

UNION THRESHERMAN, INC

2021 Meeting Minutes

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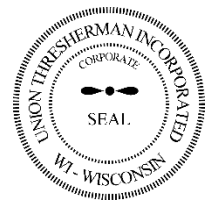
Please see below monthly meeting proceedings for the Union Thresherman, INC.

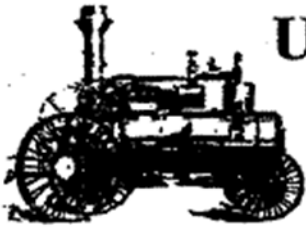
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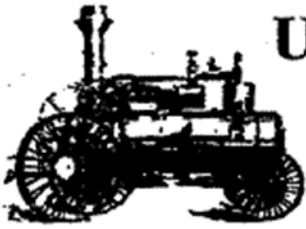


March 4th, 2021 General Membership Meeting – 8PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- Thank you cards from:
 - Manawa Food Pantry
 - Boot's Riske family
- February 10th, 2021, George S. donated \$4,500 to the club.
- The Snodeo donated \$500 and said thank you for our help at their event.
- **Old Business**
 - Steam Engines – Need trucking to haul the engines home. Need 3-4 semis possibly.
- **New Business**
 - Dan Wolfgram, Principal of Manawa Middle/High School, was here to talk about the possibility of the grounds hosting the Manawa Junior Prom.
 - They need an outdoor venue, like the Front Shed
 - Date would be May 1st, 2021 8-11PM
 - 100 or more kids
 - Andy M. made the motion to host the Prom, Bob G. seconded.
 - Pay your membership dues to Randy. If you are behind on dues, you will be removed.
 - Scholarship forms – See Gary K. for application.
 - Leukemia donation – Bob G. made the motion to donate the same amount as last year, Eric D. seconded.
 - See Jolene to fill out bartender applications.
 - Spring Pull will be June 12th, 2021, eliminator is booked.
 - Steam School – see Gary K. if you're interested, the club will sponsor two people to go.
- New Member – Jerry Jeske
- This year is our 54th Annual Union Thresheree July 23, 24, & 25, 2021 – Featuring Case tractors and equipment.
- Next Meeting April 1st, 2021 @ 8PM in the Saloon
- Motion to Adjourn 8:32PM

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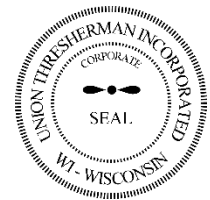
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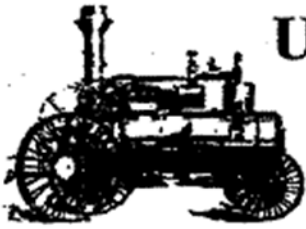


April 1st, 2021 General Membership Meeting – 8PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:03PM
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- **Old Business**
 - Pay your dues to Randy
 - Scholarships forms are due back April 15th
- **New Business**
 - The Board thought about donating food/drinks for the Manawa Prom
 - Kent C. made motion to donate \$250 to Junior class, Bob G. 2nd
 - Clean-up day April 24th @ 9AM – Bring rakes, shovels & leaf blowers
 - Iola Car Show – Looking for groups to help at the show – table till next meeting and find out more information.
 - Tractor Pull is looking to book a back-up eliminator
 - Scott Mares could be the back-up for \$100
 - Dan C. made the motion to book Scott Mares for \$100, Troy S. 2nd
 - Work list for Spring Pull is going around
 - Kent said we need help. No help = no pulls, we can accommodate.
 - Dan said at the State Pull there were two members working all day.
 - Idea was brought up to put worklist in newsletter and email list to members.
 - Chainsaw Contest – Need someone to head up – Brad P. & Ryan R. volunteered.
 - Andy M. has been storing paint all winter at his shop – Need list of buildings to paint to use it up. He is not storing it again.
 - LuAnne K. is working on the poster/flyer – need someone to proof it.
- New Member – Steve Schuelke
- Next Meeting May 6th, 2021 @ 8PM in the Saloon
- Motion to Adjourn 8:34PM

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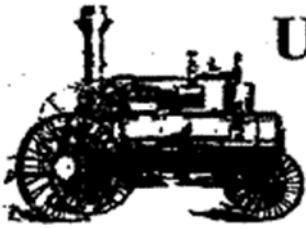
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May 6th, 2021 General Membership Meeting – 8PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:16PM
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- Thank you to the members who helped at the clean-up day.
- There was a boiler donated to the club – Jeff, Avery and Paul W. have been working to get it here. 1951 Juneau Boiler
- Prom was held on May 1st, everyone was happy and had a great time!
- **Old Business**
 - Pay your dues to Randy.
 - Spring Pull worklist is here, see Willie to sign-up.
 - Iola Car Show – Decided to not proceed, have too much to do of our own.
- **New Business**
 - Poster/flyers are here, take some to distribute.
 - Work list of things to fix are out on the tables. There is a lot to do.
 - Work nights will start next week Thursday.
 - Dan C. – We welcome any help that wants to weed-eat.
 - Camping reservation system is up and running. We have 347 sites, 187 are left to reserve.
 - Sign-Up Genius – Doing worklist online, will have a paper version available at the meetings.
 - Would like to have T-Shirts for volunteers. They sign-up for one four hour shift and receive a T-Shirt in return. Try as an incentive to bring in help.
 - Randy E. made the motion to order the shirts, John P. seconded.
 - Randy E. went to an auction and bought two 15', five row aluminum bleachers for \$3,250. They would be \$5,000 for one new set.
 - Rodeo sign trailers – Can use the rodeo trailers to house our signs after Rodeo. We would go switch the Rodeo sign to our sign for advertising. The guy that updates the Rodeo signs will make our signs for \$300 each, \$1,800 total. \$25 to change dates.
 - Hoss G. made the motion to have the signs made, Buddy seconded.
 - Andy mentioned to Gary that someone would like to buy one of the Michigan steam engines.
 - Discussion was that it would not be fair to the ones who just donated them. Consensus was to keep them both.



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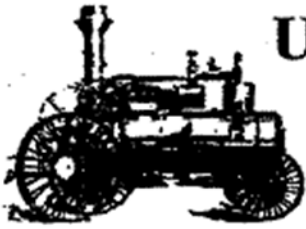
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- No new members
- Next Meeting June 3rd, 2021 @ 8PM in the Saloon
- Motion to Adjourn 8:44PM

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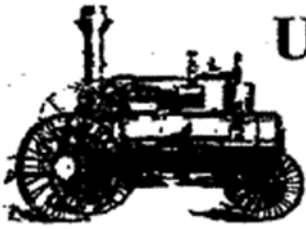


June 3rd, 2021 General Membership Meeting – 8PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:16PM
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- Thank you card from Heidi Knuth for receiving our scholarship
- Leon Schneider passed away, he was a lifetime member
- **Old Business**
 - Poster/flyers – take some and help pass out
 - Spring pull work list is here – need track help
 - Dan C. asked if you're a trophy sponsor to please pay up
 - Thursday work nights, ask around for a project to help with
 - Threshere work list is online, paper copy is here also
- **New Business**
 - Scholarships recipients: Manawa – Sawyer Strebe & Bryan Griffin, Clintonville – Morgan Phillips, Hortonville – Heidi Knuth
 - Thank you card from Ireland Griffin for allowing them to have Prom here and from Bryan Griffin for receiving our scholarship.
 - John R. – Larry Young passed away – the family would like to donate a John Deere Combine – Will get more details after meeting.
- No new members
- Heidi invited everyone to her Graduation party
- Next Meeting July 1st, 2021 @ 8PM in the Saloon
- Motion to Adjourn 8:27PM

