

UNION THRESHERMAN, INC

2022 Meeting Minutes

Abstract

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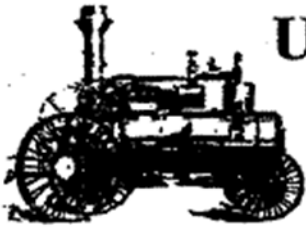
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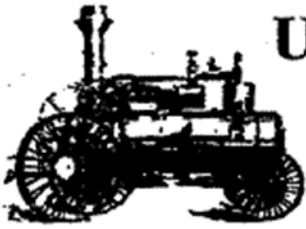
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March 3rd, 2022, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:01 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Mark P., Merlin B. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Buddy F., Roger K. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - We have three get well cards going around to be signed for Kenny Raisler, Bob (Hoss) Grunwald, and Avery Eplett.
 - Manawa Area Food Pantry sent a thank you card for our continued support and donation.
 - Manawa Snodeo sent a thank you, along with \$1,500 for helping them out.
 - Gave a round of applause to those who helped out.
- **Old Business**
 - Radio Communication – Still looking into prices.
 - Man-Lift – Still looking into pricing and options.
 - Group Pay
 - Iola Car Show pays \$3.50/hr. for a child and \$6/hr. for an adult in their concession stands.
 - Manawa Rodeo pays \$8/hr. per person.
 - Roger K. said we should stay in check with the other groups, or we won't get anyone to work.
 - Kelly N. asked where we would put these groups.
 - We need to come up with a list of areas we need them, and then we would place accordingly.
 - Andy M. recommended we raise to \$8/hr. and pay it to the people that are actually helping us.
 - Dan C. said that the board has had a lot of discussion about this, and no one has complained yet.
 - Valerie S. said other places might require an eight-hour shift, whereas our shift are three to four hours long.
 - Mary G. said that other clubs offer food coupons and free passes if they are working. Might draw more attention.
 - Rick T. made a motion to leave the group pay at \$7 per hour for 2022 and revisit next year. Mike B. seconded; motion carried.
- **New Business**
 - Tractor Pull Meeting Recap
 - Willie R. - Objective is to shorten the length of the pulls, timewise. Here is our plan to do that.
 - Shorten full pull line to 250'.



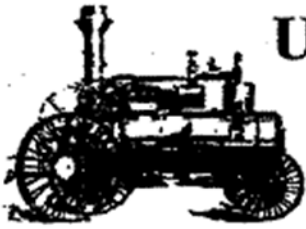
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- Change start time for Thresheree pull to 9 AM
- Offer pre-registration options.
- Have intermission at 2 PM for awards and best restored.
- Hire Mares eliminator for \$1,000 per day. This will save two guys.
- Raise hook fee to \$25, pre-registration will be \$20, \$5 discount for pre-registering. The additional \$5 will go towards eliminator expenses.
- Friday fun pull will continue on Friday and will start at 1 PM and run till 3 PM
- Middle of May they are looking to have another Tractor Pull meeting.
- Main goal is to encourage the pre-registration.
- Roger K. asked what the tractor pull actually makes the club.
 - 2021 – It made \$4,900 before expenses.
- Mark P. made the motion to raise the hook fee to \$25 with a \$5 discount for pre-registrations and to hire Mares eliminator for \$1,000 per day. Andy M. seconded, motion carried.
- Lion's Club Trailers
 - Agreement is we would use the Lion's Club advertising trailers to house our signs after the Rodeo is done. They have six trailers currently.
 - Mark C. would make two more trailers for \$750 each. This would benefit both of us, and the Lion's Club for advertising purposes.
 - There was good feedback last year about having the trailers with our signs in them.
 - Dan C. asked who would own them, us or the Lion's Club.
 - We would own them.
 - Willie R. made the motion to build two more trailers for \$750 each. Roger K. seconded; motion carried.
- Gate Fee – Keep current price of \$5 per person, or raise?
 - Mary R. said to keep at \$5. If we raise, we will lose people. If we keep it the same, we will keep the people.
 - Valerie S. said to keep \$5, it's not about the money, and it's more about the atmosphere the people come to enjoy.
 - Andy M. said that it will also cost the club more money for upkeep. He stated he goes to many tractor shows, and Symco is the cheapest show. He strongly encourages to raise.
 - Rick T. stated that there isn't much happening anymore on Sunday as there is Saturday.
 - Kelly N. said to maybe do daily prices.
 - Dan C. said to touch base what the board had thought.



