

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

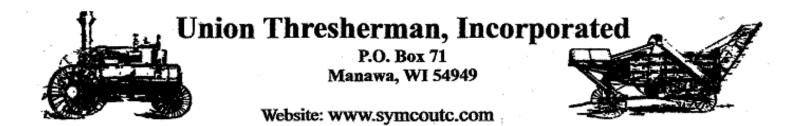
- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:06 p.m.
- Secretary's Report Motion to accept by Dan C., second by Troy S., motion carried.
- Annual Secretary's Report Motion to accept by Gloria Y., second by Jeff S., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report Motion to accept by Dave D., second by 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.
  - 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 January. Service Motors would contribute \$100 to someone that we sponsor. Offer scholarships to club members first.
- New Members: Sophia Bratt Motion to accept by Zane B., Brian Z. second, motion carried.
  - o 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.

Recording Secretary: Jacob Elsner – Jacob R. Elsner

