



UNION THRESHERMAN, INC

2023 Meeting Minutes

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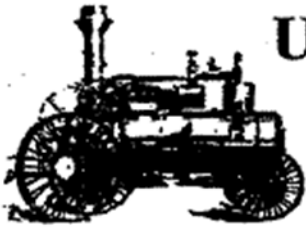
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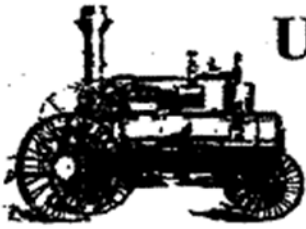
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March 2nd, 2023, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Union Town Hall

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:04 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Dan C., Hoss G. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Mark P., Jeff S. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - None
- **Old Business**
 - The St. Jude tractor that was at the Spring Pull and Thresheree pull selling tickets brought in over \$110k that went to St. Jude.
 - Tim Raleigh and Mark Ferg are recovering from some health issues. Keep them in your thoughts.
 - Don Lee Hopple passed away, he drove shuttle for many years for us.
 - 10-year Planning Committee – Andy sent an email late fall to get some ideas of where committee members see a need on the grounds that needs improvement. Main idea behind the committee is to get ideas out in the open before deciding on anything.
- **New Business**
 - Shelia Schmidt Benefit – We've donated in the past and wondering if we should do it again. It was brought up that there are some other benefits coming up that we could put that money towards. Willie made the motion to not donate to the Shelia Schmidt benefit and use that money to go toward upcoming benefits, second by Andy M., motion carried.
 - JJ Hintzke benefit, coming up in April. Will get more details for the next meeting.
 - Mark Ferg – No benefit organized yet. Hoss made the motion to donate \$50 gas card. Revised to \$100 after discussion on \$50 not being enough to fill a gas tank, Dan C. second, motion carried.
 - It is budgeted to donate \$250 ten times per year.
 - Scholarship applications – These are for family members or relation to club members. See Gary for an application.
 - Scholarships were a topic that was brought up at the last board meeting on whether we should increase the number given out and the amount. The recommendation was to increase the number to three for the Manawa School District and three for outside the Manawa School District and be valued at \$750 each. Brian Z. asked if we should keep it at four but increase the dollar value to \$1,000. Jake said that having more opportunities helps put our name in the community more. Dan C. made the motion to increase to three scholarships for Manawa and three outside Manawa and be valued at \$750 each, total of \$4,500, Andy seconded, motion carried.
 - Steam Engine – There was an estate sale that came up and had an AW Stevens steam engine, built in Marinette, WI, available. Two steam enthusiasts mentioned that our club



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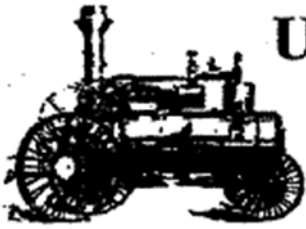
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might be interested. The engine is missing a couple things and the boiler is bad. Andy said we could direct plumb it into what we have currently to make a display. The sale was closing, and the board voted to purchase the engine for \$5,000. Hoss said that we are forgiven.

- Camping Director – Mark Phillips daughter, Mercedes, agreed to try out the Camping Director position for this year. She will work with the reservations and check-in during the show.
 - Bartender licenses will be at the next meeting to renew.
 - Willie said there will be a tractor pull meeting March 25th at 1 PM. Location to be determined.
 - Kelly N. said that FVTC has not gotten back to her regarding tractor safety courses. The goal is to host on the grounds.
 - Gary Schoen is looking for old town records and is wondering if any club members might know where any could be on the grounds.
- No new members
 - Merlin B. made the motion to Adjourn, Hoss G. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:54 PM

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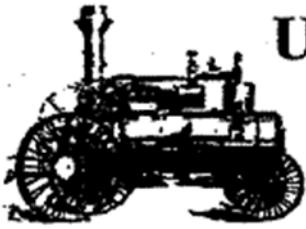
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April 6th, 2023, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Union Town Hall