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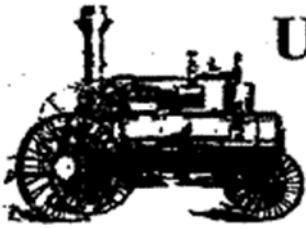
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- If we raise the gate price, the board thought about adjusting the age limit we let in for free. Raise to 16 and under free instead of 12 and under free.
- Willie R. recommended 15 and under free.
- John R. said that this would hurt the big families to spend money elsewhere inside the show for food and beverages.
- Sherry T. stated that change would be a hassle versus the current \$5 increment.
- Mark P. asked about the membership fees and if those would be affected?
 - No, membership fees would stay the same.
- Zane B. said that we should start considering accepting credit cards.
 - We would need to get internet throughout grounds.
- Kelly N. asked about adding admission fee to the camping site.
 - Jake - Yes, it can be added, but would need to pay for that addition to the site.
- Gary S. had said that the cheapest show he goes to is \$8 and recommends we be no less than \$7. We could offer them a \$3 credit ticket to use somewhere else in the show grounds versus giving them change.
- Gary thanked everyone for their input, and we will need to make a decision at the April meeting.
- Scholarship forms are available to a relative of any club member. See Gary if you would like one for someone.
- Bartender applications should be available next month with Jolene.
- Shelia Schmidt Memorial Benefit to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society – We have donated in the past. Roger K. made the motion to donate \$250 to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. Jeff S. seconded; motion carried.
- New Members: Adam Bartel, Byan Griffin, Mary Griffin, Aaron Pethke.
- Next Meeting is April 7th @ 8 PM in the Saloon.
- Mark made the motion to Adjourn, Buddy F. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:53PM

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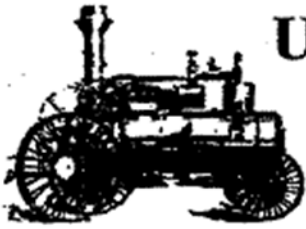
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April 7th, 2022, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:08 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Jeff S., Bill J. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Hoss G., Bill J. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - No Correspondence for April
- **Old Business**
 - Scholarship forms are due back by April 15th, see Gary if you need one.
 - Bartender applications – Jolene was not present but will be next meeting. There is no notary needed.
 - Gate fee – We have a yes/no ballot here that asks if we should raise the gate fee, or not.
 - Gate worker opinions – would lose gate workers, counting change would be a nightmare.
 - Mary R. said that other prices might need increasing due to inflation. The club has control over the gate fee, not over the other prices. She also stated that Larry Werth didn't want to start the show to make money, he started it to show the younger generation what we are about and how farming used to be done.
 - John R. said that some families might just come for the kiddie pull, and raising the gate fee would affect them for the short time they are here.
 - Jim C. said that gas prices already will affect anyone coming to the show with their exhibits to put our show on.
 - Tammy M. said our upkeep is still present. There is good and bad to each side.
 - Keith T. asked if the new price would be daily? Yes, no weekend pass discussed.
 - Paper ballot on should we raise the gate fee, yes or no. 43 – No and 13 – Yes
 - We will keep as is for 2022 and revisit again next year.
- **New Business**
 - Clean-up day is April 30th @ 9 AM – Please bring rakes and shovels.
 - Membership camping – Call Margaret if you'd like a site by April 15th.
 - Bleacher Budget – There were some bleachers on auction that sold for \$35,000; 15 rows 170'. The board is looking to get a number that they can spend if something like this came available again.
 - Rick T. asked if it would just be for bleachers. Yes
 - Hoss G. made the motion to have a \$20,000 bleacher budget if something like this were to arise again, Jim C. seconded, Motion carried.
 - ATV/UTVs on the grounds – A member approached Gary and said we should charge for them with how many we have.
 - Dan C. said if they are not handicapped, they shouldn't be allowed.



