

Union Thresherman, Incorporated

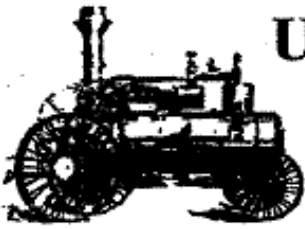
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August 4th, 2022 General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM in the Saloon

- 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.
 - 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.



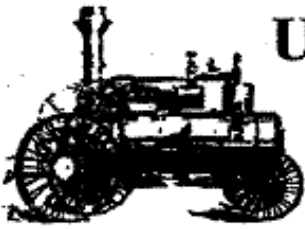
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- Sunday night between 11 PM and 6 AM, someone took Curt S. tractor and water wagon and crashed into Mike T. tractors and caused a good amount of damage.
 - Should we make a Facebook post looking for information and offer an award?
 - Dan C. said we 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.
 - 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.



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- 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

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