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:02 PM
- Linda Wepner was present and is looking for any Thresheree memorabilia that she can put in her new store in Manawa. It is called Linda Mae's, they will sell ice cream, meat from Wepner Farms, and local cheeses.
- Secretary's Report – Jacob found an error in his wording. It now is correct to say: Scholarships were a topic that was brought up at the last board meeting on whether we should increase the number given out and the amount. The recommendation was to increase the number to three for the Manawa School District and three for outside the Manawa School District and be valued at \$750 each. Brian Z. asked if we should keep it at four but increase the dollar value to \$1,000. Jake said that having more opportunities helps put our name in the community more. Dan C. made the motion to increase to three scholarships for Manawa and three outside Manawa and be valued at \$750 each, total of \$4,500, Andy seconded, motion carried.
 - Motion to accept by Jeff S., Dan C. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Avery E., Rick T. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Manawa Athletic Booster Club sent us an invite to their ribbon cutting ceremony for donating toward their new rubberized track.
 - Central WI Tractor Club volunteered at our show last year and we paid their organization for their hours. They sent the check back to us and said to use it toward our show instead.
 - George Steipen sent us a \$3,000 donation for ground improvements.
 - We have cards for Mark F., Tim R., and Hoss G. going around to sign. Mark and Tim are in recovery from health problems, and Hoss is in the hospital. Keep them in your thoughts.
 - Jerome Jasman passed away. Diane is setting up a gathering on the grounds later this year.
- **Old Business**
 - Pay your yearly dues to Randy.
 - Scholarship applications are due by April 15th. See Gary for an application.
 - Jolene is here to update bartending licenses.
 - Willie gave an update from the tractor pull meeting.
 - They want to shorten the pull for Saturday, so the idea is to bring MOD and IMP classes to Friday. Start at 1 PM be done by 5 PM. They would avoid the stage area, so there is no interference. There would be no feature pull. Eliminator cost might go up a few hundred bucks.
 - Dan C. made the motion to move MOD and IMP classes to Friday afternoon; Rick T. seconded, motion carried.



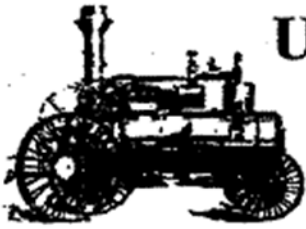
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- Willie also mentioned that the Track PA system needs some fine tuning. Jake will get the guy here to look at it.
- **New Business**
 - We will have a clean-up day April 29th at 9 AM
 - Rodeo Parade – If anyone is interested in putting a float together, let Gary know.
 - Hintzke benefit – Easiest to make a monetary donation.
 - Andy M. made the motion to donate \$500 to the benefit, Willie seconded.
 - Dan C. said if we increase our donation amount, we do it for one, we need to do it for all.
 - No more discussion, motion carried.
 - We are in search of a volunteer coordinator. They would be responsible for the sign-up list, what Amanda Rogers previously did.
 - Gate Admission – we kept at \$5 last year and said we would revisit it for 2023.
 - Rick T. said there was talk to raise Friday and Saturday, but have Sunday free.
 - Dan C. said that we need to start treating this as a business.
 - Kristy T. asked if we have a product to give to consider raising it?
 - Avery E. said that \$10 per day, \$20 for a weekend is a going rate.
 - Valerie S. said to have a \$5 admission and \$2 souvenir button.
 - Barney E. said we should advertise more in Wausau and Green Bay to see the return from those areas.
 - Darren P. said that if we shy away from buttons the memorials would go away, that is particular to us.
 - Andy M. gave us an argument and asked why we are even having this discussion. There is upkeep and projects that we need money to complete.
 - Joe G. said we need to explain what we give out to the community.
 - Zane B. brought up that we could have a board when people come into the show, they see who received scholarships, or what's new on the grounds.
 - Jolene W. brought up to go with wristbands and have buttons separate.
 - Jake said that we now are paying more groups to help us during the show and need to supplement that loss.
 - Mark C. said that raising the age limit to be 16 and under free was talked about before.
 - Gloria Y. said that most museums charge for kids to enter, we don't so it helps the families.
 - Buddy F. said we need money for grounds upkeep, if you don't want to raise the gates, start charging for parking.
 - Roger K. mentioned that the fair is also increasing their rates this year.
 - Steve Y. made the motion to charge \$10 per day, \$25 for a weekend pass. Avery E. seconded; motion carried by majority rule.