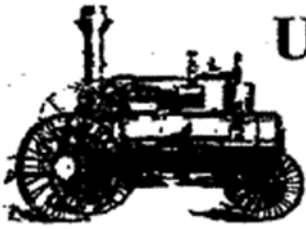
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- Ryan R. said it should be a \$10 charge if not handicapped.
- Mark C. stated that it is a perk, if you want it, pay a tax for it.
- Valerie S. asked if there was a rule stating when they are allowed? No, there is not currently. Just too much congestion during the day.
- Dan C. said that most shows need a handicapped sticker to have them allowed. Up by the food stand there can be 15-20 at one time.
- Avery E. said that Edgar charges \$20 to have them between 8 AM and 6 PM, handicapped do not have to pay. Recommends having set hours they can be allowed.
- Tammy M. asked who would monitor on the grounds? Would need to have set hours.
- Mary R. stated that the tractor pull is still going on at 6 PM and has a good crowd yet.
- Avery E. made the motion to charge \$20 per vehicle on the grounds that are not handicapped for Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 AM – 6 PM.
 - Rick T. said that this will open up a can of worms for age limit restrictions.
 - Sharon R. asked if we could just limit the type of vehicles.
 - Mark C. read the Rules of the Road to membership.
 - Mary R. asked if there was a consequence? Vehicle would not be allowed anymore.
 - Valerie S. said that if they are not handicapped or working, there is no need for them on the grounds.
 - Bryan G. said that it is hard for the tractor pullers if they have tools and weights to haul.
 - Willie R. asked why not just make the money off of the problem?
 - How would we distinguish who we charge?
 - Mary R. asked if we could add a rule of a timeframe and have different color placard to depict from?
 - Gary K. said we opened a can of worms tonight and we want a to get a group together to get more information to bring back.
 - Pete G. said there are too many moving parts to bring to a vote.
 - Kelly N. said we would need to make a decision quickly to let the campers know.
- Avery rescinded his motion.
- Hoss made the motion to form a committee on this issue, Randy seconded. Motion carried.
- JP H. asked about rule #9 in the campground rules.
 - He paid for 14 sites with people from other states coming and can't have any entertainment for them.



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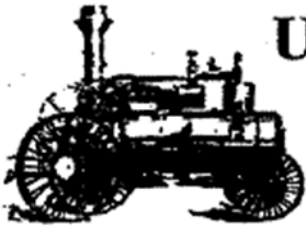


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- The rule was made because of a band playing after quiet time hours and disturbing others.
- Band and stereos are the same thing.
- Curt S. made the motion to strike rule #9 in the campground rules, Jim C. seconded, motion carried.
- Jim C. showed everyone the t-shirt design for this year.
- LuAnne is looking for pictures of Symco. Please send to LuAnne if you have any.
- Michelle V. said that Jackie will be taking over the candy store and Michelle will be doing kids activities outside the General Store.
- LuAnne is looking for input on the poster/flyer and also has some feature cards up front for people to take and spread out to businesses.
- Randy E. looked into a man-lift at Spiegelberg. For one month it is \$1,800 for a 40' lift.
 - Zane B. made the motion to rent the 40' lift and to ask him if we need a 60' lift, Troy S. seconded, motion carried.
- Nate B. brought up a project needed attention, which is the sawmill and it is needing new concrete. He is looking into cost.
 - Mark C. asked if it was feasible to put concrete in a swamp area?
 - Preliminary cost is \$40,000 for concrete.
- New Members: Owen Schuelke
- Next Meeting is May 5th @ 8 PM in the Saloon.
- Gary S. made the motion to Adjourn, Merlin B. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 9:25 PM

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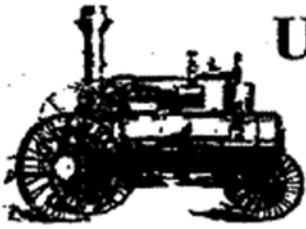
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May 5th, 2022, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:04 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Hoss G., Bill J. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Dan C. asked if the steel from ABES was for one pancake griddle or two. It is for two.
 - Motion to accept by Keith W., Avery E. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Gary K. thanked everyone that helped during the clean-up day.
 - JJ Hintzke is having a brain tumor operation, so keep him and his family in your thoughts.
- **Old Business**
 - Jolene is here for bartender applications. Please see her at some point tonight.
 - ATV/UTV Rules
 - Valerie S. presented what the committee put together and will go in place for this year's show.
 - The committee met two different dates and the final decision was made with the board present. The plan is to eliminate all motorized vehicles East of the Welcome Barn gate. Handicap are exempt with handicap sticker; workers are also exempt if using the motorized vehicle for working purposes. Members will need to register at the barn and get an official vehicle sign.
 - The goal to this is to reduce the liability of people driving their motorized vehicle under the influence, and to also help with carry-ins.
 - There would be no charge whatsoever.
 - The committee found that by doing this, we will need to increase our seating throughout the grounds and also need to add a shuttle from the barn to the main grounds.
 - Kelly asked what kind of motorized vehicles. This would apply to anything motorized, all of them.
 - The main goal is to eliminate 80% of our issue.
 - If the motorized vehicles are only going to be used in the campground, they will need to register and provide proof of insurance and follow all campground rules. There is additional security hired to help patrol this.
 - Nate B. thanked everyone that helped with this task as it has been an ongoing battle for a while now.
 - Hoss G. made the motion to accept the committee's recommendations, Jim C. seconded, motion carried.
 - Camping Rule #9