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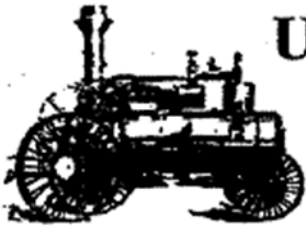
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July 1st, 2021 General Membership Meeting – 8PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:07PM
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- There is an Areas of Interest form going around. Please fill it out, update your information and what areas you would like to help out in. This will go to the person in charge of that area.
- We received a thank you card from the Manawa school district, the Leon Schneider family, and the Lane Kreklow family.
- **Old Business**
 - Poster/flyers – everything is here, please help distribute them.
 - Work nights – ask around for a project to start on. We will get the materials you need.
 - There are two banners to put up yet.
 - Dan C. thanked everyone that helped at the Spring Pull.
 - Diane asked for someone to sit in the school and church, otherwise there is vandalism.
 - Kelly has paper worklist here, please sign up.
- **New Business**
 - Buildings need to be cleaned yet
 - Additional work nights - if you are available to lend a hand during the week, we could use it.
 - Dan C. said we might have to cut the wheat early, see him if you can help load.
 - There will be a wrap-up meeting in the Saloon, July 21st at 8pm
 - Watch for Facebook posts asking for help.
 - Gary S. said that Hwy 22 will be ground up and repaved. Will start in a week or two and will last through September. The road will stay open.
 - Diane introduced the neighbor to neighbor volunteers. They got us sausage to use for breakfast for both shows. The volunteers explained what they do for the community and how they started.
 - Valerie asked what they would like. They welcome all donations and gifts.
 - Diane had asked the board for a donation to go toward this group and the board unanimously said yes.
 - The group thanked us for allowing them to use our freezers when they need it.



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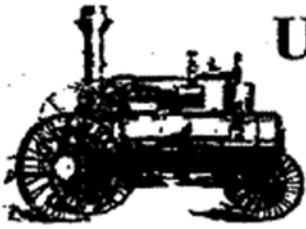
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- Kelly N. asked that the Saturday night entertainment stage be pushed away from the cooler and freezer as it is hard to get to when we need product.
- New Member: Mike Lesniak – helps already on the track
- The beer for the meeting was supplied by Dan C. for his birthday and Gary & LuAnne Knuth for their anniversary.
- Next Meeting is August 5th, 2021 @ 8PM in the Saloon
- Motion to Adjourn 8:45PM

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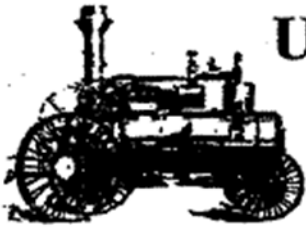
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August 5th, 2021 General Membership Meeting – 8PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:13PM
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report
 - Diane asked what happened to the \$57,000 that was in the money market. Randy said that it was transferred to the checking account to start the show.
 - Mark accepted, Jeff 2nd, Treasurer's Report approved as is.
- Gary said to write any comments you have from the show and hand in. He heard many good comments after the show.
- Gary has a note from the Horse and Buggy Days looking for parade entries, see Gary for contact information.
- **Old Business**
 - Thresheree went well
 - Car Show – still looking for help, sheet is here to sign-up
 - Chris T. asked for the attendance number, roughly 7,000-8,000
- **New Business**
 - Car Show – You will get a weekend wristband if you sign up. Wristbands can be picked up at Union Still.
 - Jerry Timm has pop-up tent at his house and is looking for its' owner, It belongs to Paul
 - Mark C. is looking for his battery, Kent has it.
 - Randy E. said we need to resolve kids and running equipment.
 - Minutes from 2012 read with the motion to be age 16, and 2014 minutes were read that left the age as is.
 - You can get certificates at age 12.
 - Mary R. said being an experienced driver, it was tricky to get through the crowd and that age 12 is too young.
 - Kent brought up his kids and Kelly said they do not have tractor safety.
 - Mike L. said to look at the Insurance reasons, Randy said they are okay with working members.
 - Mark P. said it falls back onto if the ATV/UTV is insured.
 - Trying to set for working members and their kids.
 - Rick T. said we should have a designated cart for each area and have labels on them.
 - Mark C. read rule #10 from Rules of the Road



