Upper Midwest A-C Club™

Membership Meeting Minutes

Hutchinson Event Center

Saturday, November 13, 2021 @ 4:30pm

(Minutes to be approved at next Membership meeting)

**Call to Order:** Darrell called the meeting to order at 6:15pm

**Roll Call for the Board:**  
Present: Darrell Grams, Sr., Joe Graunke, David Grinnell, Todd Grams, Lori Miller, Joan Paulson, Cody Hager, Scott Overgaard & Norm Grams.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

**ASSETS**

Checking = **$ -61,767.74**

Building Fund = $ 131,780.23  
 Bank CD = $ 103,609.97  
 Scholarship = $ 15,687.44  
  **SUB TOTAL = $ 189,309.90**

**LIABILITIES**

Sales Tax Payable **$ 831.86**

Secured Loan =  **$ 0.00**

**SUB TOTAL = $ 831.86**

**TOTAL = $188,478.04**

\****All accounts were balanced and reconciled to the bank accounts as of 11/6/2021***

Final payment of $65,000 for the 2021 Sprayer toy was mailed 11/2/2021.

260 Units were sold to vendors and those invoices have been mailed out. We should be receiving those payments totaling $43,420 shortly.

Initial tooling payment of $11,000 for the 2022 toy (Manure Spreader) was mailed 9/12/2021. We will have 2 more tooling payments of $15,600; one after the model is approved and one after the sample is approved.

Charlie Strom makes a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Mike Reeser seconds. All in favor – motion carries.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

Review and approve minutes from April 17, 2021 Spring Membership meeting.   
Mike Reeser makes motion to approve April 17, 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes – Bob Paulson seconds – All in favor – motion carries

**Website & Facebook:** Lori asks members to please provide feedback. Reminder -- Anyone who has access to Facebook can share links to Obits and Auctions, etc. on the page.

**2022 Raffle Tickets** are now available. They will NOT be mailed with your Spring newsletter. Contact Lori Miller or Todd Grams if you want some. Charlie Strom makes motions to approve secretary’s report – Tom Hager seconds. All in favor – motion carries.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Darrell explained to the membership the resignation of both Lynn and Arlene Bushard from the board and their duties effective Nov 5th. Darrell asked for our membership to consider filling Arlene’s membership coordinator position.

Also, reminder: Membership Fee increase in 2022 to $25.00 for U.S., $30.00 CAN & $35 Foreign

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

**Review of 2021 Orange Spectacular** – The 30th Anniversary and Gathering of the Orange was one of the best shows we ever had. Most raffle tickets ever sold. Food Vendors all reported best-ever earnings. Most ran short of food by Saturday afternoon. Most garden tractors ever. Record year for toy and swap vendors too. We made a nice profit at the show which will go to preparing for another show in 2022.

**Future Show Raffles/Features/Pedal:**

**2022**

Tractor Feature = 200 for the 50th Anniversary with acknowledgement to the 20-35 for its 100th year. (Featuring the 200 series plowing team)

Garden Tractor = 616 for the 50th Anniversary

Pedal Tractor = D-19

Raffle Tractor = 1962 D-10

**2023**

Tractor Feature = D-21 for the 60th Anniversary w/ a special acknowledgement to the Gleaner Combine for the 100th Anniversary

Garden Tractor = B110, B112 & B207

Pedal Tractor = WD-45

Raffle Tractor = 1960 D-14

**Potential Board Members for Spring Meeting & Election:**

We are looking for people who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. We are doing more meetings by phone which helps with those who are located farther away.

**2021 & 2022 Show Toys:** 2021 show toy was a nightmare due to production problems in China then shipping issues. SpecCast diverted the ship to Quebec and loaded toys on a train to Chicago then trucked to Dyersville. We are all sold out. We held a few back for any that are damaged. Many have picked them up at the toy show in Dyersville. Anyone who receives a damaged toy should call Angel at SpecCast (563) 875-8706 ext 3. 2022 Toy – All will be required to be picked up in Dyersville or pay for shipping.

**Building Project/Land purchase:**

At the 2019 Fall Banquet we announced a donor would give us a sizable donation for a building. At that time, we had planned on another building on the fairgrounds, which we would never own. Instead, we purchased a 6-acre piece of land on Airport Road directly south of the fairgrounds. In 2019 the membership approved adding $50,000 of club funds to the donor money for the building on the property.

After purchasing the land, we discovered that the property had been used for fill that had been dumped on top of organic soil which is not approved to build on. With all donated time and much donated equipment, we removed the fill, removed the organic material, then replaced the fill. We asked that the membership recognize the people that got the property in shape. $19,000 in expenses to prep the land for a building has already been taken from the building fund. After the site was prepped, we had more fill and black dirt brought in and filled in the ditch between the auto shop neighbor and our property. It looks very nice. We had a new soil survey done and building site is perfect.

