

March 2, 2013

60th Annual Meeting of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association

31 People in Attendance

Lonnie Coon, President, called meeting to order at 10:05 am

Darci Schields, Secretary, read the Minutes of the January 27th Meeting; Hal Sager moved to accept, Gerald Wright seconded. Motion passed.

Darci Schields, Secretary, read the Minutes of the 59th Annual Meeting; Ken Beougher moved to accept, Hal Sager seconded. Motion passed.

Next year's Annual Meeting is set for March 1, 2014 at 10:00 am on the Thresher Grounds weather permitting, otherwise to be held at the Senior Center. Hal Sager moved to accept, Don Wright seconded. Motion passed.

Rod Klepper presented the Finance Report:

2012 Paid out Expenses were \$38,805.61, minus the Grant from BCCII (\$18,500) for Building #5 improvements, Total Expenses = \$20,305.61
Current Checking Balance = \$32,134.35

Gate Prices – Hal Sager motioned to keep the prices as they are; Ken Beougher seconded. Motion passed.

Cathy Domsch, Executive Director of Bird City Century II Development Foundation, presented an opportunity to establish an endowment fund for the Thresher Association. An endowment fund would provide a vehicle to accept charitable gifts for the future of the Thresher Show, where the income from the endowment fund would be spent for maintenance and projects for the Thresher Association, ensuring the donors' gift would be used forever.

Bird City Century II Development Foundation has agreed to provide \$1,000 matching funds to a \$1,000 Midwest Energy Grant that has been applied for to initially establish the endowment fund. Donors can continue to contribute directly to the Thresher Association for current projects and expenses, or now will have the opportunity to contribute to the endowment fund for the future sustainability of the Thresher Association.

Hal Sager asked if people would still be able to give money directly to the Thresher Show without going through the Foundation. Cathy said they definitely could, this just gives people another avenue for funding, like a savings account for the future of the Thresher Show.

Gerald Wright asked what would happen to the funds if the Thresher Show or Association were no longer to exist. Cathy explained that those funds would then be able to assist other organizations or projects in the community that had similar interests to what the Thresher Show provided (example: history, arts)

Dennis Wright motioned to accept the grant to start a Thresher Show Endowment; Gerald Wright seconded. Motion passed.

Rod Klepper presented a list of projects that had been completed in 2012 out on the Thresher grounds (list is attached)

Rod went back through the list that had been created at the January 27th meeting, which were ideas from those who attended on what they would like to see changed or added to the Thresher Show, and progress on the idea, if applicable:

1. Change the way we introduce the Thresher Queen – it is hard to hear the introduction. *Hal Sager reported on this, which ties to suggestion #4*
2. More involvement from High School age kids and groups – *Rod spoke with Max Keltz about getting kids from his Ag classes or FFA more involved – he will follow up with him on that.*
3. Activities at the School House – *No new report*
4. Use FM Transmitter (this will help with the speaker system – allowing people to hear the activity in the various buildings) – *Hal Sager reported as Brendon Haack was unable to attend mtg, but cost was looking at @ \$600 for this. Rod said to proceed with looking into this as it needs done.*
5. Give kids the experience of driving a tractor during the Show – *proceed with this*
6. Put pictures and articles of all queens and dolls into a book for the 60th Anniversary – *Unsure if this can be done in time, but will look into it further.*
7. Ask Denver Brass Band to hold a concert in the park on Saturday evening – *possibility, discussed later in meeting.*
8. GPS Unit “Drive a straight line” contest – *Options were discussed on how to make this work – Gerald will work on this as an event.*
9. Talking tour about the history and equipment – *Use people mover and have someone trained who could give a presentation about the history and various pieces of antique equipment.*
10. Tearing a motor apart, possibly put an engine on a stand in the shop – *Rex will organize this.*
11. Demonstrate bailer machine – *See if Brendon Haack will organize this.*
12. 1953 Section – Specializing the 60 year old vehicles and equipment from the 53’s – *Advertise and see if we can get a good selection of 53’s to display for the Show.*
13. Have music play in church all day long – *This can be done.*
14. Magnetic board to add to tractors giving the information about that tractor – *We need to work on something to display the information, still needing to research options.*
15. Setup inflatable for kids – *Darci will organize this – check restrictions on insurance coverage.*
16. Contact Dannon Company and make a presence on behalf of the Bird City Dairy, give a presentation – *Rod talked to Mike McCarty, this might be an option. He will follow up with him.*
17. Contact car clubs – *Discussion of inviting car clubs and to charge them or not – undecided.*
18. Display line of International Tractors – *Unlikely to get this done for the Show, originally had thought about Tunney Loker’s, but since his passing this is probably not an option at this time.*
19. Mark Berry presentation – *Rod spoke with him, he is interested in setting up presentation booth all 3 days; Rod suggests giving him a free membership for doing so.*
20. Entertainment throughout the day (Dawn Petty and Phil Crawford) – *We can ask if they would be interested in playing, possibly setup during dining hours and play on the stage.*
21. Albert Hardin, Presentation on Western Kansas – *Stan will see if he’d be interested.*
22. Dan Busse, Presentation on Northwest Kansas, Cheyenne County History – *Dan would be interested on doing something, we need to follow up with him.*
23. 60th Anniversary Special Edition 1953 Tractor (Restore and Auction) – *Rex has looked, but hasn’t found anything yet, probably getting to be too late to get this done in time.*

Dennis suggested using the shingling machine and burning the Thresher Show logo into the shingles.