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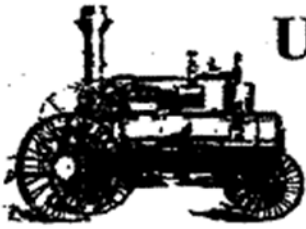
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- Willie R. said that members should have to pay their admission if they don't work.
 - That is something we would have to update in the bylaws.
- LuAnne K. is looking for poster/flyer updates.
- Dennis H. asked about camping and when it opens to the members.
 - Members will not have first dibs on camping. It now will follow the systems design and give pre-registration to people who had sites the previous year first. Then it will open to the public.
- Nate B. said that we will have a school field trip on May 19th. Please mark down on your calendar, it is a nice event to be a part of.
- Heidi K. is working on the calendar and is looking for pictures from showtime.
- Andy M. brought up that we should start digitalizing our grounds and make QR codes for kids to scan with their phones to teach them what everything is about. We could make a scavenger hunt out of it for the kids to do on Sunday for example.
 - Willie said we have something like that already, our 50th book.
 - Amanda R. said that most people have a cell phone service issue on the grounds, it might not work.
- Mark C. said that we are going to need to move the two steam engines that are currently stored on a lot in Manawa. Need to be moved by June 1st.
 - Andy said that he doesn't want to just quickly set them either. He wants to plan it out thoroughly.
- New Members:
 - Grant Bickley – motion to accept by Troy S., second by Barney E.
 - Isak Danke – motion to accept by Jake E., second by Troy S.
- Buddy F. made the motion to Adjourn, Dave D. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 9:26 PM

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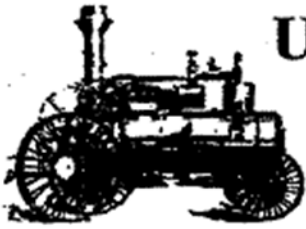
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May 4th, 2023, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:05 PM
- Secretary's Report – Sherry T. asked if the age limit was increased to 16 & under are free for gate admission. It was not. No other questions.
 - Motion to accept by Zane B., seconded by Willie R., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Hoss G., Troy S. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Jerome Jasman family thank you card.
 - Thank you from the Neighbor-to-Neighbor club for our donation of two cases of butter.
 - St. Mark's Lutheran Church thank you card for our donation of pancake mix to their annual fundraiser.
- Gary K. asked for everyone to keep their eyes and ears open. There is an engine just outside of the Saloon that recently had parts taken off from it.
- **Old Business**
 - See Jolene for bartender license renewals.
 - Rodeo parade – we are looking to see if anyone would like to put something together or even drive through with some tractors.
 - Jordan was a no show for his court date on May 2nd, 2023.
 - Willie R. has the work list for the Spring Pull going around.
 - Dan C. is working on trophy sponsors, if you were or would like to become a sponsor, please see Dan after the meeting.
- **New Business**
 - We are hosting the Manawa fifth graders again this year on May 19th. We are looking for people to be in buildings and be tour guides. There is a sign-up list going around, please write your name and number down if you can help.
 - Thursday night worknights have started. Please come down to the grounds and we can find a project to help get you started on.
 - Dan C. said the bottom campground by the river needs to be picked up yet.
 - Roof budget – the board has been talking about having the General Store, Saloon, Office, and Fire Station roofs painted as they are starting to look in rough shape. Rough estimates are around \$10,000 to have a company come and do them.
 - Roger K. said that the roofs should be Brewster Green for the Rumely feature.
 - Dan C. said we need to get more quotes before deciding.
 - Troy S. made the motion to set a \$12,000 budget for painting roofs; Dan C. seconded; motion carried.
- No New Members
- We want to wish Avery E. the best as he is moving to Michigan to work on restoring tractors.