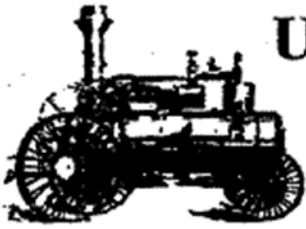
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- Mary R. said they are trained to be on roads and trails, not in large crowds.
- Barney E. said to give the kids the handicap shuttle job.
- Diane said members work their butts off and that it wouldn't be an issue if all the members stepped up.
- Mark P. asked when this would be in place, show time or non-show time.
 - Randy said both show and non-show time, but be under the parent's direction to have the kid drive with the parent along.
- Jolene said we should offer the FVTC class to the kids
- John R. asked what the board thinks
 - Randy said there were many meetings discussing this.
- Randy made the motion to go with the state certificate, which is 12 years old. If they have the certificate, they can operate ATV/UTV and equipment. Will not affect tractor pull rules. Dan C. seconded
 - Brian L. said age limit would be nice, at least for the tractor pull. He recommended age 16 to be able to work on the track.
 - Mark P. said businesses require you to be 18 to press cardboard.
 - Tractor Pull is age 14 to pull, age 18 to go over 4MPH
 - Mark P. asked why we don't use that age.
 - Curt S. said the board members need to enforce it. Why have rules if no one enforces them.
 - Chris T. said we should punch a hole in the gator card for if the kids are driving recklessly. Three strikes you're out system.
 - Jolene said to have stipulations and warnings.
 - Curt S. said the parents also need to enforce it.
 - Mike L. said we should go with age 14 across the board.
 - Motion carried as is with no objections.
- Jake made the motion that once the 12 year old has the certificate, we need a copy to keep on file. Curt seconded
 - Mark P. said it does not apply to everyone over the age of 18, need to have the certificate if you are born after January 1, 1988
 - Motion carried.



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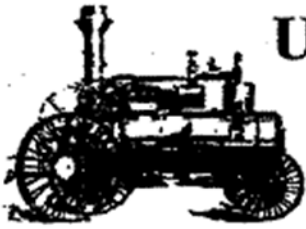
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- Kelly said people have commented about 1 minor near places with alcohol. Children under the age of 12 have no reason to be behind the bar.
 - Jolene said as agent of the beer license, she does not see the need for children to be behind the bar.
- John R. said we have 30 wire tie straw bales. \$3 per bale, try and save the wire.
- John P. said people would like the parade back on the road.
 - Merlin said the state don't want it on the road.
 - Town of Union does not have village powers to close the highway.
 - Dan C said all tractors with lugs on can go through now and Andy does a great job announcing it.
- New Member: Gavin Lettau – has been helping since he was a kid
- John P. thanked everyone for a great Case feature.
- Jared W. thanked everyone for a great show.
- Next Meeting is September 2nd, 2021 @ 8PM in the Saloon
- Motion to Adjourn 9:06PM

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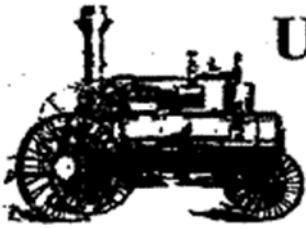
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September 2nd, 2021 General Membership Meeting – 8PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:02PM
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- Heidi and LuAnne handed out paper to write down any comments you had from the Car Show.
- **Old Business**
 - There are 8 calendars left, \$10 each.
 - State Pull – Need help with food and bartending, see Willie if you can help.
- **New Business**
 - Should we donate \$100 to the Central Wisconsin Antique Tractor Pullers Association?
 - Willie R. made the motion to donate \$100 to the CWATPA, Dan C. seconded. Motion carried.
 - Security in the Campground - There were some issues this year and caused people to leave. Should we hire more security to enforce our rules?
 - Kelly N. – Do we pay Waupaca already for the reserves?
 - It would be about two-three hundred to designate two people to the campground.
 - Michelle V. – Asked if we could designate a tent area?
 - Medical issues pose an issue with no generators.
 - We upped the price for camping and can afford to hire more security.
 - Dan C. made the motion to hire two more security to enforce the rules in the campground. Hoss seconded. Motion carried.
 - Next meeting is elections: President, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and one Board Member are up for election.
 - Ice Merchandisers – Looking for one more to store ice.
 - \$5,000 per unit and hold one ton of ice
 - Buddy F. made the motion to purchase one new unit. Troy S. seconded. Motion carried.
 - Man-lift – It was brought up that we could use a man-lift. Should we buy one or rent one?
 - We have many uses for one
 - Dan C. said to get prices on buying and renting.
 - Roger K. asked if we would have to do certifications every year?