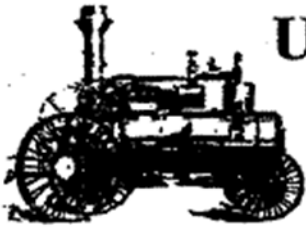
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- After the last meeting, Mary G. had thought of an idea to benefit both the club and individuals. This would be to issue a permit to campers who would like to have live entertainment and have the ability to charge for said permit. The UTC board would decide on a case-by-case basis and have the ability to waive the fee.
- Curt rescinded his motion to strike rule #9 from the April 2022 meeting.
- Mary G. made the motion to keep rule #9, but add in, individuals wishing to have live entertainment, need to be issued a permit by the UTC board, with a fee that the UTC board decides, but will have the ability to waive charge if felt the need to. Will be case-by-case basis. Hoss G. seconded, motion carried.
- Spring Pull – Willie said that everything is going well, they had some clay added to the track. May 15th there will be a tractor pull meeting at 1 PM in the Saloon for anyone that is working the pull. The sign-up will be at the next meeting. Pre-registration is open and will push heavily in June.
- Nate B. gave an update on the sawmill. They feel a portable frame underneath both mills will be a better solution for the time being. He will contact Mark P. and get a team together to bring a plan to the next meeting.
- **New Business**
 - We will have Manawa 5th graders here on May 20th for the school tour and will need volunteers. Please see Nate or Gary if you can help. Kelly said that they need people to sit in buildings, tour guides and tractor/engine displays. We will also be serving them lunch. Volunteers should be to the grounds by 8 AM. Dan C. said we will need help cleaning buildings.
 - Gary K. said that work nights and weekends are starting, come after work is good and we can find a project for you to do. If you see anything that needs repairing on the grounds, make a note and let the board know.
 - Sign-Up Genius – Amanda said that the sign-up list for the Thresheree will go live on May 15th and will be sent out via email. We are currently looking for groups to help us out, if you know if a group that would be interested in helping us, let Amanda know. We are paying groups \$7 per hour per person working.
 - Jolene said that the bars need to have a licensed bartender at all times.
 - Mark C. said that we have 350 slots that need to be filled, if every member took at least two, that would be great!
 - Jerrod said on May 14th, he is looking for help to put the roof on the front shed. Be to the grounds by 7 AM and bring a screw gun if you can. Lunch will be served.
 - Valerie said that we need more benches for people to sit and made the motion that the club look into pricing for aluminum benches to be placed throughout the grounds. Jim C. seconded; motion carried.



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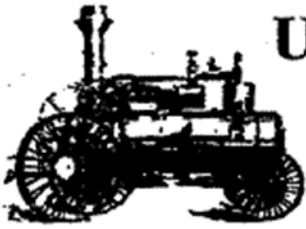
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- Mark C. is looking to any information on the 45 Outdoor Theatre sign. Please talk to him if you know anything.
- New Members: Bryce Bartel
- Next Meeting is June 2nd @ 8 PM in the Saloon.
- Hoss G. made the motion to Adjourn, Avery E. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 9:53 PM

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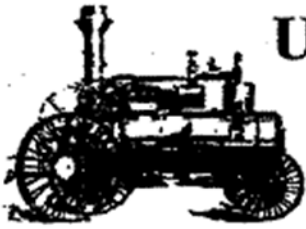
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June 2nd, 2022, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:12 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Buddy F., Hoss G. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Merlin B., Jeff S. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Thank you from Rudy Drozd and Noah Bratt for receiving our Manawa scholarships.
 - Gary Thanked everyone who helped at the school tour.
- **Old Business**
 - Worknights have started and we have a to-do list going around of projects needing to be done.
 - Spring Pull – Work list is going around, need cooks and bartenders.
 - Amanda will pass around Thresheree work list; it is about 32% filled... Need people to bartend in the Saloon.
- **New Business**
 - Poster/flyers are here. Please take some and pass out.
 - Scholarships – Manawa: Rudy Drozd & Noah Bratt
 - New London: Beth Willner
 - Hortonville: Brady Mashlan
 - Project list is going around.
 - Rodeo parade – bring some tractors and a sign through – need helpers.
 - Feature shirts are here. Jim C. did a very nice job on the design. Small-Large are \$18, X-sizing are \$22. Sherry said they should have feature hats at the next meeting.
 - Kelly said that tractor safety class is starting in June and said we should maybe start considering sponsoring kids to attend this class since we are a tractor-based club. We could do an internal scholarship.
 - We will look into it a little more and bring back to next meeting.
 - Steam school – we sponsor two club members to attend. If interested, it is September 23-25, see Gary for an application.
 - Randy has been working on our scales and said drivers have a hard time reading our current read outs. They need to lean over the fender in order to see and it's just a matter of time before an incident happens on the scale with our guys between there. He would like to see two bigger readouts be installed but would cost \$1,600 per scale. We can keep our current scales or take out.
 - Dan C. asked who was complaining, he thinks they are fine. It is a safety issue that we want to prevent.
 - Mike L. made the motion to purchase two scale readouts, Troy S. seconded, motion carried.



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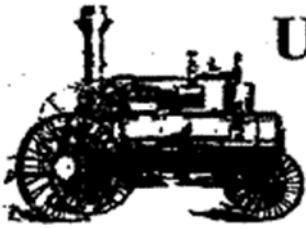


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- Mark C. said that we approved to build two sign trailers at \$750 each. Costs have gone up and are now \$1,250 each to build. Would like to know if we still want them, or he can use them for other things if we decide not to proceed.
 - Joe G. made the motion to add the extra money to build the trailers, Mike L. seconded, motion carried.
- New Members: Isaiah Schuelke
- Next Meeting is July 7th @ 8 PM in the Saloon.
- Bob Schumacher had something to say.
 - Wants to know why he isn't doing the feature meal and if there is a specific reason.
 - We decided to go with one of our sponsors at \$5 per plate. We were told that it was too much of a hassle for you to keep doing that and run your trailer.
 - Brought up the food vendor agreement and didn't agree with some things.
 - Vendors aren't allowed to use cooler space. He's used Diane's cooler for the past few years now to store his product.
 - We are running out of cooler space for our product.
 - Upset that he cannot come to the UTC for change.
 - Randy said that we cannot keep giving out our change because we have been running low ourselves. You need to come prepared.
 - Bob said they came in as friends and feel that the food vendor agreement is directed at them.
 - The food vendor agreement went to all food vendors and are all being treated equally.
 - Jackie stated that their security deposit was cashed, and the agreement did not say that it would be cashed. It says it would be returned after the event. They did not plan for it to come out when we cashed it.
 - Randy said that his contact information was right above where they sign the agreement. If they had questions, they should have called him. They went and called others, but Randy.
 - Jake said this is the first year that we implemented this agreement and as it shows, we will need to look at it. Jake went on to say that we appreciate everything they have done for the club, but we are treating everyone equally.
- Hoss G. made the motion to Adjourn, Avery E. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:54 PM

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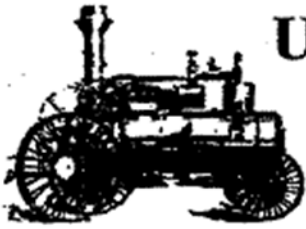
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July 7th, 2022, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:09 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Hoss G., Lloyd D. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Pete G. asked about the change for the Spring Pull and why it's taken out as an expense. Randy said it zeros itself out.
 - Motion to accept by Gloria Y., Mike L. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - George Stepien donated \$3,500 toward the sawmill project.
- **Old Business**
 - Poster/flyers are here, take some and help spread out.
 - Project list – Posted by the door in the Saloon. If you need material, just pick up what you need and turn in the bill to Randy to be reimbursed.
 - Amanda – We are in need of food stand workers and bartenders. If you can help, see Amanda.
 - Car Show we are still looking for help all in all areas.
 - Spring Tractor Pull – Willie said it went well, ended up being a two-day event. He thanked everyone who came back on Sunday to help finish the pull.
 - Steam School – Held in Edgar September 23-25. Our club sends two members each year, if you are interested, see Gary for an application.
 - T-shirts and hats will be for sale after the meeting.
- **New Business**
 - Thursday worknights: need help cleaning buildings, weed eating and anything on the project list. Come when you can, and we can help find something for you to do.
 - If anyone would like a banner, we have some here you can take to put in your yard.
 - We will have a wrap-up meeting on Wednesday, July 27th at 8 PM in the Saloon.
 - There are pictures going around of a Vaneer mill on the Jared Ruble auction.
 - Jeff and Andy want to know if we'd like to put a bid in on it. Jeff said it is in good shape, just a little Knick in the blade.
 - Andy knows of three shows that has one, it would be a good addition to our show. Andy would run the mill on a schedule and talk to Marion Plywood about possible sponsorship.
 - Valerie S. asked what we would use the vaneer for? We could use it at the Blacksmith shop for stamping as a souvenir.
- New Members: Nicholas and Noah Casey
- Next Meeting is August 4th @ 8 PM in the Saloon.
- Hoss G. made the motion to Adjourn, Phillip G. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:43 PM



