

Upper Midwest A-C Club™  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Hutchinson Event Center  
Saturday, April 17, 2021 @ 1:00pm

**Call to Order:** President Darrell Grams, Sr. called the meeting to order at 1:07pm

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

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.*

We will have final tooling payment for 2021 Show Toy of \$23,200 due mid-May and a payment for our cost of the show toy due in late July for \$65,000.

Charlie Strom makes motion to approve the Treasurer's report – Bob Paulson seconds – All in favor, motion carries.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Membership additions to agenda, if applicable. – Darrell said a comment was made to him about notifying the membership of the Elfie Johanson estate auction on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Antique Tractor Grounds in Park Rapids, MN through Davis Corners Auction Service. This will be an estate auction of tractors and implements. Elfie was a long-time member of the club for many years. We will remind people via Facebook about this auction as well as the other auctions that have been reported in our newsletter.

Review and approve Membership Meeting Agenda 4/17/2021

Clark Swanson makes motion to approve the Membership Meeting Agenda including the addition above. Scott Schanus seconds – All in favor – motion carried.

Review and approve minutes from November 2019 Membership meeting.

Darrell Grams, Jr. makes motion to approve the minutes for the November 9, 2019 Membership

meeting minutes and requests approval to have these minutes posted to our Club's website.  
Bob Paulson Seconds – All in favor – Motion carries.

Scott Schanus makes motion to approve Secretary's Report – Bob Paulson seconds. All in favor – motion carries.

**Membership report:** As of yesterday, membership stands at 403 members. 69 past due. Most of it due to pandemic and not having any meetings or a show. 7 new members during the year and 7 expirations. In 2020 we had 399 members. 7 had passed away that year. In 2019 we had 421 members and that was a year we had a show.

Norm Grams makes motion to approve membership report – Jane Carlsen seconds the motion. All in favor – motion carries.

### **New Business**

**Request for Volunteers:** Darrell made an appeal to the attendees at the meeting that we can always use volunteers. Specifically, right now we need volunteers for the scholarship committee. We are also looking for members on that committee to review applications and aware scholarships annually as well as coordinate fundraising efforts all year long.

**Volunteers at the show:** We are also in need of volunteers at the show. If anyone has willingness to volunteer at the show and/or set up we will not turn anyone away.

**GOTO Banquet Coordinator:** We also are in desperate need of a coordinator for the Banquet for the Gathering of the Orange which is scheduled for Thursday, July 22nd. We already have most of the beginning planning legwork done and need someone to take the ball and run with it. We will need this person to make sure that we are in compliance with current State and Local health guidelines at the time. Darrell explained the current rules and restrictions on the banquet assuming rules stay where they are at and how cost prohibitive this might be if the current rules do not relax.

**Field Demo featuring D19 tractors:** Cody Hager reported that field demos are planned to feature a D-19 diesel, gas and propane plowing team. He is looking for people who would like to participate to contact him. He also reported that the wheat is looking good at this point and we will be getting it sprayed soon.

Darrell reports that all of Gail Schipansky's D-19s have been located and all but one are planning on coming to the show.

**Two proposed Bylaw changes:** Darrell explained the two proposed changes to the bylaws. He read how they are currently worded and what the board, just this morning, has approved to change. Charlie Strom makes motion to approve these two changes – Scott Schanus seconds. All in favor – motion approved.

**Feature Tractors for 2022 & 2023 –**

Darrell explained the thought process the board went through earlier today and read through the anniversaries of the tractors.

2022 – The 200 is 50 years old in 2022 and one we have not featured yet. Darrell Grams, Jr. suggested the 200 as a MAIN feature and all hundred series as a sub-series.

D-21 in 2023 – 60 years old. Darrell reported that 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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Darrell explained this is not something we need to decide on today but it is important that we have a decision right after this year's show because the flyer for 2022 will need to be created ASAP. No decision was made.

**Renaming the scholarship** to honor a member/members who have passed on. For example, this year could be:

Upper Midwest A-C Club Scholarship Fund honoring Gail and Nancy Schipansky.

Darrell explained that at the board meeting this morning the Board has approved to name an honoree to the Scholarship Fund. He further explained just a few of the many things that Gail and Nancy Shipansky had done for the club and the scholarship fund.

Charlie Strom makes motion to allow naming an honoree on our scholarship fund as approved by the board. Scott Schanus seconds. All in favor – motion carries.

**Request for Scholarship Committee Members:**

SEE ABOVE -- Norm Grams volunteered to serve on this committee. Cody Hager is the board member heading up this committee and can be contacted if anyone would like to help.