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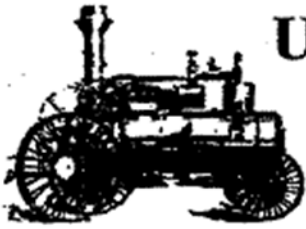
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- Joe G. said to look into the insurance end of things.
- Randy E. said if we rent one, we better use it while it is here.
- Dan C. made the motion to table until we get pricing. Hoss seconded. Motion carried.
- Michelle V. – Has given \$1,300 back to the club since the Candy Store started. All other proceeds benefit the 4-H club.
 - She would like to have a cooler rebuilt in the General Store to hold pies and water.
 - She also said that some lights need replacing in the General Store.
 - Michelle donated \$200 to the club again from the Candy Store.
- October 9th, 2021 is the Appreciation party and also the rain date for the State Pull.
- September 21st, 2021 at 9AM they are planning to sort cans. If you can help, see Dan C. Need about 4-5 more volunteers.
- Turn your Car Show comments in.
- Joe G. – Looking to put up a water tower by the Feed Mill.
 - It would be a timber frame water tower.
 - Working with Jerrod for permits and planning.
- FFA Alumni Bluegrass Bash – Asking for \$100 donation
 - John R. made the motion to donate \$100 to the FFA Alumni Bluegrass Bash. Buddy F. seconded. Motion carried.
- No New Members
- Next Meeting is October 7th, 2021 @ 8PM in the Saloon
- Motion to Adjourn 8:33PM

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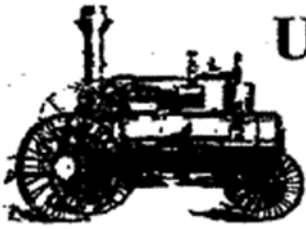
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October 7th, 2021 General Membership Meeting – 8PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:09PM
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- **Old Business**
 - Appreciation Party October 9th, meal at 4PM. Bring a dish to pass if you'd like.
 - State Pull – Just over 400 hooks
 - Had many good comments about the grounds, some complaints about the lighting which we talked to Jim D. about already.
 - Started the pull at 9:30AM and finished at 11:40PM
 - John R. – Sorted the cans and got 1,140lbs, \$672. There were two full 250 bushel gravity boxes.
 - Straw bales are gone
 - Winter Wheat is planted
 - Joe G. – Has someone with a big generator that could power 50 campsites
 - Will check into for cost
 - Barry B. – Thanked us for sending him to Steam School
 - Willie R. – Recommends going – learned a lot.
- **New Business**
 - Clean-up day October 23rd @ 9AM, rain date October 30th.
 - Please bring rakes, shovels and leaf blowers.
 - Feature Tractor for 2023
 - Currently 2023 is IH and 2024 is Rumely
 - Would like to switch those two years so the IH state club can attend and Rumely could host a board meeting at our show.
 - Willie R. said it would be nice to break up the features and not have three major brands right in a row.
 - Hoss made the motion to change the 2023 feature to Rumely and the 2024 feature to IH, Troy S. seconded, motion carried.
 - Gary said if your tractor brand has a club/group, to check with them about attending our show when we feature them.
 - October 8th-10th is the Fall Harvest Days in Cleveland, WI. Aaron Schmidt helped us out by bringing up his sawmill, so if you are free, go support his show.
- No New Members
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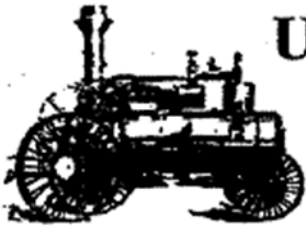
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- Motion to Adjourn 8:24PM
- Elections were called to order by Vice President Mark Craig @ 8:26PM
 - President
 - Roger K. nominated Gary Knuth and Gary accepts.
 - Randy E. made motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Hoss seconded, motion carried.
 - Secretary
 - Hoss nominated Jacob Elsner and Jacob accepts.
 - Randy made motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Hoss seconded, motion carried.
 - Assistant Treasurer
 - Gena K. nominated Merlin Becker and Merlin accepts.
 - Paul T. nominated Gena K. and Gena declined nomination.
 - Randy made motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Hoss seconded, motion carried.
 - Board Member #2
 - Gary K. nominated Brian Zabel and Brian accepts.
 - Heidi K. nominated Jeff Schley and Jeff accepts.
 - Brian Zabel won by ballot vote.
- Motion to adjourn @ 8:38PM