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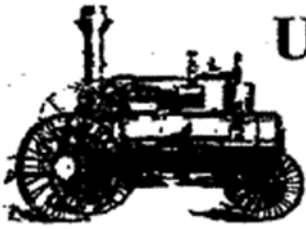
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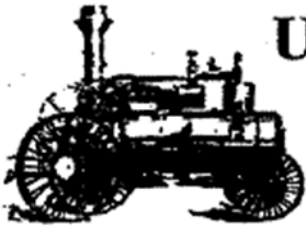
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August 4th, 2022, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:10 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Hoss G., Joel R. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – \$40 added to gift shop and \$1,100 for shingles that was not listed on the report.
 - Motion to accept by Merlin B., Bill J. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Gary thanked everyone for a great show and said that we do have a few kinks to work out.
- **Old Business**
 - Amanda thanked everyone for their help at the Thresheree
 - She is working on the car show sign up and has many openings left. List is going around, so please sign up.
 - Wristbands will be at the Welcome Barn this year, not Union Still. Should be available Wednesday afternoon.
 - Andy asked about having phone numbers to call their relief. Jolene said it shouldn't be up to the volunteers to find relief.
 - Heather asked if there were board members in charge of each area?
 - There is a list, but we need to redo it.
 - Steam School, see Gary for an application.
 - Vaneer Mill – Sherry asked if we would need a building for it.
 - Andy said a pavilion someday would be good.
 - Andy made the motion to bid up to \$10,000 and go from there. He is not sure what it will go for.
 - This will add to our demonstrations and give something for the steam engines to do. They are looking for work during the show.
 - Hoss asked if all the pieces were there, yes.
 - There is no show around here that has one.
 - Rick said that a purchase like this could hinder another purchase such as ticket machines down the road.
 - Mark said that there are very few out there and we've spent money on steam engines and Fairbanks engines, he recommends we up the bidding amount to \$12,500.
 - Andy amends his motion to bid up to \$12,500 on the vaneer mill. Mark seconded; motion carried.
 - Thresheree comments - please write something down about the show and we will come around to collect.



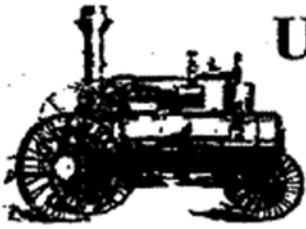
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- Gary said that there were some volunteers that were treated badly by club members during the show. We need everyone we can get, so we can't be treating others like this, we need to treat them with diplomacy. People from other states come to our show and are in awe at what we have. We need to get along to keep what we have going for future generations to see.
- Sunday night between 11 PM and 6 AM, someone took Curt S. tractor and water wagon and crashed into Mike T. tractors and caused a good amount of damage.
 - Should we make a Facebook post looking for information and offer an award?
 - Dan C. said we should offer a \$500 reward for someone to come forward.
 - Paul T. said Curt did let us use his tractor all summer for free, so we should do something to make it right.
 - The Sheriff's Department was called.
 - Barney E. said it might be worth putting cameras up.
 - Dan C. made the motion to reward \$500 for any information that leads up to an arrest. Curt S. seconded; motion carried.
- Kelly N. asked if we had extra deputies patrolling the campground, there were numerous complaints.
 - Mark said that we did not provide them with rules right away Friday. Mark did go and address the major concerns.
 - Gary said we need to address it as we hired them to do a job.
- **New Business**
 - Calendars are for sale; they make great Christmas gifts.
 - Andy – Other organizations hire the local fire department to water the roads, we should hire them or donate to them to do it.
 - Curt said to look at Faulks vs the fire department.
 - The water tower will eventually help with this as it won't take as long to fill the wagons.
 - Andy makes a motion to assemble a 10-year planning committee to put us in the right direction. Ten individuals, not including board members. Would like to get someone from each area of the grounds.
 - Willie asked if we already had a committee? It dissolved after the 50th year.
 - Brian Z. second, motion carried.
 - There will be a sheet up front in you'd like to be on committee, put your name and phone number.
 - Andy said he would be the chairman.
 - Andy had a great feature with over 200 tractors. The Knuth family alone hauled 17 loads, which is over 700 miles to bring their collection. Andy made a motion to give the Knuth family the remainder of the hauling budget for bringing their collection. Gary did not accept.



