

UNION THRESHERMAN, INC.

2024 Meeting Minutes

Abstract

Please see below monthly meeting proceedings for the Union Thresherman, Inc.

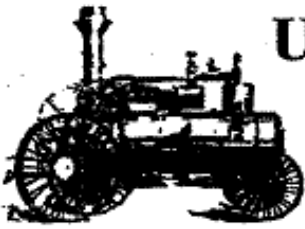
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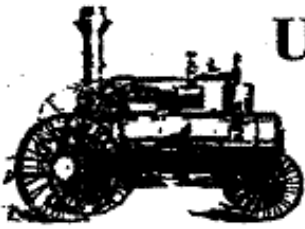
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March 7, 2024, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Union Town Hall

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:01 p.m.
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Zane B., Dave D. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Gloria Y., John P. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - None
- **Old Business**
 - Please pay your yearly dues to Randy E.
 - Carousel Update – Andy M.
 - All the horses are painted by Tammy M. and Diane W. assisted.
 - Wood panels and rods are being worked on and powder coated.
 - Still accepting sponsors for smaller boards. Andy has a prototype here tonight to show an example. Will have tractor brands on them and are \$250.
 - Will keep an electric motor to power it for now.
 - On track to be running at the show.
 - We are still looking for a lawn care person. If you are interested in mowing lawn, weed eating, etc., please let Gary know.
- **New Business**
 - Scholarships – We are giving away three scholarships for outside the Manawa School District. Gary has applications here tonight.
 - Bartending licenses – Please come to the next meeting to fill out the application. These need to be in for the June Town Board meeting.
 - Rodeo City Riders – Would like to bring a trail ride to this area and want to use our parking lot for staging.
 - Andy made the motion to allow them to use our parking lot for staging.
 - Kelly suggests that we urge them to volunteer versus giving us a monetary donation.
 - Troy seconded the motion, motion carried.
 - School Field Trip – Nathan B.
 - Still anticipating having one. Looking at the Manawa 5th grade class again.
 - Aiming for a Friday in May and will need help. Please keep those dates available.
 - Willie R. said that he will have a tractor pull committee meeting on March 30th, at the town hall or grounds at 11 a.m.
 - He will send out notification prior with the location.



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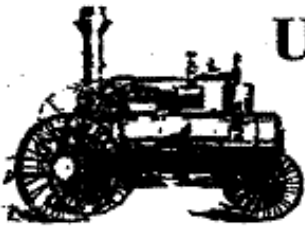
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- Tractor Safety Course – We are wondering if the club should sponsor a couple of students from Manawa to attend this course. The course is \$178.10 per student.
 - Willie likes the idea but thinks we should start with membership family first.
 - Andy made a motion to provide two scholarships for kids going to tractor safety and prioritizing membership family first then open it up to schools. Zane seconded the motion, motion carried.
 - Hourly Rate for non-profit groups – Randy E. suggested raising the hourly rate to \$9 per hour from \$7.
 - Kelly said that these clubs step up when we desperately need them.
 - Sally T. suggested going to \$10 an hour and not have to mess with it again for a while.
 - There was discussion of how much more we would be paying; the rough figure was \$1,500 more than what we currently pay out.
 - Sally T. made the motion to raise the hourly rate for non-profit groups to \$10 from \$7. Al T. seconded the motion, motion carried.
 - Bylaw committee – We are looking to revise our bylaws and bring them up to date. The board of directors will be on the committee and hoping for five other members. If you're interested, see Gary after the meeting.
 - Dennis Henschke asked when camping will open.
 - Opens April 15th for everyone to reserve their same site as last year, May 15th will open to the public.
 - Dan C. – Suggests moving the river camping out this year for the feature and how many tractors will be coming.
- New Members: Jeff Brown - Willie R./Mike B., Vern Anderson - Al T./Dave D.
 - Next meeting is April 4th, 2024, location TBD.
 - Our 2024 feature is International Harvester
 - Dave D. made the motion to adjourn, Dave P. seconded, motion carried at 8:31 p.m.

