

March 1, 2014

61st Annual Meeting of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association

20 People in Attendance

Lonnie Coon, President, unable to attend; Ken Beougher, Vice-President, unable to attend; Rod Klepper, Treasurer, called meeting to order at 10:03 am

Darci Schields, Secretary, read the Minutes of the 60th Annual Meeting. LJ O'Neal moved to accept, Gerald Wright, seconded. Motion passed.

Darci Schields, read the Minutes from the Post-Assessment Meeting from August 23rd. Gerald Wright moved to accept, Mike Boyson seconded. Motion passed.

Next year's 62nd Annual Meeting is set for March 7, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Senior Center. Gerald Wright moved to accept, Mike Boyson seconded. Motion passed.

Rod Klepper read the Finance Report; The ending balance in the checking account as of December 31, 2013 was \$23,125.27. LJ O'Neal moved to accept, Gerald Wright seconded. Motion passed.

Rod reported the funds in the Thresher Endowment Fund currently has a balance of \$13,027.73. Included in that total, Bird City Century II Development Foundation held a Match Day in December which allowed contributions to a list of local non-profits to be matched. The Thresher Endowment Fund was a non-profit Fund which was included in Match Day; \$1,275 was donated by community members; and \$1,275 was then matched by Bird City Century II.

Rod also reported on the status of the Wright Building. He showed a breakdown of costs which will total approximately \$180,000. Bird City Century II gave a grant to the Association for \$50,000 in 2013 to assist with the construction. Bird City Century II also gave a \$50,000 matching grant, meaning all contributions up to \$50,000 will be matched to assist with the new building.

2014 Gate Prices will remain the same: Children (ages 6-14) \$3; Adults \$7; Memberships \$20. There was additional discussion of implementing a Kid's Membership for \$5, which would get the child in for the full weekend. With the kid's membership, the child would get a button. LJ O'Neal moved to accept the gate prices and implement a kid's membership this year, Edna Roesener seconded. Motion passed.

Roger and Rod Neitzel, along with Kerby Krien, was in attendance to propose this year's 4th of July Celebration to be held in Bird City. The celebration was held in St. Francis the prior 3 years. Rod N. gave a tentative schedule of the day's events. He requested the use of the Thresher grounds to hold the fireworks display. Rod K spoke with Donna Wright regarding the Association's insurance, and that will not be a problem. Darci Schields moved to accept; Marsha Hickert seconded. Motion passed.

Rod K presented a list of buildings on the Thresher grounds and events to be discussed. The following were brought up for discussion:

Dining Hall - we need to finish coreless panel. Brendon Haack will take on this project. Rod K will make sure tables get painted prior to Show.

Anderson Building - once Wright Building is constructed, use the Anderson Building for combines.

Blacksmith Shop - It was agreed to have Merwin and Virginia Grafton featured in the Thresher Show supplement this year.

Wright Building - Once the NEW Wright Building is constructed, possibly rename this building.

Eggers Building - Possibly make a section to display "Bird City Alumni" memorabilia.

Quilt Building - Marsha Hickert has agreed to take over since Dee Dorsch had stepped down. We need to drywall prior to 2014 Show. Marsha plans to add "Fiber Arts" to display, and she will be featuring Dee Dorsch's quilts this year.

Dorsch - Sawyer Building - Need better lighting.

Brubaker Building - Rod K suggested honoring Larry Fikan and renaming this building as "Brubaker-Fikan Building".

Wilkens Building - Rod reported that Art will have the additional room finished by the Show.

Rest Rooms - Rod K will have all new valves replaced and possibly repaint the floors in all restrooms.

Drinking Fountains by Flagpole - we need to bring in rock to help with the flooding of water.

School House - Rod K will see if Anita Burton will help Rosemary in the School House this year. Another possibility is to ask the Elementary teachers to assist - each coming up with a project/subject throughout the three days.