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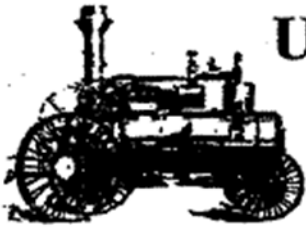
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- Andy would like more for the feature tractor hauling budget for next year. Currently it is \$2,500.
 - Valerie made the motion to increase the feature hauling budget to \$3,750 for next year only. Willie seconded; motion carried.
- Andy would like to see the loading dock moved to a different location as it is tough to unload semis there. This will get passed onto the 10-year planning committee.
- Andy would like to see a category added to our best restored prizes. He would like to see a “Best original barn finds,” or “All original,” and this would be for both tractors and implements.
 - Mark said he has a similar situation in the gas engines where it was restored to look like its’ work clothes.
 - Dan C. made the motion to add a category as “All original/work clothes” for both tractors and implements. Troy seconded; motion carried.
- Randy asked to turn in any bills so he can get caught up.
- The Werth/Timm family is looking for the club to develop a plan to address concerns and treat each other fairly.
 - Andy said it is hard to bring in new people because our areas have their own cliques.
 - Gary said that one week from tonight we have our next event. Let’s start doing this right away.
- New Members: Joe Epstien, Iassac Danke, Kyle, Bently Phillips, Charlie Fritsch, Hailey Schmude.
- Next Meeting is September 1st @ 8 PM in the Saloon.
- Hoss G. made the motion to Adjourn, Noah A. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 9:19 PM

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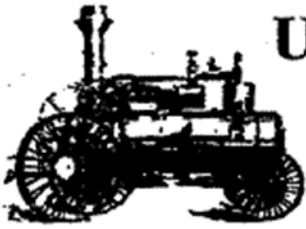
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September 1st, 2022, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:06 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Hoss G., Merlin B. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Merlin B., Justin R. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Gary thanked the members that did come and help at the car show, the club does appreciate it.
 - Darrell Werner passed away, sending a card around to sign for the family.
- **Old Business**
 - State Pull – This is our last year in the contract, Willie asked if we want to go into another contract or not. There hasn't been much help the last few years. We only do the food and beverage; it doesn't take much help.
 - There are six calendars left for sale.
 - Car Show comments – write something down from the show. The board goes over these to see what needs to improve.
- **New Business**
 - CWATPA donation – Dan C. made the motion to donate \$100 to the CWATPA, Mike L. seconded, motion carried.
 - Next meeting is our annual meeting and election of offices. Up for election is Vice President, Treasurer, 1st and 3rd Board Member.
 - Randy E. – said that our Dixie Chopper is needing to be fixed more often than not and has seen better days. Randy got prices on some different options from two of our major sponsors.
 - Spiegelberg – Bobcat zero-turn = \$13,740
 - R & S – Zero-turn = starting at \$14,000
 - R & S – Compact tractor with 72in deck = \$32,750 w/ 6yr warranty and 5yr 0% interest financing.
 - We can use the compact tractor for the tractor pull, flail mower, get a box scraper and level driveways. Can use for multiple uses.
 - We would keep our current mowers for trimming and small areas.
 - Hoss G. made the motion to pursue the tractor purchase versus the zero-turn as we will get more for our money. Zane B. seconded; motion carried.
 - Randy will check into the 5yr 0% interest financing.
 - Jerrod said that appreciation party will be September 24th.
 - Gary checked on the vaneer mill before he left and it was up to \$675.
 - Dan C. said they will sort cans the last week of September either the 27th or 28th. Their crew is getting smaller and could use help. Start around 9 AM.



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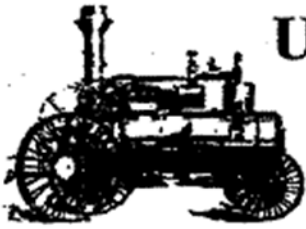
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- Randy talked about the new IRS rules. Every flea marketer and food vendor will need to fill out a form and we have to submit after the show. This also applies to volunteers. Volunteers are volunteers and cannot receive any sort of compensation. If they do, they will also need to fill out a form and that is where it gets sticky.
 - Zane B. asked if we should hire an accountant at this point. We have Kerber and Rose in Clintonville hired as our designated accountant.
- No new members.
- Next Meeting is our annual meeting October 6th @ 8 PM in the Saloon.
- Mike L. made the motion to Adjourn, Hoss G. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:43 PM