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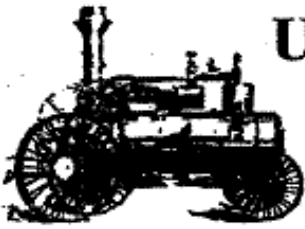
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April 4, 2024, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Union Town Hall

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:00 p.m.
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Gloria Y., Barney E. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Barney E., Merlin B. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Thank you card from Hoss' family for us sending a plant for Hoss' funeral.
 - Kurt Umnus passed away.
- **Old Business**
 - Yearly Dues – pay Randy as soon as possible.
 - Scholarships – Due April 15th, Gary has copies tonight. Only two returned out of seven he gave out.
 - Bartender's licenses – Jolene is not here tonight, so we are moving these to May.
 - School field trip – Nate B.
 - Aiming for May 31st. Same itinerary as years past and we requested them stay longer after lunch, so we are not cramming them in a short time span.
 - Lawn Care person – still looking for someone. See Gary if you are interested. Dan C. will help you get going.
 - Bylaw committee – see Gary if you are interested in being on this committee.
- **New Business**
 - Poster/flyers are here – take some to start spreading around.
 - Christmas Party – need approval if we should have it again.
 - Barney E. made a motion to have the Christmas party as usual, Gloria Y. seconded, motion carried.
 - Tractor Pull Update – Willie R.
 - Classes are staying the same.
 - Couple rules were updated.
 - Hitches cannot be attached to wheelie bars.
 - Safety equipment and fenders will be enforced more.
 - Friday Pull – Starting at noon
 - Will bring them through the stage area on gravel road.
 - Last year we were done at 3 p.m. and would like to add a 50/50 money class.
 - Jim D. was okay with the pull going to 7 p.m. last year.
 - The reason we are asking to add a class is because a tractor can only hook one time in years past for the Thresheree pull.
 - Scott Mares is raising the eliminator fee \$200.
 - Valerie asked if volunteers would be an issue.
 - Volunteers were okay staying last year if they had money classes.



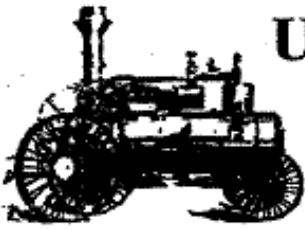
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- Dan C. made a motion that if time allows to have a light and heavy money class, Darren P. seconded, Motion carried.
- Spring Tractor Pull – Food is a big loss for a small pull...
 - Tim Schuelke said the wrestling team might be interested in running the food stand. He was getting back to Willie.
 - Help from our members is hard to get.
 - The team would bring their own food and get all the profits.
 - Randy E. made a motion to get a non-profit group in for spring pull, Troy S. seconded, motion carried.
- Volunteer update – Heidi K.
 - Sign-up list is opening April 15th at midnight.
 - New things this year.
 - Food voucher for volunteers – one per volunteer, per shift.
 - Accepted at front or back food stand.
 - Still a work in progress for how it will work.
 - Nate B. suggested having a punch at the track shack for food/beverage since separate.
 - T-shirts – going to be handed out again.
 - Heidi apologized to Amanda as she tried it when she was the volunteer coordinator.
 - You will select size when you sign-up
 - Deadline for a t-shirt is June 30
 - Valerie suggested a minimum of two shifts for a volunteer t-shirt.
 - Brian Z. said we should give the volunteers the benefit of the doubt.
 - Nicole said Heidi should have help during the show, so she is not in the barn all day, all weekend.
 - Licensed bartenders – please take a shift with your friends/family/etc.
- Jim G. – asked about the US Cellular bill and the Best Buy bill on the treasurer report.
 - US Cellular is for camping and volunteer cell phones and Best Buy was for a WiFi extender for the Welcome Barn.
- Michelle V. – Said that the candy store profits are going to the Leukemia foundation this year as Jackie's daughter was recently diagnosed with it.
 - The club could also pitch in as a donation.
 - Pie and ice cream will be separated as normal.



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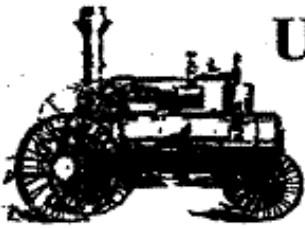
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- Clean-up day – April 27th
 - Start at 9 a.m.- bring rakes, shovels, leaf blowers.
- New Members: Colette Bair - Tammy M./Gloria Y. and Lance Volkman - Gloria Y./Dave D.
- Next meeting is May 2nd, 2024, location should be on the grounds.
- Gloria Y. made the motion to adjourn, Dave D. seconded, motion carried at 8:35 p.m.

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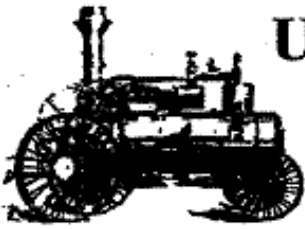
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May 2nd, 2024, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:00 p.m.
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Joel R., Dan C. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Dave D., John R. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Gary Thanked everyone that helped at the clean-up day.
- **Old Business**
 - Bartender Licenses – Jolene is here with the renewal applications. See Jolene for the form.
 - School Field Trip – May 31st
 - Sign-up list for the trip is going around.
 - The kids will get here at 9 p.m. and will be on the grounds until 2 p.m.
 - Spring Tractor Pull – Willie R.
 - See Willie to sign up to work.
 - Tim S. and the Manawa Booster Club will do the food.
 - Diane asked if they provide the food or do we.
 - They will provide all the food.
 - Poster/Flyers – take some and distribute. We also have holders for them.
 - Carousel Update – Andy M.
 - We need a certified welder to weld some parts of the carousel.
 - Location is finalized and will be across the Road.
 - Andy has a state inspection tomorrow, May 3rd.
 - There was a display for the boards that will go on the inside of the carousel.
 - \$250 to sponsor the tractor boards.
- **New Business**
 - Next Thursday we will start work nights.
 - Dan C. said the river area needs sticks picked up.
 - Project list – it is again a longer list. We will post a copy by the Saloon doors.
 - If interested in a project, talk with a board member for materials.
 - Volunteer sign-up
 - It is open and Heidi has paper copies here tonight if you want to sign up.
 - Rodeo Parade – If anyone is interested in driving tractors through, see Gary.
 - Dan C. is looking for help to mow lawn. No one has come forward yet.
 - Mark P. – Clintonville Youth Baseball needs to put new lights in at their field and will cost \$90k. Looking to see if the club would be interested in donating to the cause.
 - Mark did bring it to their board about the possibility of volunteering during our shows.
 - Mark suggested about \$500 and maybe match what they earn from volunteering.



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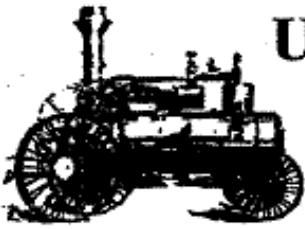
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- Tammy M. – Sponsoring tractor safety classes
 - \$178 and FVTC is running a session in January.
 - Must be 12 years old.
- Jolene W. – Manawa Triangle Project
 - Asked if we donated to the fundraiser.
 - We did purchase a sign to be displayed, but no additional donation.
 - Willie R. made the motion to donate \$500 to the Manawa Triangle Park Project; Brian Z. seconded, motion carried.
- Willie R. – The weekend between the Thresheree and Car Show, Manawa has a 150-year celebration, wondering if anyone would want to bring tractors through their parade.
- Al Timm – Someone has a sign they would like to hang up down here but would like to keep ownership of it. See Gary to give more information.
- New Members: None
- Next meeting is June 6th, 2024, in the Saloon.
- Gloria Y. made the motion to adjourn, Dennis H. seconded, motion carried at 8:31 p.m.