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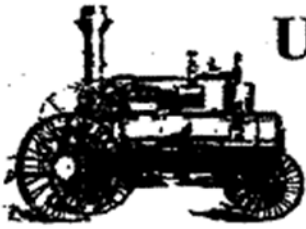
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- Hoss G. was diagnosed with Brain Cancer. He said he is going to fight it. Please keep him in your thoughts.
- Roger K. made the motion to Adjourn, Eric D. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:30 PM

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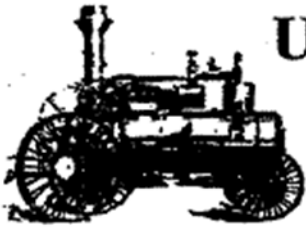
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June 1st, 2023, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:14 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Steve Y., seconded by Hoss G., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Jim G., Steve S. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - The school field trip was another success with a good group of kids. Gary thanked everyone who helped with it.
 - Mark Ferg sent a thank you for the gas card.
- **Old Business**
 - Thursday night worknights – we have a project list that is quite lengthy.
 - Spring Pull worklist – there is no one signed up to serve food yet. Also need bartenders and track workers. See Willie to sign-up.
 - Rodeo Parade – If anyone is interested in bringing a tractor or something through the parade, see Gary. Gary and Heidi might pull some tractors out and go through it.
 - Roof painting – We got four different quotes that ranged from \$33,000 to our budget of \$12,000. We scrapped the company for \$33,000.
- **New Business**
 - Poster/flyers are here, please take some and help spread them out.
 - Scholarships we had no outside applicants, just three for Manawa. Caitlin Fuhs, Tanner Nienhaus, and Madalyn Wepner.
 - Project List – Again it is quite lengthy. We have copies going around. If you would like to head up a project, talk with a board member to get supplies. There will be a master copy of the list posted by the door of the Saloon.
 - Heidi has taken over as our volunteer coordinator.
 - Heidi explained that we are using a new platform for our sign-up list. We ditched sign-up genius and are now using iVolunteer. We will get the links on the website and have paper copies at the meetings. Heidi does have a designated phone for this, and all areas are on the list.
 - The food truck is coming Thursday with the Spring Pull order. We could use a couple of helpers to unload. The truck will be here around noon.
 - Randy E. is wondering we can get a new weed sprayer. Our current one is a 20-gallon sprayer and takes Randy three days to do the entire grounds and goes through a pump per year. He would like to get a 100-gallon sprayer, but cost is close to \$3,000.
 - Hoss G. made the motion to get a bigger sprayer, John R. seconded, motion carried. Zane B. said to check with him about a Northern Tool discount he can get.
- New Member: Dave Klegg – motion to accept Dave as a member by Hoss G., Troy S. seconded, motion carried.



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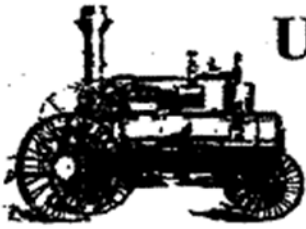
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- Buddy F. made the motion to Adjourn, Hoss G. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:31 PM

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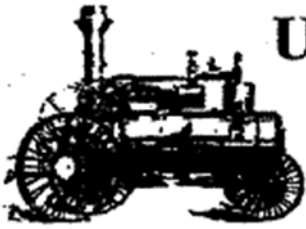
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July 6th, 2023, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:09 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Gloria Y., seconded by Hoss G., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Randy said we could add roughly \$400 back from leftover soda and food to the Spring Pull report. Randy also said we need to adjust some payouts.
 - Motion to accept by Dave D., Steve Y. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Gary and Willie thanked everyone that helped during the Spring Pull.
 - Gary also thanked everyone that brought their tractors to go through the Rodeo Parade.
- **Old Business**
 - There are roughly 300 flyers left, please take some and distribute them in your area.
 - Our project list is still long, if you want to complete a project, please get the material you need and submit a bill. We now have an account set up at Torborgs to bill to.
 - Heidi has paper copies of the sign-up list here tonight. Please see her to sign-up for a shift somewhere.
 - The Car Show sign-up will be out soon.
 - Willie has a hard copy of the Tractor Pull sign-up, so you can see him if you're interested in the Tractor Pull.
 - The roof painting company we chose came in at around \$11,000 for five buildings.
- **New Business**
 - We need help getting the grounds ready, basically anything and everything. If you can help, we would appreciate it!
 - Sherry T. showed off some new items that they will have in the Gift Shop and has some new color hats here tonight to sell for the membership. Hats are \$20 each.
 - We will have a wrap-up meeting in the Saloon July 26th @ 8 PM.
 - Steam School – We sponsor two members to go each year, see Gary for an application if interested.
 - Mark Phillips talked about purchasing plates and napkins with our logo on them:
 - Minimum quantity orders would give us 39,000 napkins and 33,000 plates.
 - This would give us about 5-6 years' worth of supply and would save us money in the long run.
 - Total cost with set-up fee is \$8,941.35.
 - We would not be able to have them in time for Thresheree but could for Car Show.
 - Mary G. asked where we would store them. A couple members volunteered some space in their basements.
 - Hoss made the motion to order if we can get them for the Car Show, Barney E. seconded the motion.



