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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Things are starting to come together for our National Auction and we will be in need of some help at the sale, please step forward if no one has asked you yet. It takes the memberships involvement to make these things work out.

There are a few of us going to the Winter Convention in O'fallon ILL. on March 16,17,18 2016.

I came thru my knee surgery ok. But my other knee is acting up along with my back and hips. I am having these things checked out.

We are having the lettering put on the trailer over at Carver Minn. As they where the most competitive in pricing. There is some new merchandise to be put on sale at the meeting in March in Arlington, help the club out by purchasing some of the merchandise.

I have kept busy in the shop working on a couple of tractors for members. A 200 and a Loboy Cub. Don't forget about the Huber IH Collection in Wi. When you leave to RPRU in WI. this summer.

Our meal will be \$12.00 at the March Meeting.

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My 2 Cents Worth

Is every one still having fun? I am, with snow blowing, sweeping and tomorrow I will be taking a large blower out to blow the sidewalks in Albert Lea free of sand and debris. We do not do every sidewalk, just the Blue Zone areas and around City Hall.

Will the person that talked to me at the Christmas get together, about the Farmall 986, please visit with me again. If you are not coming to the meeting, please call me, at 1-507-383-3616.

It is definitely getting closer to spring. Saw my first robin, hopping around in a ditch. Also, I got my notice about the Le Sueur Swap meet. I see it is a weekend early this year, but then Sunday would be May 1.

My daughter and I will be in the feature building again, up on the hill. Remember, she sells the pickles, jams, jellies, and salsas. Hy-Vee has asked her to be in 2 stores in Rochester. Hy-Vee is a very large grocery store in the upper Midwest. As a Mom and Dad, we are really proud of her. I will have some of my toys, fenders for the F series tractors and whatever else I can round up.

Anyone wanting the fenders and will not be at the swap meet, please call me and I can bring them to Arlington. Please call, 1-507-383-

3616. I will get off of my platform now and quit advertising.

Physically, I am feeling very good. Was sick a couple of days, but nothing serious. I will be going in for my monthly blood test this week to check on the Warfarin. I have been within the limits for 6 months now.

Well, happy collecting and see you at Arlington.

A fellow Chapter 15 member,

Bruce Jensen

WELCOME WELCOME

At our December meeting in Arlington, we held an election of new officers. Two previous members. Paul Adelman and Mike Walter not to seek re-election. We thank them for their years of service on the board.

Neal Hoffman and his wife Carol live in rural Nicollet County. He has four grown children and 3 grandchildren. He has farmed all his life with I.H.. Neal remembers when his dad, Lee bought two new Farmalls in 1953. A Super M and a SuperW6. Neal has since rented out his farm-land but still helps with much of the farm's seasonal work. Neal has a total of 7 parade ready tractors, with his most favorite tractor being a 350 Farmall.

Our 2nd director is Bill Radil from Montgomery, Mn. He has been a member of Chapter 15 for 21 years~ and also a member of the LeSueur County Pioneer Power Threshing Association and has been a member for 26 years. Bill is employed by the Cannon Falls School district as a diesel-mechanic and also restores tractors in his free time. Bill has 9 tractors in his collection. He does have some tractors that he is always working on. His favorite tractor is his F30. This is Bill's second election to the board, as he was a director 1996 thru 2005.

Both of the new directors, along with all the members of Chapter are looking for a great summer of tractors and fun.

Minutes of Chapter 15 Board Meeting

Minutes of IH Chapter 15 Board Meeting
11/21/2015 New Ulm, MN

- Welcome and call to order Bob Koepp-President
- Meeting called to order at 10:40 a.m.
- Motion made and passed to accept agenda
- Bob Koepp, Dave Kanten, and Mike Walter only board members present.
- Secretaries Report Mike Walter-Secretary
- Motion made and passed to accept secretaries report.
- Treasurers ReportDave Kanten-Treasurer
- Motion made and passed to accept treasurers report.
- Discussion on insurance for new trailer and contents tabled until Dec. meeting, not enough board members present to vote on.
- motion made and passed to adjourn meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Mike Walter

Minutes of Chapter 15 General Meeting

Minutes of IH Chapter 15 General Meeting
12/12/2015 Arlington, MN

- Welcome and call to order Bob Koepp-President
- Motion made and passed to accept agenda.
- All Officers and Directors present.
- Secretaries ReportMike Walter-Secretary
- Motion made and passed to accept secretaries report.
- Treasurers ReportDave Kanten-Treasurer
- Motion made and passed to accept treasurers report.
- Membership Report
-Jerry Bambenek-Membership Secretary

- We currently have 350 members.
- Merchandise ReportBob Koepp-President
- We have new tractor mac books in along with some other new merchandise.

Old Business

- We will need a lot of volunteers for the various committees for the National Auction in October 2016
- Items for the National Auction can be Emailed to **eric.gabrielson@steffesgroup.com**
photos can be emailed to **crystal.bailey@steffesgroup.com** or item descriptions and photos can be mailed to Steffes 24400 Mn. Hwy.22 South, Litchfield, Mn. 55355.
- If you would like a nametag please contact Sandy Pearson at **763-682-6596** or Kathy Eckstrand at **507-228-8655**.

New Business

- The 3 director seats of Gail Suter, Paul Adelman, and Mike Walter were up for election, Paul and Mike choose not to run for re election. Bill Radil and Neal Hoffmann were nominated and Gail Suter choose to run for another term. There were no other nominations so Gail, Bill, and Neal are the new board members.
- There were 3 designs to vote on for trailer lettering, #2 was the winner and trailer should be lettered by the March meeting.
- Feature tractor for our Spring Valley show in 2016 is the Super Series, Cubs, an Equipment.
- We are looking for someone to host a plow day in 2016
- We are looking for someone's collection to view in 2016 also.
- The Board of Directors and Committee Chairman will meet in Litchfield at Steffes on Feb. 20,2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- We are looking for a school to donate to for tractor resto-

rations.

- If you know a IH dealer or others that have IH equipment, memorabilia, signs, parts books, parts, posters, toys, or anything IH see if they would be interested in bringing to the national auction in oct.
- Presidents Report - Bob Koepp says the last year was a super busy but great year!!!
- Motion Made and Passed to adjourn Meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Mike Walter

Minutes of Chapter 15 Board Meeting

Minutes of IH Chapter15 Board Meeting
12/12/2015 Arlington, MN

- Welcome and call to orderBob Koepp-President
- Meeting called to order at 11:05 a.m.
 - All officers and directors present.
 - Motion Made and passed to purchase a pricing gun for merchandise at a cost of \$40.00.
 - Motion Made and passed to purchase a new cart for moving merchandise around at a cost of \$240.00.
 - Motion made and passed to purchase 20 poinsettas for the Dec. meeting.
 - Motion made and passed to have the meal price for the Dec. meeting be \$10.00
 - Motion made and passed to increase the insurance coverage on the new trailer and contents.
 - Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting at 11:09 a.m. and resume meeting after general meeting.
 - Meeting called to order again at 2:15 p.m. all Officers and Directors present.
 - Welcome new Directors Bill Radil, Neal Hoffmann, and Gail Suter.

- Election of officers Bob Koepp- President, Kathy Eckstrand - