

March 3, 2018 Annual Minutes

29 in Attendance

Brendon Haack, President, called meeting to order at 10:10am.

Ken Beougher, Vice-President, was unable to attend so gave proof of the meeting notice to her to present.

Darci Schields, Secretary, read the March 4, 2017 Annual Meeting minutes - Dennis Wright motioned to accept; Don seconded; Motion passed.

Darci read the April 29, 2017 minutes - Gary Brubaker motioned to accept; Dave Hickert seconded; motion passed.

Darci read the October 20, 2017 minutes – Dave Hickert motioned to accept; Gary Brubaker seconded; motion passed.

Next year's annual meeting date is set for March 2, 2019 – Steve Busse motioned to accept; Gerald Wright seconded; motion passed.

Next year's Thresher Show dates are set for July 25, 26 & 27, 2019 – Steve Busse motioned to accept; Gerald Wright seconded; motion passed.

Gate prices presented same as last year: 6 yrs – 14 yrs are \$3 / day or \$5 membership; 15 yrs – adult are \$7 / day or \$20 membership – children 5 yrs and under get in free – Don Wright motioned to accept; Michael Sager seconded; motion passed.

Rod Klepper, Treasurer, gave an update on financials with a 2016 vs 2017 income comparison. 2016 income showed \$17,601 vs 2017 income (to include the 1st Annual Mule & Draft Horse Show) was \$19,382. This figure incorporates only membership sales, show memorabilia sales, etc.

Rod suggested updating Show merchandise so there's always something new to offer.

Rod presented the grants and donations throughout the year totaling \$54,056; with majority being tied to specific projects.

Endowment Account balance stands at \$29,179.72; a list of 2017 donors were presented.

Wright Memorial Building Account as \$9,802; Regular Checking Account has \$41,034 which includes the grant money reserved for various projects.

Gary Brubaker made the motion to accept the financials; Don Wright accepted; motion passed.

Rod reported that this year's summer intern, once again provided by Nex-Tech, will be Erik Perez, Cheylin senior.

Rod reported that on May 16th there will be a tour of the Show grounds with Hi-Plains Museum coalition with area museum representatives; headed up by Marsha Hickert.

Gerald reported that \$5,000 worth of coal has been purchased out of Idaho and is ready to be delivered anytime.

Rod gave an update on the 2017 Draft Show outcome; stated Norm Hays and McGilvery's were very instrumental in making it successful.

Draft Horse Show is going to be earlier this year in hopes for a little nicer weather; it's scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2018 – Mary Smith made the motion to approve; Michael Sager seconded; motion passed.

Children's Activities:

Barrel Train advertising was discussed. It was agreed to have the business who wishes to advertise on the barrel train to pay the fee directly to Hot Brush; no charge on behalf of Threshers Association to advertise – Don Wright motioned to accept; Dave Hickert seconded; motion passed.

Petting zoo – continue as is – Dave Hickert moved to accept; Gerald Wright seconded; motion carried.

Tire playground is in the works as a new play area for the kids.

Mary Smith is sponsoring the Kiddie Tractor Pull event this year.

Work Days – discussion was held on whether we set a timeframe structure to advertise set work days and whether to continue the Thursday evening work nights. There are things to always be working on if volunteers show up to help. Friday, July 20th, was noted as a work day to schedule.

Discussion of buildings:

Dining Hall – Hang flags, get coreless going – Gerald and Brendon have everything needed to get running as is. Brendon estimated costs of \$5,000-\$12,000 to purchase used boiler assembly to switch to natural gas. Michael Sager offered to work with Lyn Osborne in Denver to get prices and info.

#2 Office – Open display shelves; needing ideas to fill them.

#3 Anderson Bldg – Needing major clean-up.

#4 Shop – Needing major clean-up.

#5 Displays and Vendors – Maxine Wright is overseeing this.

#6 Beougher Bldg – Full of storage – suggested to pick a handful and focus on just those to get up and running; suggested to designate and pull out specifics after this year's Show.

#7 Thompson Bldg – Lights donated – Rod working to get them connected.

#8 Eggers – No updates available.

#9 Blacksmith Shop – Randy McDonald donated numerous tools which are not able to be used at this time due to lack of space. Brendon suggested setting the full machine shop within the Blacksmith Shop; extend the building size to fit a steam engine in to work on as needed. Would need to insulate and update electrical to do so. Could initiate a fundraiser to raise estimated \$30,000 in funds; look into bids to move project forward.

#10 Creamery – Good.

#11 Bacon Bldg – Good.

#12A Quilts Displays – Need new quit/fiber arts building.

#12B Print Shop – Good.