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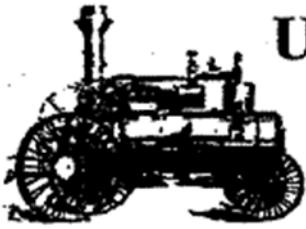


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- Dan C. asked if we should get them if we couldn't have them for Thresheree.
- Dylan R. said people could steal if we sell them.
- Brian Z. entertains plates only.
- Hoss rescinded his motion to order the plates and napkins if we can get them in time for Thresheree, if not, then table the idea until after the shows, Barney seconded, motion carried.
- Mark C. is planning to move the steam engines from Manawa to the grounds on July 15th at 8 AM.
- John R. asked when we plan to cut the wheat, Steve D. said the week before the show.
- Members, please pay your dues to Randy.
- No new members.
- Gloria Y. made the motion to Adjourn, Hoss G. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:50 PM

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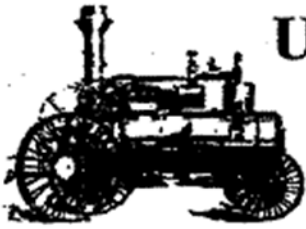
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August 3rd, 2023, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:05 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Jeff S., seconded by Gloria Y., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Gary S., seconded by Hoss G., motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Gary thanked everyone for their help at the show.
- **Old Business**
 - Willie R. said the tractor pull on Friday was a success.
 - Sign-up for Car Show is here, see Heidi to sign-up.
 - Heidi thanked everyone for their time helping at the Thresheree.
 - Dan C. said to thank Heidi for all her work getting people together and setting up the new sign-up list.
 - Steam school – see Gary for an application.
 - We have 24 calendars left for sale. Get them before the Car Show.
 - Plate and napkin order was tabled for now as there were too many changes to put order in before the show.
- **New Business**
 - There is paper and pens to write down any comments from the Thresheree. The board reviews these comments to help make improvements.
 - Kelly N. asked for a handicapped porta potty near the front shed as there were comments made during the show by spectators.
 - Randy E. said that the Dixie Chopper is starting to nickel and dime us and that we need to look for a replacement.
 - Grip & Rip and Spiegelberg have zero-turns for \$6,400 which is 50" deck.
 - Andy M. made the motion to spend up to \$7,000 on a new lawn mower, Troy S. seconded.
 - Willie R. said that Grip & Rip gave us two machines to use during the show and are a newer sponsor out of Clintonville.
 - Randy said that we like to purchase from our sponsors.
 - Jim D. said there are two mowers coming up for auction from Waupaca County with 60" decks.
 - Those are too big for our use.
 - No further discussion, motion carried.
 - Jacob E. said that our sign on the Manawa Football Field is faded and needs replacing. The sign is \$200 annually, and \$350 to replace the sign. Looking to see if we should replace it.
 - Willie made the motion to replace the sign, Zane B. seconded, motion carried.



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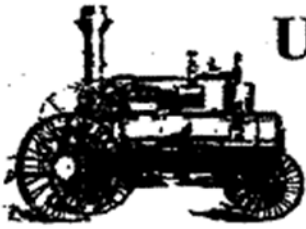
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- Jim D. thanked everyone that helped Friday night of Threshereer move the band from the back to the front shed.
- Andy M. said that we need to address the Riske Rd gate. Asked for more permanent structures and to not make exceptions for traffic to come in and out. We close it off for a reason, and our members have come very close to getting hit and is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt.
- Barney E. said that UW Oshkosh might be replacing their boilers soon, so this might be an avenue the club might want to pursue.
- New Members
 - Bob, Darek, Darrel, Al Timm, Jameson Jaeger, Rudy Drozd, Paul, David, Wesley.
- Hoss G. made the motion to Adjourn, Troy S. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:32 PM