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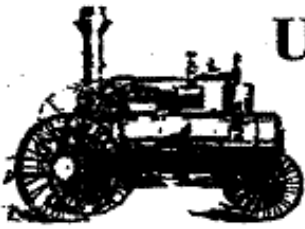
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Jun 6th, 2024, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:04 p.m.
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Mark P., Jeff S. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Dave D., Zane B. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Thank you from Manawa revitalization committee, school district of manawa for scholarships and Evy Drozd for her scholarship.
 - Donation from Bob Grunwald family for \$880 and George Stephien for \$3,000
 - Thank you to everyone that helped at the school field trip.
- **Old Business**
 - Poster/flyers are here, please take some to distribute.
 - Work nights are every Thursday night till the show, please come down and lend a hand when you can.
 - Project list – The list is posted by the Saloon doors and on the bulletin board by the office. If you'd like to take on a project, get with a board member for materials.
 - Spring Pull Update – Willie R.
 - The track is looking better since earlier this week.
 - Parking will be tough as it is very wet.
 - Willie went to the town board meeting to close off Riske Rd. For additional parking.
 - There are still openings on the worklist, need help on the track.
 - Thresheree Sign Up – Heidi K.
 - There are still a lot of slots open.
 - You need to sign up by June 30th to get a T-shirt.
 - The car show sign-up list will open June 15th.
 - Rodeo Parade – Gary K.
 - We will be bringing some tractors and a sign trailer through the parade. If you would like to join Gary, let him know.
 - We are still looking for someone to help Dan with lawn maintenance.
- **New Business**
 - July Meeting
 - The first Thursday of July falls on the 4th, should we reschedule?
 - Al T. made the motion to move meeting from July 4th to July 3rd, Zane B. seconded, motion carried.
 - Carousel Update
 - Two boards for \$500 each need a sponsor yet
 - Two light up boards for \$250 each need a sponsor
 - Let Gary know if interested



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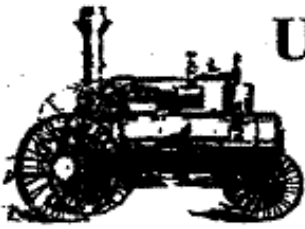
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- Randy E. – we are looking for two shipping containers to use for our storage purposes.
 - Keep an eye out for 40 footers.
- Randy E – Cannot find any used ice merchandisers, might have to look for another new one.
 - New one is about \$5,000
 - Mark P. made the motion to buy new ice merchandiser like our other one to put in front shed, Phillip G. seconded, motion carried.
- New Members: None
- Next meeting is July 3rd, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. in the Saloon.
- Gary is sponsoring the drinks for Heidi's college graduation!
- Outagamie breakfast on the farm is this Sunday.
- Dave D. made the motion to adjourn, Phillip G. seconded, motion carried at 8:22 p.m.

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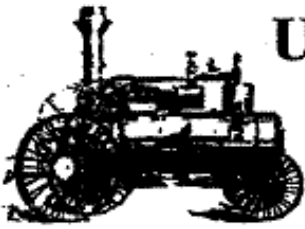
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July 3rd, 2024, General Membership Meeting @ 8 p.m. at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:06 p.m.
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Jeff S., Andy M. seconded, motion carried.
 - Treasurer's Report - The report will look a little different from this point on.
 - Motion to accept by Merlin B., seconded by Nate B., motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Mary G. thanked the club for allowing the Manawa Wrestling/Booster Club to sell concessions during the Spring Pull.
- **Old Business**
 - Poster/Flyers – There are still some left, please take some tonight and distribute to places to help get the word out.
 - Project list – posted in the saloon, still many things to do.
 - Cleaning out buildings and overall tidying up the grounds.
 - Thresheree sign-up – Heidi K.
 - Need gate workers and bartenders.
 - Gary K. – Looking for someone to drive the barrel train. If interested, see Gary.
 - Carousel Update – Andy M.
 - Foundation was poured today.
 - The inspection is in one week.
 - After inspection it will be assembled and hope for a hail Mary.
 - Rodeo Parade – Gary K. gave some details about the lineup for Saturday.
- **New Business**
 - Grounds maintenance – every little bit helps!
 - Merchandise update – Sherry T.
 - Got shirts and hats ordered.
 - Many new designs and little trinkets ordered!
 - Wrap-up meeting – July 24th, 2024 @ 8:00 p.m. in the Saloon.
 - Steam School – Our club will sponsor you to go. If interested, see Gary.
 - Dates are September 27-29, 2024.
 - We have one show banner to display somewhere.
 - Sign trailers are being fitted and updated.
 - We are missing one sign, let Gary know if you know where it might be,
 - Sherry T. – Will bring feature shirts/hats to the wrap up meeting for members to buy.
 - Mark P. – Is building a swing set tomorrow if anyone is available to help.
- New Members: Carl Miller – Rick T. made the motion to accept Carl as a new member, seconded by Mark P., motion carried.



