

Upper Midwest A-C Club
Board Meeting Minutes
McLeod County Fairgrounds Meeting Room
Thursday July 22, 2021 @ 8:00am

Darrell called meeting to order at 8:05am

Roll Call:

Present: Lori Miller, Todd Grams, Darrell Grams, Scott Overgaard, Joan Paulson, Lynn Bushard (Cody Hager arrived at 8:10 and Dave Grinnell arrived at 8:30am)

Absent: Joe Graunke

Others present – Bob Paulson, Bobby Paulson, Dottie May, Dale May, Arlene Bushard, Jessica Meech & Kenny Paulson

Norm Grams could not make it to this meeting but Darrell reports that the swap meet is all set up and ready to go. Norm is doing a great job.

Joan reports that the Bus Trip and Arts & Crafts are all on target

Lynn reports that camping is all set up. We will be full. Anyone with C-Pap is running a generator.

Five D-19s will all be parked in a nice row south of the pavilion. Brenna knows this. Darrell said Brenna knows where things are going.

Joan Paulson said Larry Karg sent a gal over to Joan and gave her a stack of cards for the animal shelter. Larry Karg apparently told her we would pass these cards out for the animal shelter at the show. Joan wanted feedback. It was decided she could put the cards out on the table for people to grab but we weren't going to actively pass them out. Lori pointed out that multiple people have contacted us about handing out information and cards and if we do for one we have to do for all so we have to be careful about setting precedence in this regard.

Golf carts – We are totally booked and have a long waiting list but we are all set up and ready. We will find out at this show if we have too many carts on the grounds at one time.

Merchandise – All is set up and we are good. Belt buckles are being delivered to us by Dave Clausen today as it is unclear when Joe is arriving. Not sure if it is today or sometime tomorrow.

Scott reports that Greg Loftness is mowing the loading dock area and East and North ditch at the Club property.

Scott talked to Cody Hager about drive a tractor. Cody will help with it and get drivers to help. Like Drew Shipper helped in 2019.

Field Demo – Cody said we are all set. Straw is spoken for. Darrell said if we take a sample to the grain elevator we can get a quote. Bob said they won't take anything less than a semi load unless they already have some others coming in. Wheat is dry but maybe not storage dry. Does anyone know a driver with a truck that can haul the wheat?

Banquet – Dottie reports 155 have signed up for the banquet. Social Hour at 5 and Banquet at 6. McLeod County Commissioners, The Mayor, Director of Chamber and Chief of Police will all be in attendance. This is great news! Seating will be 8 to a table. Dottie has hand sanitizer stations set up. We still have extra seats available, and Dottie will continue to take reservations if she is contacted. Bob will get the tractor over there and Bobby will bring the snowmobile.

Darrell is bringing the donated garden tractor tomorrow and reports that he had to purchase a new battery for it.

Darrell reported that we cut back on the biffs because the fairgrounds built additional restrooms. The dumpster is ordered. Lynn reports that not all the showers available are open and Darrell said he is working on that. There are 5 Hand Sanitizers stations located around the grounds. Brenna has the building locking schedule at the tractor registration desk.

Map of Fairgrounds – Craig Buss had it and now we can't find it. We need to get that recreated and have copies made to be used for placement of signs and show guide boxes and other stuff on the grounds. Darrell said he will work with the fair office to get a new map and report back at next meeting.

Emergency Cart – As in prior years, there will be a dedicated Emergency Golf Cart on the corner of the building by the office. That is where everyone of the EMTs will come if someone needs help. We need to block off the parking area by the office because that is a dedicated fire lane.

Darrell reports that we are over 800 on toy sales but sadly they will not be here until Oct due to no containers for shipping. We will have one on display here and will continue to take orders. Rich reported to Darrell that orders are coming in and all have shipping included now and have for some time. We will be hand delivering some of these toys again this year like last year. SpecCast gets a better shipping rate than we do so we will have SpecCast ship those that we cannot deliver. Darrell thinks we will get orders when they see the original here at the show.

Ticket Sales – Darrell went and picked up the side by side at Farm Rite and they bought all of the tickets that Darrell sent over there almost immediately. Runnings has been selling them like crazy. The town is really supporting us and that is great!

Lori thinks we should ask for another article in the newspaper like they did in 2019 to thank everyone after the show.

People from town want to know the route of the tractor drive. We can't post the route because then it could be considered a parade and we would need a permit for a parade. Bob said we will just post it on Social Media so we can avoid that. It is helpful that the Mayor was a farmer. The tractor drive will leave the fairgrounds at 6 on Friday.

Bobby said we will have a LOT of garden tractors on display which is awesome!

Joan said one of her vendors had to cancel due to Medical so the Quilt Square Craft Class will unfortunately have to be cancelled.

Scholarship Auction Display – Scott will put this in the Commercial Building.

Someone asked Darrell yesterday if we were charging for spots in the Agribition Building. Only to vendors. Lori had tried to get non-toy vendors to set up in there and pay like they do in the toy building but none of the non-toy people that are currently in the toy building were willing to move over there. And we didn't have enough other non-toy vendors to fill the vendor spots in the Ag building this year. However, JC's Farm and Garden WANTS to be in there and yes, he paid \$25/table as was quoted to everyone else. Apparently when Lori communicated that we would be charging in the Ag Building Luke Olson misunderstood that he would be charged for displaying Marilyn Finetti's tractors and that is not the case. All one-of-a-kind, unique, scale model tractors, test tractors and seminars or demonstrations will be allowed in the Ag Building FREE OF CHARGE. Only VENDORS that are providing or SELLING/Soliciting a service will be charged a vendor fee. Lynn pointed out that Lee Sackett is in there free of charge this year. Yes, Lori was told he was going to be providing a seminar. Apparently he also restores tractors and will be soliciting business. Lori had no idea what Lee Sackett does. But if he is putting on seminars he falls into the FREE category by default. Lori will talk to Luke and make sure the misunderstanding is cleared up.

Norm had someone make a sign on the threshing machine on the property to say Future Headquarters of the Orange Spectacular. \$200 needs to be reimbursed for the sign and Darrell said if the club didn't reimburse him that he would do it personally. Darrell gave go ahead to Norm to pay for it. Board says to pay. Joan makes motion – Scott seconds – Motion Carries.

Darrell wanted to bring up the issue of Joe's numerous absences and points out that Joe has missed all but two meetings out of 8. We need to address this issue at the next board meeting.

Arlene has a sign thanking volunteers and offering box lunches and will work on getting them handed out at lunch time.

Joan makes motion to adjourn – Scott seconds (Sorry – I missed the time that the meeting got adjourned.)