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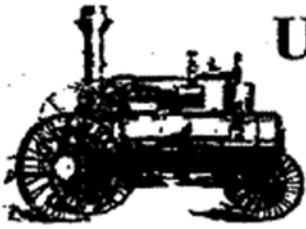
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November 4th, 2021 General Membership Meeting – 8PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:03PM
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- **Old Business**
 - Clean-up day – Had a good crew and picked up a lot of leaves.
 - Calendars are all sold
- **New Business**
 - Mary Griffin is here to talk about the Manawa Athletic Booster Club
 - They are looking to raise funds for a rubberized track to replace the current asphalt track.
 - They need \$134k, but are looking to raise \$140k.
 - Mark C. asked if they would consider helping us in the future.
 - Gary K. said that we are a non-profit and do need to give back to the community.
 - Joe G. made the motion to purchase one meter, \$325, Jim D. seconded.
 - There was discussion about donating more than \$325.
 - Joe G. rescinded his motion and made new motion to donate \$1,000 to the MABC for the rubberized track. Hoss seconded, motion carried.
 - Non-Profit Group Pay – we are currently at \$7/hr and are looking to maybe increase it to \$8/hr.
 - Dan C. made the motion to table until we find out more information and what other clubs are doing. Gary S. seconded, motion carried.
 - Radio Communication – We are looking into having radio communication for buildings and board members to communicate better.
 - Heidi K. looked into them and for 40 radios and 20 mics is about \$600.
 - Dan C. said to maybe ask John to use his.
 - We should buy our own to use at all events.
 - Would need to have a sign-out policy.
 - Willie R. said \$600 for 40 radios is pretty cheap and should look into the quality of them.
 - Hoss made the motion to table until next meeting to get more prices, Dan C. seconded, motion carried.
 - There will be a tractor pull meeting November 6th, 2021 for members to attend to discuss the pulls



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- Christmas party is December 4th, 2021 at Cedar Springs
- Jim D. brought up about how much he is needing to work on street lights every year. He said to not accept any more donations of lights. It is time to upgrade to LEDs. There are some that are \$230/each and he proposes we buy 20 to replace our current ones.
 - Grant options only receive 30% for commercial projects.
 - It would be about \$5,000 for 20 lights
 - Hoss made the motion to set aside \$5,000 to upgrade lighting, Troy S. seconded, motion carried.
- Kelly N. said that Miracle on Bridge Street is wondering if the UTC is doing a parade float and would need to know by November 7th, 2021.
- Jim D. asked if we can look into a man-lift, there are many projects it can be used for.
 - It is being looked into.
 - Jim said there are a couple in Elderon between \$20-\$30k
- Mary G. thanked the UTC for allowing the school to host their Prom/Homcoming here.
- Jim D. said that April 30th, they might be looking for a venue again for Prom.
- Randy E. said that there is soda and N/A beer for sale on the side.
- No New Members
- Next Meeting is March 3rd, 2022
- Motion to Adjourn 8:54PM

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