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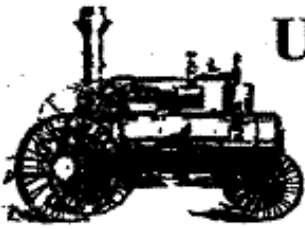
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- Dave D. made the motion to adjourn, Gloria Y. seconded, motion carried at 8:22 p.m.

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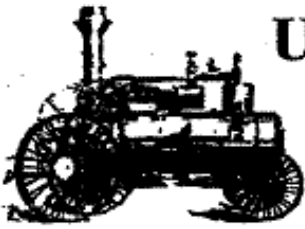
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August 1st, 2024, General Membership Meeting @ 8 p.m. at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:04 p.m.
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Al T., seconded by Jeff S., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Phil G., seconded by Tammy M., motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Thank you from the Kristin Jones family for sending flowers.
 - Werner Pest Control – donated their time and material for bee control.
 - Gary K. thanked everyone for putting on a great show. Heard nothing but good things so far.
- **Old Business**
 - Heidi thanked everyone for their time at the Thresheree.
 - Car Show sign-up
 - Still looking for help in food stands and bartending.
 - Steam School September 27-29, 2024
 - Our club sponsors two individuals to go. See Gary after the meeting for an application.
 - Calendars – Have many left for sale after the show.
 - Spring Tractor Pull Make-Up
 - There is no weekend for a make-up date without competing against other pulls.
 - Sept 21st was the original date talked about, but that is the same day as the Werth/Car Show appreciation party.
 - We had a hard enough time getting help for the Thresheree pull, might be best to give volunteers a break.
 - Willie recommended to not have a pull this year and give sponsors money back and put more effort into next year.
 - Kent C.– People still want to have a pull this year that talked with Kent.
 - Feels we could have it September 21st
 - Jim D. – Appreciation party is that day for the workers. We shouldn't intrude on the day the Werth's/car show are trying to appreciate the workers.
 - Brian Z. made motion to not have a pull, JP H. seconded, motion carried.
- **New Business**
 - Thresheree comments – good, bad, ugly, write them down and we will collect them at the end of the meeting.
 - The missing trailer sign was returned.
 - Members with sign trailers, please keep them until after the car show as we don't have a good place to store them during the car show.



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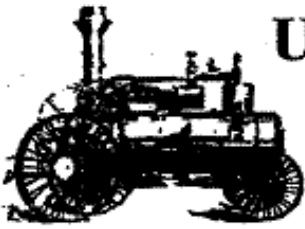


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- Kent C. – The Manawa Snodeo has had a few bad years and they've always helped us, asking if we can donate \$100 to sponsor a hole for their golf outing.
 - Jim D. made the motion to donate \$100 to sponsor a hole, Willie R. seconded, motion carried.
- Carousel update – Email from Andy M., read by Jacob E.
 - 555 paid riders for the weekend.
 - 50/50 raffle winner donated their winnings back to the project.
 - Carousel will need a building as the horses are getting too hot to sit on from the sun.
- Joe G. has leftover flower from the grist mill, see him after the meeting.
- Darren P. – Said there were some comments made about the cannon being shot during the show. Pre-warning would be nice for those not a fan of loud noises.
- Rick T. – Had a group of guys from Edgar that complimented the work we've done.
- Car show wristbands will be up at the welcome barn Thursday evening.
- New Members: Brandon Schmidt Tammy M./Gloria Y.
 - Bobby Framke Troy S./Phil G.
 - Al Perronne – Gloria Y./Troy S.
 - Keith Newby – Rick T./Brian Z.
 - Mike Nowacky – Tammy M./Gloria Y.
- Harlan V. made the motion to adjourn, Al T. seconded, motion carried at 8:33 p.m.

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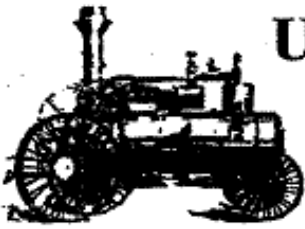
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September 5th, 2024, General Membership Meeting @ 8 p.m. at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:02 p.m.
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Gloria Y., second by Al T., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Troy S. second by Phil G., motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Thank you from the Manawa School District for our donation of hot dogs and ice cream to the Student Council.
 - Gary K. thanked everyone for their help at the car show.
- **Old Business**
 - Calendars are still here for sale.
- **New Business**
 - Car show comments, please write them down and we will collect them for the board to review.
 - Katelyn Gunderson benefit donation – She helps in the General Store during both shows.
 - Jerrod W. made the motion to donate \$500, second by Randy E., motion carried.
 - Brenda Krenke Benefit
 - Heather T. put together a basket for their raffle.
 - Troy S. made the motion to donate \$500, second by Kelly N., motion carried.
 - Boiler – we purchased a new boiler down in Indiana to run the Skinner Engine as our current boiler is too small and is a long run for steam.
 - 1995 Kewaunee boiler – used in feed mill in Illinois, last fired October 2023.
 - The board unanimously voted and purchased it for \$15,000.
 - Dan C. asked about the boiler in Manawa... Doesn't pay to let it sit.
 - Retrieving the engine can be a truck and gooseneck trailer and has no timeframe.
 - Bylaw updates – The committee met twice and the updates will be presented at the annual meeting.
 - Updates include the addition of three board members, membership dues, and overall cleanup.
 - Annual meeting is October 3rd, 2024, and we will have the election of directors: Vice president, treasurer, director 1, director 3.
 - Appreciation party is on September 21, 2024 at 3 p.m.
 - Manawa FFA Bluegrass Bash donation – Troy S. made the motion to donate \$100, second by JP H., motion carried.
 - Kelly N. is wondering what the 10-year planning committee is going to do with the carousel done. Jacob will reach out to Andy to get wheels in motion again.
 - Dan C. said they will need help separating cans, date is to be determined, watch for updates on Facebook.



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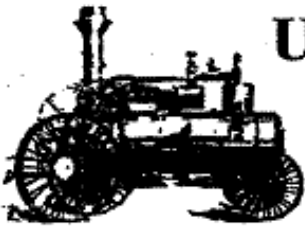
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- Jerrod W. said that the gates are closed now, so please go through Jerrod's driveway or open the gate by the office.
- Jerrod W. said the board should have a discretionary fund to spend if something big comes along again like the boiler.
 - Kent C. suggested adding it to the bylaws.
 - We will draw something up to include in the bylaws and the amount be reviewed annually by the membership.
 - Kent recommends \$25,000.
 - Brian Z. made the motion set a board limit to spend without approval and include in the bylaws, Kent C. seconded, motion carried.
- Kelly N. asked a question on the annual meeting and how it would play out – Monthly meeting, annual meeting, bylaw review and then election.
- New Members: None
- Gloria Y. made the motion to adjourn, second by Jeff S., motion carried at 8:38 p.m.

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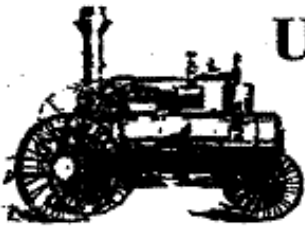
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October 3rd, 2024, General Membership Meeting @ 8 p.m. at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:06 p.m.
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Nate B. second by Dan C., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Tammy M., second by Gloria Y., motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Thank you from CWATPA for our donation.
 - Thank you from the Manawa Cross Country team for allowing them to have their meet on the grounds.
 - Thank you from Manawa FFA Alumni Bluegrass Bash.
 - Two tickets available for drawing after the meeting.
 - Kent C. thanked the club on behalf of Dave and Deb Sarna for our donation to the Manawa Snodeo Golf Outing.
- **Old Business**
 - There are 10 calendars left for sale.
 - Dan C. said that the cans were sorted, but traveled the county to turn them in. Waupaca couldn't take the gravity box, Seigel couldn't either. So, Dan hauled it past Rosholt and they gave us over \$900.
- **New Business**
 - Clean up day is set for October 26, 2024, rain date November 2, 2024.
 - Watch Facebook for updates.
 - Farm Technology Days 2025 will be held on the Clinton Farm on Hwy 22 August 5-7, 2025.
 - Kent C. has been in contact with the coordinator.
 - We participated in the last one and had a nice turnout for an antique display.
 - Possibility we could help with shuttle driving or bartending.
 - Need to make a decision on what we want to do. This is the week of the car show, so help will be scarce as it is.
 - Their next meeting is January 2025.
 - Troy made motion to participate in Farm Technology Days, second by Dan C., motion carried.
 - Valerie S. said we should commit to little shifts Tuesday and Wednesday.
 - Jacob E. suggested we just stick with a display.
 - Next year's Feature is Ford & Fordson, Doodlebugs, pre-1960s farm trucks.