Sod House - Willy Martinez and his brothers will plan to fix holes prior to Show.

Grand Stands - need to be repainted.

Public Address System - Brendon has parts, he will work on getting this fixed prior to Show.

Workers Gate - Need someone to oversee both North and South gates and scheduling of workers. Rod K will find someone for this.

Kiddie Pull - LJ O'Neal will see who runs the one out of Colby and get more information to Rod K.

Inflatables - Darci will look into inflatables again this year.

Horse Shoe Tournament – Willy Martinez will oversee the Horse Shoe Tournament, which will be Saturday.

Implement No Parking from the Anderson Building to the north end of Eggers Building.

Camper Parking - Mary Smith will start overseeing this.

Additional advertising opportunities that Darci will look into include: Nextech Classifieds & Mile High Shopper; LJ O'Neal will look into High Plains Journal.

Newsletter - Articles are due to Darci by April 3rd.

Show Program - we need to work on editing the times and days that events are advertised. Rod K said a couple traveled from another state to last year's Show (Thursday only) to see a demonstration we had advertised ; however, we did not have time and/or man-power to present it that day. We need to make sure what's advertised gets accomplished so that doesn't happen.

Tuesday prior to Show we need community volunteers to assist with grounds clean-up, maintenance, mowing & weed-eating. It will be followed by a cookout.

Sunday afternoon following the Show we need more volunteers to assist with clean-up and putting equipment away.

We will be adding caps to our inventory this year along with the t-shirts. We will work with Charlene Kramer on getting a neutral color to sell, and a dozen orange caps for workers.

Center Church Bells are being donated; they will be displayed out by the cross on the Show grounds.

Discussion was brought up on implementing a Petting Zoo; including baby calves, lambs, miniature goats, miniature pony & donkey. A pen could be put up East of Building 5. Rod will see if the Keltz girls would be interested in overseeing it.

Tractor Rodeo - various activities with tractors including an obstacle course; be owner/operator involvement. Put article in newsletter, see if there's interest.

Tractor Convoy - Rod K has three people currently interested. Plans are to drive tractors from Wheeler to Bird City. Rod will try to get a total of 20 to make it happen.

A vendor asked about selling Hawaiian Ice, it was agreed that since there are already snowcones offered, we would not allow the Hawaiian Ice at this time.

Cheylin Alumni Reunion will be held Thresher Show weekend, starting Saturday evening with a street dance downtown Bird City. It is advertised for Alumni, but will be open to the public.

Machine Shop - Additional space is needed. Rex Weishapl, Brendon H, Gerald W, Norman Dorsch and Ken B were appointed to the committee to determine what needs to be done.

The Berry's probably won't be in attendance this year to set up their camp.

FSA - No USDA payments this year.

Show Labeling - Rod K and Darci are working on inventory information sheets for each tractor and steam engine on Show grounds. Then each will be personalized with the help of Ken B, Norman D and Gerald W as far as who owns the specific tractor or steam engine, who & when it was donated to the Association (if applicable), etc.

The Calliope will be featured on the 2015 Button.

Storage Fee - Discussion was held on whether to charge fees on tractors and steam engines that are stored on Thresher grounds over a period of time. Discussion was tabled to gather more information.

Outdoor Theater System - Darci reported that a group was working on the purchase of an outdoor theater system to show movies for community events. The Thresher grounds was one of the locations thought of to show movies on the side of one of the buildings. It was approved to show them on the Thresher grounds.

Trees - Rod K will be looking into getting trees planted out on the Thresher grounds this Spring.

Dave Hickert moved to elect by unanimous ballot, the following committee:

President - Brendon Haack

Vice-President - Ken Beougher

Secretary - Darci Schields

Treasurer - Rod Klepper

Director - Lonnie Coon

Director Re-elect - Norman Dorsch

Phyllis seconded. Motion passed.

Dave Hickert moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 pm; Phyllis seconded. Motion passed.