

Union Thresherman, Incorporated

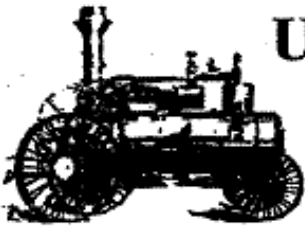
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September 7th, 2023, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Saloon

- 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.
 - Motion carried.



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- 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

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