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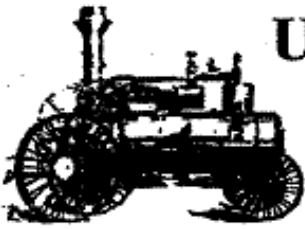
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- Gary K. said that Ray Heckman's wife passed away. Would we like to donate to Tony and Trish House in Auburn MI? It is a hospice care house.
 - Dan C. asked if he was an active member?
 - He was until he became older and now helps when he can.
 - Mary R. made a motion to donate \$100 to the Tony & Trish House, second by Joe G., motion carried.
- New Members: Wayne Moravec – Motion to accept Wayne as a new member by Mark P., second by Troy S., motion carried.
 - Melvin & Lois Selle – Motion to accept Melvin & Lois Selle by Troy S., second by Gloria Y., motion carried.
- Gloria Y. made the motion to adjourn, second by Joe G., motion carried at 8:29 p.m.

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





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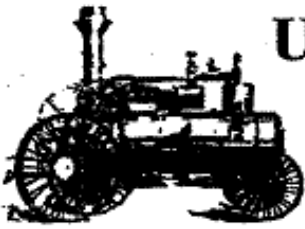
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October 3rd, 2024, Annual Meeting @ 8:30 p.m. at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:30 p.m.
- **Bylaw Amendments**
 - Jacob read the proposed changes.
 - Rick T. brought up about adding more board members.
 - Looking to spread out the duties and give current board members a breather.
 - Brian Z. said we are adding three positions, but we don't need to fill them.
 - Shouldn't need more opinions, we need workers.
 - Nicole T. said it brings new ideas and new faces.
 - Roger K. asked about spouses. What if a member passes? What happens to the voting rights.
 - Paul T. brought up concern about increasing member dues.
 - Family membership would have one vote.
 - Nathan made a motion to approve the bylaws as written excluding sections 2.01, 3.01a, 4.01, and 5.01. Those sections need to go back to committee for review. Kent C. second.
 - Voting Yes to accept the motion. Voting No to not accept the motion. Voting by paper ballots.
 - Yes = 39 | No = 3
- **Election of Directors**
 - Vice President
 - Kelly N. nominated Mark Craig. Mark C. accepts.
 - Kent C. nominated Jim Drozd. Jim D. declines.
 - Randy E. made a motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, second by Troy S., motion carried.
 - Mark Craig is vice president.
 - Treasurer
 - Sue H. nominated Kelly Norton. Kelly N. accepts.
 - Tammy M. nominated Randy Elsner. Randy E. accepts.
 - Tammy M. made a motion to close nominations, second by Gloria Y., motion carried.
 - Vote by paper ballot.
 - Randy E. = 29 | Kelly N. = 17
 - Randy Elsner is treasurer.