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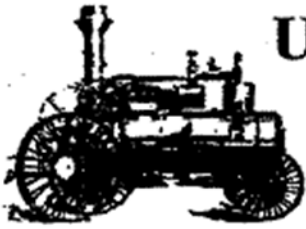
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September 7th, 2023, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:06 PM
- Secretary's Report – Jacob E. said that he needs to add the last names of the new members to the minutes yet.
 - Motion to accept by Jeff S., seconded by Dan C., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Hoss G., seconded by Roger K., motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Gary thanked everyone for their time at the car show and gave everyone a round of applause.
- **Old Business**
 - There are 15 club calendars left for sale.
 - Randy E. gave an update on the lawn mower search. Recommends that we look into mowers with a suspension on them. The Dixie Chopper frame broke on us over the ground terrain.
- **New Business**
 - Car Show comments – Write down any comments you have from Car Show.
 - Bleachers – There were some bleachers that came up on auction, 72' set and 20' set. We got them for \$7,810. But they are at UW-Superior.
 - We are looking for some help to go get them this weekend. Randy and Jeff are leaving tonight, Mark P., Gary K., and a couple others will go up Friday.
 - Next meeting is our annual meeting and elections. President, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and second Board member are up for election.
 - September 30th at 4 PM is the Appreciation Party.
 - Andy M said that he is always looking to bring in more attractions or exhibits to attract people to our show and asked us to keep an open mind.
 - Andy found a 1950s carousel in Iowa that is plug in, ready to go. It is flat belt driven and can have steam or a feature tractor run it. It has 20 horses and one chariot and is listed at \$33,000, but the price is negotiable.
 - He obtained insurance quotes, and they came in around \$400. There would also be a yearly inspection charged at \$195. Andy said he would donate the inspection fee for the first five years. Figure \$500 annual cost to operate. Could offer \$1 rides.
 - Andy would create a sponsorship program, like how the bar stools in the Saloon were done, you purchase a horse, name it, and choose the color scheme.
 - Jerrod W. made the motion to buy the carousel, Randy E. seconded.
 - Sherry T. thanked Andy for the presentation that he did.
 - Mark C. proposed \$1,000 per horse to sponsor.
 - Motion to buy the horse for \$33,000, but cheaper is better.



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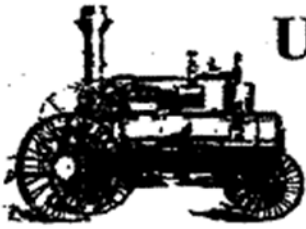
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- Motion carried.
- Andy M. had a 10-year planning committee meeting beforehand and touched on what the group covered for our top six priorities.
 - New food stand by 2025
 - New building for steam engines and storage
 - Sawmill/woodworking shop
 - Kids activities
 - Announcer stand
 - Club maintenance shop
- Heidi K. thanked everyone for helping at the Car Show
 - She sent a survey about two weeks ago to volunteers asking for their feedback about the new sign-up system. Also has a QR code here tonight for anyone that wants to take the survey tonight.
- Gary K. thanked Amanda R. for originally getting the online sign-up list off the ground a couple years ago.
- Diane W. pointed out the young members that have joined our club and says that they need someone to take them under their wing and show them what to do so they can feel involved and needed. Show them the importance of what we do.
- Gary K. wanted to thank Zane B. for getting us a jobsite tool chest to use for the bleacher removal.
- There was a Cross Country event that was held on the grounds this week and went well for their first time here.
- Dan C. said that they will need help sorting cans. Watch Facebook for a date.
- No new members
- Hoss G. made the motion to Adjourn, Phillip G. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:57 PM

