee: Darrell reports the building site prep is done. The pad is now built up correctly with close to 6 foot of fill and is now even with the road. The heavy equipment operators were all there for a full 3 days – all as volunteers. When all is said and done we will have at least \$15,000 into the cost of building that site. Darrell said we have increased the value of the land tremendously. It looks much better and drains water as it should. We will still need some black dirt for the edges of the driveway so we can get grass to grow. Darrell told Bob we should ask the city to close the outstanding permit for the culvert once we get some grass growing.

In earlier minutes Darrell reported that Brad had told him he would be able to rent a Case dozer for around \$5,000 a week and his employer would also let him use one. When it came time to rent a machine, the Case machine was no longer available, and Brad's company pulled back their offer to let us use one of theirs. So, Darrell okayed Brad to rent the CAT D6XE dozer from Ziegler (using the Minnesota Roadways Rental Account). This was a much bigger machine which moved more dirt faster, eliminating the need for TWO machines. The bill for the dozer ended up being \$9,900 which was more than we anticipated originally but it was good we had it. Roadways also supplied the operator for that machine.

A sheeps' foot was delivered to us by Wm Mueller for our use as a donation by them.

Plehal Blacktopping donated the use of their 12M Cat Blade, in addition to an operator and delivery. We put more than 40 hours on this equipment and operators.

Darrell also addressed this all in the President's report of the newsletter coming out soon. Gary and Scott also volunteered their time all weekend. Curt Anderson and Larry Karg were also involved. A lot of people did a lot of work and it would not have been possible without the volunteers. Darrell pointed out that he has gotten some flack about too many Grams being involved but Darrell points out without them we wouldn't have the site prepped at this juncture and said he couldn't be prouder.

Nomination Committee: Nothing to report

Other Committee Reports: N/A

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

Trademark of Upper Midwest A-C Club name: Due to COVID our application hasn't even been picked up yet. The attorney said most likely another 1 to 3 months before we hear anything.

Donation of Equipment from Northern Minnesota – Nothing new to report.

Donation of Allis Chalmers running gear with a hoist from Michael Crowe – Darrell talked to Michael. Either he will bring it to the show or Darrell will meet him half way.

Newsletter: Fall Newsletter deadline is September 1, 2021.

Bylaws: Have been posted to the website.

Reels of Film: Scott dropped off 20 reels in March. Should be July or so before we hear anything.

Membership Fee: Increase rates next year. Need to update the forms and website but the change doesn't take effect until January 1, 2022.

Future Show Features: 2022 Feature – Scott would like to do the 200 or something we haven't done yet. The 200 would be 50 years old. We usually don't get many 200s because many are still farming. Cody said the 200s would be great but just thinking we might not get many to come. 220 is more collectible than the 200. Something easier to haul might be a 170 or 180. Scott said we need to decide by the end of our show this year.

Scott said it is the:

45th anniversary of the 7020, 7045 & 8550.

50th anniversary of the 200

55th anniversary of the 170 & 180

65th anniversary D-14 & D-17

Also discussed the following

1964 – model 190

1965 – model 190XT

1970 – models 210 & 185 & 175

1919 – model 6-12

1922 – model 20-352 – 1926 (Long Fender) - Then short fender in 1927

We featured D-14, D-15, 170 & 180 in 2017 and in 2016 we featured the 100 series tractors.

We agreed to do the 200 in 2022 for their 50th and in 2023 will be the D21 and the 100th Anniversary of the Gleaner combine.

Darrell said we should feature a garden tractor as well. The 616 would be 1972. **B1 is celebrating 60 years in 2022.** The 300 series has the 50th year. We will check with Bobby to confirm but it looks like B1 would be 2022.

- NEW BUSINESS -

Upcoming Board/Membership Meetings:

July 22, 2021 (Thursday) at the Fairgrounds (8:00am)

July 23rd thru July 25th daily at the show (8:00am)

Lori makes motion to Adjourn meeting – 8:45pm. Scott seconds – All in favor – Motion carries.