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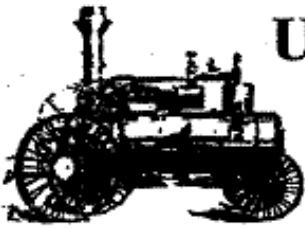
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- Board Director #1
 - Kelly N. nominated Jim Drozd. Jim D. accepts.
 - Kent C. nominated Mike Lesniak. Mike L. accepts.
 - Bryan Z. nominated Kelly Norton. Kelly N. declines.
 - Randy E. made a motion to close nominations, second by Gloria Y., motion carried.
 - Vote by paper ballot.
 - Jim D. = 28 | Mike L. = 18
 - Jim Drozd is the new board member #1.
- Board Director #3
 - Gloria Y. nominated Mark Phillips. Mark P. accepts.
 - Curt S. nominated Kelly Norton. Kelly N. accepts.
 - Gloria Y. made a motion to close nominations, second by Phil G., motion carried.
 - Vote by paper ballot.
 - Mark = 26 | Kelly = 20
 - Mark Phillips is board member #3.
- Willie R. made a motion to adjourn, second by Noah A., motion carried at 9:55 p.m.

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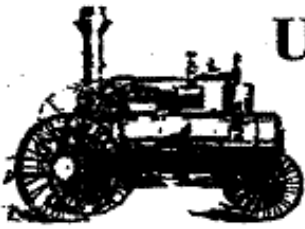
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November 7th, 2024, General Membership Meeting @ 8 p.m. at the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:06 p.m.
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Dan C., second by Troy S., motion carried.
- Annual Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Gloria Y., second by Jeff S., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Dave D., second by Jeff S., motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Gary thanked everyone that helped during the clean-up day. We had a good group and got a lot accomplished.
- **Old Business**
 - Calendars are still for sale.
 - Leftover soda and beer for sale
 - You can make a free-will donation based on what you take and please return the flats.
 - Farm Technology Days Update – Kent C.
 - Gary, LuAnne, and Kent attended the meeting, and they would like us to help shuttle people. Five shuttles and need tractor drivers and spotters.
 - Need an answer before first week in December.
 - Demonstrations – Wheat would be overripe, possible plowing demonstrations.
 - They will make room for a display if we have enough interest.
 - They pay \$12/hr. to a non-profit organization.
 - Willie made a motion to help with shuttling, pick up as many shifts as we can, Zane B. second, motion carried.
 - Kent C. – based on last meeting with multiple opinions about help, he understands the why behind more board members. Take the stress off the current board members. There is more that goes on behind the scenes than just the show times.
 - Out of 250 members, we should send out a letter and appoint them a job or choose from a list of jobs.
 - Valerie S. – working on a code of conduct would help, too.
 - Gary K. – questionnaires have been sent out in the past and didn't get many responses. We should designate area leaders and invite them to the board meetings.
 - Willie R. – Not each spot needs to have a board member to oversee it.
 - Kelly N. – Make letter specific to areas that need help or has no one doing it.
- **New Business**
 - Rodeo City Riders likes our area and would like to have their trail ride here again on September 19-21, 2025.
 - Zane B. made the motion to allow them to use the club's land again for their trail ride, Troy S. second, motion carried.



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- They need to pick up the field afterwards and fix ruts.
- Carousel Building Presentation – Joe G.
 - We need a building over the carousel so it can stay assembled year-round.
 - Contacted Fire Tower Engineering, the firm that designed the Welcome Barn and Feed Mill to see if they could draw up plans for a timber frame, 10-sided building.
 - Brian Z. and Joe G. belong to the Timber Frame Guild and could possibly use this as a building opportunity for the Guild. They are worldwide, which would open the club up to more exposure.
 - Not sure on cost. This is in the beginning stages, very preliminary.
 - Randy E. made the motion to go ahead with Fire Tower to engineer the building and have Joe and Brian work to get a cost associated with this build. Gloria Y. second, motion carried.
- Christmas party – December 7th, 2024, at Cedar Springs, drinks start at 5:00 p.m., dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Invites are on the table to hand out to people that have volunteered or sponsored this year.
- Tammy M. said tractor safety classes will be at FVTC in April. Service Motors would contribute \$100 to someone that we sponsor. Offer scholarships to club members first. Contact FVTC for more details and sign-up information.
- New Members: Sophia Bratt – Motion to accept by Zane B., Brian Z. second, motion carried.
 - Dennis Handske – Motion to accept by Kelly N., Zane B. second, motion carried.
- Gary thanked everyone for another great year.
- Jeff S. and Buddy F. have birthdays coming up!
- Eric D. made the motion to adjourn, Gloria Y. second, motion carried at 9:04 p.m.

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