

Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association

69th Annual Meeting

March 5th, 2022

- Called to Order by President Dennis Wright at 9:03 AM. Prayer led by Secretary Will Clark.
- Proof of Public Notice was presented by Vice-President Ken Beougher: Published 2 weeks prior in the St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times. Announcements were shown on *The Bank* sign in downtown Bird City, aired on KLOE Radio, and posted on The Official Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association's Facebook page.
- Quorum was declared - at least 3% of Membership present
- Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were read. Corrections to the Brent Family Building seed money, and spelling errors noted. Moved and seconded as corrected – Approved.
- Minutes of the November 13th, 2021 Quarterly Meeting were read. Moved and seconded as presented - Approved
- Election of 2022 Association Officers:
 - President: Rodney Klepper nominated. Moved and seconded to elect Rodney Klepper as association president. Elected.
 - Vice-President: Willie Martinez nominated. Moved and seconded to elect Willie Martinez as association vice-president. Elected.
 - Secretary: Will Clark nominated. Moved and seconded to elect Will Clark as association secretary. Elected.
 - Treasurer: Kris Oldsen nominated. Moved and seconded to elect Kris Oldsen as association treasurer. Elected.
 - Directors: Nominated to Serve to 2025: Howard Raymond and Lonnie Coon. Currently serving: To 2023: Rex Weishapl and Norm Hays; To 2024 Gerald Wright. It was moved and seconded to elect Howard Raymond and Lonnie Coon as directors to 2025. Elected.
- President's Report: Retiring President Dennis Wright shared about the long-term planning tasks to be undertaken by the Board of Directors. Mention of the Threshing Princess selection process was made.
- Secretary's Report: Bylaws Amendments and Donation Policy
- Treasurer's Report was presented by retiring treasurer Royce Chambers as follows:
 - Main Checking Account: \$46,468.39
 - Wright Building: \$7,962.05
 - Administration Building: \$33,179.26
 - Endowment Fund: \$122,030.42

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- Explanation given on the Roland Hoffman Estate Distribution: Total so far: \$75,346.60 Directors designated \$60,000 towards the Endowment Fund, balance to help fund 2022 Show for Military Re-enactment. More funds coming once investments are settled.
 - Explanation given on 2021 Match Day: Advance was given by Bird City Century II Foundation of \$30,000 for the Administration Building. We received \$21,615 in donations of match day. Balance of \$8,385 is needed to complete match, and is scheduled to be collected on Match Day 2022.
 - Moved and 2nd to accept treasurer's report - Approved
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- Preparation for 2022 Show: **MILITARY FEATURE:** Scott Chartier shared his planning and preparation efforts. He has reached out to numerous groups, museums, and military collections/collectors through phone calls and Zoom meetings to share about the re-enactment opportunities available at our show.
 - Western Auction and Real Estate has volunteered the use of their speaker system vehicle to announce during the battle(s)
 - Mandatory post meetings will be held on Friday evening and Saturday morning to organize and instruct re-enactment participants.
 - Tarps and Camouflage needed – contact Scott if you have any.
 - Additional items of interest to the show/re-enactment – Contact Scott.
 - Advertising Committee: to be appointed and finalize flyers.
 - Administration Building: Howard Raymond provided update. Working on interior framing, ready to start on drywall. Use of recycled materials to help cut costs. We have spent \$85,175.44, with current invoices outstanding of \$5,072.64, and currently proposed future costs of \$13,680.31. Total cost of Administration Building estimated to be \$103,928.39.
 - Brubaker Building: Table until funding becomes available. Is needed and could be readily utilized.
 - Building #5: Barber Shop. Willie Martinez provided update on barbering collection in Atwood/Herndon area. Like to build barbershop front in Building #5, contingent on donation/purchase of collection. Negotiations with current owner are on-going.
 - Dining Hall: Corliss Engine. Continued work on getting engine to operate efficiently and effectively. Long-term vision to connect to line-shaft to operate something.
 - Greenhouse: Continuing project. Waiting on garage door crew to install.

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- New Building Project: 10,000 - 12,000 sq. ft. building. Relocation of Quilt Room, Display of fossil donations, Historical society component, auditorium... Much still being discussed and yet to be determined. Location not finalized – discussion on highway frontage would be ideal, but how to avoid interference with steam engines and Holt Combine.
- Observatory: Meeting held on Tuesday, March 1st, with 8 interested people in attendance. Another meeting on March 8th at 6:00 PM to begin assembly of original telescope base to use as a pattern for constructing new base.
- Sod House: Currently Stable.
- Bacon Steam Engine Building/Steam Boiler Display: KASSA Meeting in Albany, KS – March 12th; Steam School in Wichita April 23rd-24th. Association is paying for up to 3 registrations for the Steam School. Contact Gerald or Rex for more information about either event.
- Blacksmith Shop: Gerald working on the line shaft on south side.
- Building #2: Insulation? Match Day project.
- Caboose: Wooden steps? Look at fixing/replacing as necessary.
- School House: Mice Issues need to be addressed.
- Electrical: Century II may be open to proposal to bring 3-Phase electricity into the Show Grounds as part of the New Building Project.
- Bylaws Amendments:
 - Fiscal Year
 - Fixed Date of Annual Meeting
 - Order of Business: Receiving Communication? Building Reports?

After discussion, it was the consensus of the membership to ask a committee made of Royce Chambers, Kris Oldsen, Michael Sager, and Will Clark to present bylaws amendments to Board of Directors for final approval. Moved and seconded.

- Mission Statement: It was moved and seconded that the following be made our mission statement: *The mission of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association is to receive, collect, display, and demonstrate items from the past showcasing life on the High Plains of Western Kansas.* Action: Passed.

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- Donation form was amended to replace current verbiage “The noted items will be stored at the Thresher Grounds located at US Highway 36 & Road 29” with the following: “All donations are considered outright and unconditional gifts to be used at the association’s discretion.” It was also suggested that carbon sheets be used for donation or loan forms. Discussion was held on items *assumed* to be donated to the association, but lacked a paper trail/record.
- Thresher Princess: Consensus to allow committee to select the Thresher Princess from someone interested and involved with the show.
- Rodney Neitzel provided an update on the 4th of July Celebration planning – a Mother’s Day luncheon is planned for May 8th, 2022 from 11:30 to 1:00, followed by a soap box derby in Bird City that afternoon.
- Adjournment: Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 PM
- Officers Present: Dennis Wright – Retiring President; Rodney Klepper – Incoming President; Willie Martinez – Incoming Vice-President; Will Clark – Secretary; Royce Chambers – Retiring Treasurer; Kris Oldsen – Incoming Treasurer; Directors: Norm Hays, Rex Weisaphl, Gerald Wright, Howard Raymond, Lonnie Coon.
- Members Present:
Phyllis Wright, Ralph Brent, Dawn Brent, Dave Hickert, Marcia Hickert, Stan Wamhoff, Connie Chambers, Rodney Neitzel, Conner McPherson, L.J. O’Neal, Mary Smith, Michael Boyson, Donna Wright, Donald Wright, Wayne Erickson, Larry Shults, Bing Stinnette, Michael Sager, Judy Sager, Dave Flemming, Marsha Magley, Helene Landenberger,

Will Clark, Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association Secretary.