**Membership Fee increase:** Darrell asked everyone's feelings on how they liked the additional color pages the newsletter. In order to do more of that in the future the board would like to increase our annual membership fee from \$20 to \$25 per year. The board approved this just this morning. Darrell communicated that this change would go into effect 1/1/2022. Darrell asked for feedback.

Robert Anderson makes motion to increase membership fee to \$25 – Scott Schanus seconds the motion. All in favor – Motion carries.

**Status of Show Toy:** Darrell introduced Rich Martin and asked for the membership to acknowledge the many years of work he has volunteered and provided a successful show toy each and every year. He pointed out the amount of work it takes and how Rich keeps it all organized.

Rich reported that we have only 5 or 6 planters left which are the 2020 Show Toy. Rich thanked everyone who helped deliver the 2020 show toys due to the show being cancelled and all scheduled pick-ups needing to be delivered.

Rich also reported that the 2021 show toy is not having quite as good of a response as we anticipated. However, SpecCast assures us they will help us get them sold. We are very much trying to keep everyone informed of where we are at on the remaining number of toys. Rich said we have many more shipped units this year than we normally have.

Our proto-type 2021 show toy is ready and will be going to Luke Olson's place to review any changes that need to be made. Shipping containers from China need 7 weeks versus the 4 weeks it used to take so we need to get our order in ASAP.

Darrell encouraged anyone that wants to order a toy to do so.

**Other:** NONE

### **Old Business**

Building Project/Land purchase:

Darrell reports that the city of Hutchinson required us to do geo technical testing on our soil at the proposed building site. He explained that when the fill was brought in and placed on the property, the organic material was not removed first and the fill was not compacted as it was dumped. The recommendation is to remove all of the fill, then remove the organic material and reapply the fill while compacting it. The alternative is to re-locate the building to a location where there has been no fill placed. We have a member who along with his employer is going to donate the equipment needed to get this job done. The club would be responsible for the cost of fuel. The plan is to prepare the alternative building site on the property by removing all of the organic material then moving the fill material from the original building site and compacting it. Once the fill is moved and compacted, we will have another geo technical test to get the city to sign off on the building permit.

In addition to this issue is the increased cost of building materials. Darrell explained how the cost of building supplies, due to lack of supply, has increased so much that it is just not cost prohibitive to get this building done right now. He stated that it looks like the building project may be delayed now until 2022 unless things with dirt moving, soil testing, issuance of permit, cost of materials and availability of a builder would all miraculously fall into place.

We all hope that we can get the land situated and approved for building and then get a new proposal which will have a lower cost and then get a new timeframe for building.

Nomination Committee:

### **Election of Officers**

Presentation of candidates

4 Board members are up for election this year. Joan Paulson, Scott Overgaard and Joe Graunke have all decided to run for reelection and Tom Foss has respectfully decided to retire. We all thank Tom for his many years of service.

Nominees this year are:

Scott Overgaard (Incumbent)

Joan Paulson (Incumbent)

Joe Graunke (Incumbent)

David Grinnell

Scott Eggert

Norm Grams

Each of the nominees gave their bios to the membership.

All ballots were picked up and counted by two random club members and overseen by Darrell Grams, Sr.

While the counting of ballots was being done, Gary Agrimson explained the work that has been done to the field, planting the wheat and the equipment including raffle tractors and the club's D-15. Gary said they had to do some work on the D-15. Gary replaced a piston and sleeve due to anti-freeze leaking but it is in tip top shape now.

Dave Claussen also spoke about the upcoming Old Allis News shows.

#### Election of Board Members

President Darrell Grams Sr. presented the election results as follows:

A total of 40 ballots were cast:

Scott Overgaard – 39 Votes – 3 Year Term

Joan Paulson - 31 Votes – 3 Year Term

Joe Graunke - 26 Votes – 3 Year Term

Dave Grinnell - 24 Votes – 2 Year Term

Norm Grams – 22 Votes

Steve Eggert – 14 Votes

Bob Paulson makes motion to destroy the ballots. Charlie Strom seconds. All in favor – motion carries.

Next Meeting: Fall Banquet – November 13, 2021

Upcoming shows:

April 23-25, 2021 - 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Pioneer Power Show – Le Sueur, MN

August 5-8, 2021 - Gathering of the Orange (East) - Findley, Ohio

July 22, 2021 - Upper Midwest A-C Club Banquet

July 23 – 25<sup>th</sup> – Orange Spectacular (Gathering of the Orange - West)

Adjourn Meeting: Rich Martin makes motion to adjourn, and Charlie Strom seconds the motion. All in favor – Motion carries. Meeting Adjourned.