#14 Dorsch-Sawyer Bldg – Good.

#15 Brubaker-Fikan Bldg – Move Larry’s equipment into the Tractor Museum.

#16 Wilkens Bldg – Good.

#17 Clark Bldg – Next year to hold an anniversary type celebration.

#18 Wright Bldg – Dennis would like to incorporate a display showing the progression of technology; put up walls and more lighting.

#19 Tractor Museum – Brock McAtee to move beams; Frank O’very to sell pro-panel at his cost.

Hendricks Barn – Barn ready to be moved this Spring; Vap’s to do concrete.

Sod House – Willy to patch holes this Spring.

School House – Paint interior this year; painted exterior last year; looking for someone to replace Rosemary as primary contact.

Church – Good.

Cook Shack – Paint roof.

Caboose – Good.

Petting Zoo – Good.

Corn Dig – Good.

Saw Mill, Shingle Bldg & Demonstrations – Bob Gallo has access to trailer mounted 55” diameter saw mill for use during Show days – offered to deliver to Salina; we haul to Bird City and back. Association is interested – will need to find large trees up to 25” diameter trunks for demonstration use.

Restrooms – Paint floors.

Shower House – Floor trim.

Utilities – Currently pay \$20/month per meter; shop meter went over the ‘demand’ limits last July.

New Sign/Thresher Landscape – Paint threshing machine prior to Show; ground cover with plastic/rock.

Old sign repair and New Location – Gravel needing to be hauled in.

Hanger Completion and Wiring – Run 220 volt and install big door.

Tractor Rodeo Prizes – It was decided to give prizes from businesses rather than trophies.

Discussion was held on Tom Sawyer’s Combine – “Massey Ferguson Super 92” was purchased from Wade Dishman Auction for \$2,000 is owned by the Association.

Michael Sager would like to have someone (suggested David Burns) to help navigate traffic as they line up for the parade.

Opening Ceremonies with raising of the flag in the morning, but waiting to do National Anthem until 1pm worked best last year for attendance.

Stressed to push membership sales over daily ticket sales.

Mike McGuilvary to do Chuck Wagon Breakfast again but needing to raise the price to \$7 per plate this year.

Suggested to look at adding engineering hats and whistles this year for memorabilia sales.

Suggested picture for Show button was possible the new painted steam engine.

We'll try to implement the Wednesday evening movie this year.

Stan Dorsch's son-in-law may be interested in providing the Thursday evening entertainment.

Kenan Reeh's band may be interested in providing Saturday evening entertainment for dance; venue to be determined – Rod Klepper moved to approve; Stan Wamhoff seconded; motion passed.

Sound System – Need to reposition some of the speakers; Michael and Chad will continue to work on improving the sound.

Rosemary suggested putting the Association's logo on a flag out at the Thresher grounds.

Horseshoe Tournament – Prize money sponsored by Big Ed's to the winner(s). It was decided that half of the entry fees to go back to the organization.

Rod Klepper stated he'd keep the association's phone number forwarded to his cell number again this year.

Norm Hays Family will be honored this year in the Thresher supplement – Gerald Wright moved to approve; Phyllis Wright seconded; Motion passed.

Rod gave an update on the status of archiving and labeling Thresher items: Rober Bell wrote the program; printer has been purchased and is installed at the senior center; currently looking for a computer.

Maintaining meetings throughout the year on 5th Saturdays, including June 30th, Sept 29th and Dec 29th – Stan Wamhoff made the motion to approve; Michael Sager seconded; Motion passed.

The Cheylin Ag Power Class restored the Association's Massey Harris Tractor as this year's class project; Max Keltz, instructor, is interested in restoring another tractor with next year's class.

Darci asked for newsletter articles to be submitted by April 2nd.

Nomination discussions were held:

Stan Wamhoff moved to approve Brendon Haack as President; Steve Busse seconded, Motion passed.

Don Wright moved to approve Ken Beougher as Vice President; Stan Wamhoff seconded; Motion passed.

Darci Schields acknowledged the attendees saying she has enjoyed her time involved as Secretary since 2012, but due to her full-time schedule needs to put her resignation in as Secretary. No nominations or volunteers for the position – the position is vacant; Darci will help out as she can. A replacement for the Secretary's position will continue to be sought.

Gerald Wright moved to approve Rod Klepper as Treasurer; Don Wright seconded; Motion passed.

Stan Wamhoff moved to retain the current Directors; Dave Hickert seconded; Motion passed.

Prayers were asked for Lonnie Coon's family; Katelyn Murray is fighting cancer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm – Steve Busse moved to adjourn; Stan Wamhoff seconded; Motion passed.