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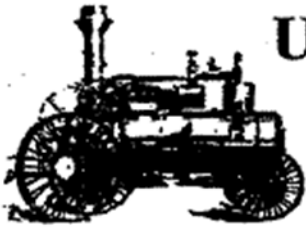
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October 5th, 2023, Annual Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:06 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Jeff S., seconded by Gloria Y., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Buddy F., seconded by Phillip G., motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Manawa FFA Bluegrass Bash sent a thank you and two tickets for their event. We will raffle them off tonight at the end of the meeting.
 - Gary thanked everyone that helped with the bleacher removal.
- **Old Business**
 - There are 12 calendars left to sell.
 - Lawn mower update – Grip N Rip doesn't have a lawn mower with suspension. Ones that do, start at \$10,000. We want to see if we can purchase the mower now but wait until spring to pick it up and start the warranty.
 - We plan to fix the Dixie Chopper and sell it at Carley's Auction in the spring.
 - Andy M. gave an update on the carousel. We purchased the carousel for \$22,000. After getting more information from insurance companies, the quotes went up significantly. Andy is looking into all the possibilities to keep the cost down. He mentioned that if the Car Show wants the carousel to run during the Car Show, then they could pay for half of the insurance cost.
 - Horse sponsorships will be \$1,000 each and Gloria Y. is the first one to sponsor one.
 - The plan is for the carousel to go up by the General Store.
- **New Business**
 - We will have a cleanup day on October 21st, at 9 AM and the rain date will be October 28th.
 - UTC Eliminator – Gary was approached during the show and was asked if we'd consider selling out eliminator.
 - Willie R. says we should keep it.
 - There was an idea about leasing it out, but then we get into insurance costs and requirements.
 - It is taking up shed space for us to not use it.
 - Jacob E. said if we keep it, then we should use it.
 - Ballot vote came in that we should keep the eliminator for now. Y = 14 | N = 24
 - 2024 feature is International. Willie R. said he would assist with the feature.
 - John R. made a motion to purchase a \$50 gift certificate for Jesse Johnson as he donates the wheat seed every year. Gary S. seconded; motion carried.
 - JP H. asked if the club wanted a player piano. Gary said to give him the information.



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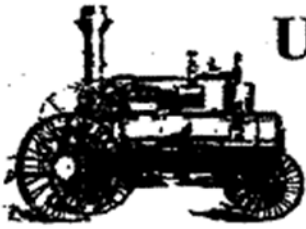
- New Members: Kelly Norton and Harlan Volkman
- Hoss G. made the motion to Adjourn, Phillip G. seconded, motion carried at 8:45 PM

October 5th, 2023, Annual Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Saloon

- Elections were called to order by Vice President Mark Craig at 8:47 PM
 - President
 - Troy S. nominated Gary Knuth and Gary accepts.
 - Randy E. made the motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Phillip G. seconded, motion carried.
 - Secretary
 - Troy S. nominated Jacob Elsner and Jacob accepts.
 - Randy E. made the motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Hoss G. seconded, motion carried.
 - Assistant Treasurer
 - Hoss G. nominated Troy Schuelke and Troy accepts.
 - Randy E. made the motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Hoss G. seconded, motion carried.
 - Board Member #2
 - Andy M. nominated Brian Zabel and Brian accepts.
 - Randy E. made the motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Troy S. seconded, motion carried.
- Mark Craig closed the elections at 8:53 PM

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November 2, 2023, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:03 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Buddy F., seconded by John R., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Hoss G., seconded by Jeff S., motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Gary thanked everyone for their help at the clean-up day.
- **Old Business**
 - There are 8 calendars left for sale.
 - Carousel update – There is one horse left to sponsor – Zane will take it.
 - The restoration is going well, one horse is completely done.
 - Andy will give an update at the Christmas party of new sponsorship opportunities.
 - If you sponsored a horse, please pay as soon as possible.
 - Any questions, please reach out to Andy.
- **New Business**
 - There are leftover soda and beer for sale. See Randy for prices.
 - We are looking for a lawn care person. Dan is stepping back after this year. Let Gary know if you're interested.
 - The Christmas party will be Saturday, December 2, 2023. Drinks start at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.
 - Randy E. needs to add Troy S. as a signer for the bank.
 - Kelly N. made the motion to remove Merlin Becker as a bank signer and add Troy Schuelke as a bank signer; Hoss G. seconded the motion, motion carried.
 - Randy E. said that we will be upgrading our accounting software on the recommendation of our accountant.
 - John P. said that there might be a building in Pulaski that might be given up if the club would be interested in it. John needs to get more information and report back to us.
- New Members: Josh Danke
- Next meeting is March 7th, 2024.
- Our 2024 feature is International Harvester
- Hoss G. made the motion to Adjourn, Zane B. seconded, motion carried at 8:19 PM

Recording Secretary: Jacob Elsner – *Jacob R. Elsner*