Gerald Wright and Rex Weishapl told the group that Randy McDonald would like to donate approximately \$50,000 in tools and equipment to the Thresher Show, however, they would need a building to house all of it, and large enough for them to bring a steam engine inside to be able to pull the engine and work on it. They would like to see a 40' x 80' building; 16'-18' side walls. This would allow them to work on their own rather than sending off to Burlington, CO as they do currently.

Rod said that Randy McDonald had recently donated his Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller to the Thresher Association in December 2012.

Mike Boyson is working on the new signage for the Thresher grounds that sits along Hwy 36 with the tractor. The background is painted, he is working on the letters. The tractor will need to be repainted.

The website needs to be updated. Rod and Darci will talk with Al Kirmer about giving it a new look.

Hal Sager said his son, Michael, wants to help advertise the Thresher Show, he plans to use various pictures of tractors and steam engines at the Show with the information about them, put them on twitter each week leading up to the Show.

Willy Martinez has been in touch with a Horseshoe Club in Benkelman, Nebraska and is getting information from them on specifics of having a Horseshoe Tournament at this year's Show.

Rod reported that we had an audit done through Laurie Leonard; books are in great shape; finding different exemptions, such as fuel, for the Thresher Show.

School House report – They always have historical presentation and craft; last year they did windmills.

Sod House still needs repaired, still looking for someone who knows how to repair it. Phyllis Wright said marine varnish would take the smell out.

Eggers Building – Looking at the possibility of putting up some petitions and upgrading the building.

Quilt Shop – Dee Dorsch said this year they are going to display quilts from the 1930's; last year they did baby quilts and had a successful turnout.

Print Shop – Rod said they would like to see a new quilt building down the road which would allow them to expand the Print Shop. They would like to start doing local print screening on the Thresher Show shirts and other items when room permits.

Blacksmith Shop – The gentleman from Wilsonville will be coming, however, he is not in good health. The gentleman from St. Francis will be here also.

Ken reported that church service would be held at the country church on Sunday, July 28 from 9:00-9:30. He repainted and put new wooden letters on sign above church door.

It was suggested to have recorded music play continuously at the church during the 3 day event.

We need to find a place to put the electric organ in the church. Darci suggested having a few people that may be interested in playing the organ a few times throughout the Show as live music entertainment.

Darci will check with a few of the churches organists to see if there is interest.

Gerald reported on the steam engines; this is the year to ultrasound all motors. He is looking for volunteers and youth to help out.

Brendon Haack and Rex Weishapl will be attending the KAESSA meeting in Salina; Mike Levin (caretaker of the Avery) will also be attending. Gerald will not be able to this year.

Gerald read a letter from Mike Levin requesting to purchase an old truck from the Thresher Association with the intent to restore it and bring it back to the Thresher Show once it is complete. The truck had been sitting on the grounds so long it had a tree growing from the back of it. Mr. Levin was unsure of how long it would take to complete it. Rod Klepper motioned to accept \$300 for the purchase of it. Rex Weishapl seconded. Motion passed.

Hal asked the status of the coreless control panel. Gerald is getting prices on it, and Lonnie Coon said he would contact Bob again as he hasn't heard back.

Auto Club – Rod is looking into the possibility of hosting an auto parade rather than an auto show.

Swap Area – It was agreed to try it this year, hold it on Thursday only. Those who wish to participate would either pay gate price or buy a membership. Hal Sager motioned to give it a try this year; Dennis Wright seconded. Motion passed.

Newsletter articles are due to Darci by April 2nd.

Rod brought up the discussion of moving the Tractor Pull to Friday night as last year the Saturday attendance was not good. Many people seem to pack up and head out after Saturday afternoon events. Dennis Wright motioned to try it on Friday night this year; L.J. O'Neal seconded. Motion passed.

Due to the Tractor Pull being moved to Friday, the Community Club would need to move their event either to Saturday or Thursday. Discussion was to contact the Denver Concert Band (@ 30 piece band); they do not charge, but they ask for a donation. The Denver Concert Band played for a different event last year in Cheyenne County, and they gave \$1,000 donation for playing. Both the park and Legion Hall were locations discussed for where they would play; however, the Legion would only be available on Thursday or Friday, as it was rented for a different event on Saturday. The park would be available, however, they felt there would not be a good backup in case of inclement weather if scheduled for Saturday. It was decided to move the Community Club entertainment to Thursday and have it at the Legion Hall, and Phyllis Wright would look into entertainment options.

Show Program will be determined after the newsletter articles were submitted and additional events had been decided upon.

Parking will be completely shut off on the East side of the Dining Hall. Horseshoe may be setup in that section.

FSA Report – Ken said he is unsure if we'll be getting anything, we won't know until October. It has been @ \$200 in the past.

Don Wright moved to elect by unanimous ballot, keeping the nomination committee the same:

President – Lonnie Coon

Vice-President – Ken Beougher

Secretary – Darci Schields

Treasurer – Rod Klepper

Directors – Steve Busse & Brendon Haack (up for re-election)

Phyllis Wright seconded. Motion passed.

Rex Weishapl moved to use the Steam Roller that was just donated to the Association, as the picture for the 2014 button. Dennis Wright seconded. Motion passed.

Darci will get some photos of it at the Thresher Show so the committee will have some to choose from.

Hal Sager moved to adjourn the meeting, Don Wright seconded. Motion passed.