We had gotten quotes for buildings prior to the soil remediation, but then the pandemic happened. Building supplies came in high demand and at a much higher cost. The builder asked to get out of his contract. The builder can only give us a quote that is good for 10 days and we can’t move that fast. Our original quote for a 60 x 162 building came in at $160,000. That same building is now $190,000. Lumber has come down a little but steel has not.

At our board meeting today, we discussed this issue and thought we won’t get anything done this fall anymore anyway. We all decided that this Spring we will have to move forward. We have put it off long enough.

The donor wants the building for EVERYONE not just those that bring equipment to the show. We need everyone to be able to enjoy this building.

Darrell opened the floor to what the membership feels we need to build. Much was discussed; from size of building, side wall height and general vision of the future of the building.

Dottie May asked Darrell to expand on what the current vision is for this building and what it will be used for. Darrell explained the donation of approx. 20 pieces of equipment from northern Minnesota that requires indoor storage. We have another donation of a combine. We just don’t have storage space to house all of the stuff.

Our goal from the beginning was to try to get as close to 10,000 square feet as possible. If we go above that we enter into a whole different set of rules for building specs. That is why we backed down. We cannot use this building for anything other than a storage shed at this point. Power will be run to the building at no cost by the city but we have to have a panel and hook up the power. That would cost about $900.

Brad Grams said he thought the ultimate plan was to have a storage building but also have a meeting room for meetings and banquets. A true headquarters for the club.

Charlie Widlund asked about what equipment we would plan on putting in there. Current rules of rent needing to be paid and all equipment needs to come out during the show would apply.

Lon Sager said he recommends making it as big as we can and not shrink to fit a budget.

Lori Miller pointed out that originally this was planned to be done in phases – A simple storage shell first and then a meeting room with water, in a later phase.

Darrell Jr asked about needing to remediate the shed pad for an addition. Darrell Sr & Brad said we made the pad long enough to 90 x 220 feet long. At the end of the 220 feet, it is a steep drop which would be easy to pull back and fill in. It is set to expand fairly easy or to make an L shape at the end.

Obviously, we will have to comply with all city ordinances to obtain a permit and be allowed to build.

Norm Grams asked if we have a building design at all. Right now, we do not have any blueprints. In July of 2020 it was introduced to our Board of Directors to be a 60 x 180 with 16’ sidewalls.

Our original budget was $150,000 and if the building is $190,000 plus additional cost would the board need membership approval to amend the original amount agreed upon.

Both Larry and Brad pointed out a multi-height building. Start with lower side walls in the front and higher in the back. Better curb appeal.

**Todd Grams, Brad Grams, Charlie Widlund, Darrell Grams Jr., Curt Anderson, Bob Paulson & Bobby Paulson all offer to buy a window for the new building. Larry Karg will buy a door.**

Brad Grams makes a motion to get a set of plans to show a 60 X 60’ front at a 10’ sidewalls and spend the rest of the money for the remainder of the building at the rest of the building with 16’ sidewalls which would give us room to expand or finish in the future. Mike Reeser seconds the motion – All in favor – Motion carries. Darrell said he would have a plan in place.

Matt Wosmek wanted us to document in the notes the Lease agreement of the current building on the fairgrounds.

***The building belongs to the City of Hutchinson.***

**Either party may terminate with 90 days’ notice, if the county terminates the lease prior to the end of 15 years, the county shall reimburse the club for their initial investment of $40,000 less $3,000 for each year of use. If the club terminates the lease prior to the end of 15 years, the club shall forfeit any claim to the property of improvements that they have accomplished.   
The equipment is to be insured inside. (This will need to be paid by the renters inside)  
The County will insure the building.  
Catastrophic loss:    In the event of a catastrophic loss, causing damage to the premises, the parties shall work to establish a usable facility for both the county and the club as soon as possible.**

**2022 Scholarship –**

Renaming the scholarship to honor a member/members who have passed on. 2021 was Upper Midwest A-C Club Scholarship Fund honoring Gail and Nancy Schipansky.

Darrell asked if anyone knew of anyone to be honored. Asked to keep it in mind and we will bring it up again at the spring meeting.

**Old Business:**

Request for Volunteers – Both in general and at the Show.

**New Business:**

Discuss changing dates of the show to Thursday, Friday, Saturday. We will bring it up again in the spring.

Next Meeting: Spring Meeting & Elections – April 9, 2022

Adjourn Meeting: Mike Reeser makes motion to adjourn – Brad Grams seconds. All in favor – Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm