

Union Thresherman, Incorporated

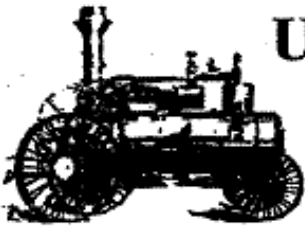
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April 6th, 2023, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Union Town Hall

- 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.
 - Willie also mentioned that the Track PA system needs some fine tuning. Jake will get the guy here to look at it.



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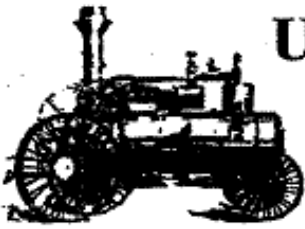
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- **New Business**

- 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.
- 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.



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- 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

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