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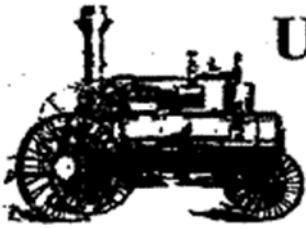
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October 6th, 2022, Annual Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:05 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Dave D., Hoss G. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Jeff S., Avery E. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Manawa Area Food Pantry thanked us for our donation of leftover food supplies from the shows.
 - Thank you from the Darrell Werner family.
- **Old Business**
 - Vaneer mill went for over \$19,000 – We did not get it.
 - State tractor pull recap – Just shy of 400 hooks
 - This was our last year in the two-year contract with the Central Wisconsin Antique Tractor Pulls Association, do we want to continue hosting the State Pull, or no? This was our fourth year hosting the pull.
 - Jake E. made a statement that there were only seven members and two volunteers that worked the day of the pull. Jake listed off the members and volunteers and thanked them for helping.
 - Randy E. made the motion to take two years off from hosting the state pull, Hoss G. seconded the motion, motion carried.
 - The tractor we purchased showed up and we used it for 13 hours the day of the pull.
- **New Business**
 - There are four calendars left for sale, \$10 each.
 - We are in search of a Camping Director
 - Heather asked if we could ask Margaret to reconsider as she was a great asset.
 - Our 2023 feature is Rumley.
 - Aaron Schmidt is a Rumley collector and has a show of his own coming up, so if you're not busy, go check out Fall Harvest Days in Cleveland, WI, aka Rumley Acres.
 - Jerrod W. said that they are pouring concrete tomorrow at 3 PM for the Steam engine. Any help is appreciated.
- No new members.
- Elections were called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:19 PM
 - Vice President
 - Willie R. nominated Mark Craig and Mark accepts.
 - Buddy F. made motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Hoss G. seconded, motion carried.
 - Treasurer
 - Tammy M. nominated Randy Elsner and Randy accepts.



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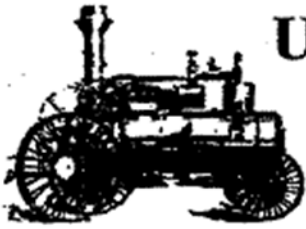


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- Buddy F. made motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Mark P. seconded, motion carried.
- Board Member #1
 - Tammy M. nominated Mark Phillips and Mark accepts.
 - Randy made motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Hoss G. seconded, motion carried.
- Board Member #3
 - Mike Lesniak nominated himself and accepts.
 - Mark P. nominated Nathan Balthazor and Nathan declined.
 - Joe G. nominated Troy Schuelke and Troy accepts.
 - Nathan B. nominated Jeff Schley and Jeff declined.
 - Troy S. made the motion to close nominations, Hoss G. seconded, motion carried.
 - First ballot vote came to a tie.
 - Second ballot vote without the current sitting board voting, awarded Mike Lesniak the position of Third Board Member.
- Gary thanked Dan Casey and Nathan Balthazor for their dedication to the club and years of service on the Board of Directors. Gary also thanked Randy for his continued dedication to the club as this marked his 25th year as Treasurer.
- Jeff S. invited the club to the celebration of life for his father this coming Sunday, 10/10.
- Mike L. made the motion to Adjourn, Jeff S. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:47 PM

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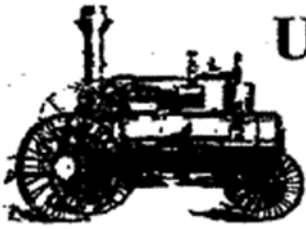
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November 3rd, 2022, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:04 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Hoss G., John R. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Brian Z., Merlin B. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - CWATPA sent a thank you for the use of the grounds.
 - Thank you card from Brady Mashlan, scholarship recipient.
- **Old Business**
 - There is one calendar left for sale.
- **New Business**
 - Non-Profit groups – Reviewing now for 2023, do we raise or keep the current hourly rate?
 - Valerie S. asked if any groups dropped out? None that we are aware of.
 - Group census was to keep at \$7 per hour for now.
 - We are looking for more groups if anyone knows of any looking to raise funds.
 - We are looking for help in the food stands.
 - Robin S. said the Dale-Medina-Readfield Lions Club might be interested in helping for breakfast during the Car Show.
 - Leftover soda - \$10 per milk crate, Mikes and Hard Selzer is \$25, and Beer is \$15.
 - We are still looking for a camping director. If you know of someone, let us know.
 - Saloon – During the Car Show the floor took a beating.
 - Looking for someone to help refinish the floor and any members that want to help.
 - Christmas Party will be December 3rd, 2022, at Cedar Springs. Drinks start at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM.
 - Kelly N. talked with FVTC about tractor safety.
 - \$175 per student
 - Should we offer a scholarship program?
 - First class is in May 2023
 - Valerie asked about the clean-up day. Tentative new date is November 12th at 9 AM.
- New Member: Kevin Schmude
- Our 2023 Feature is Rumely
- Dave made the motion to Adjourn, Hoss G. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:23 PM



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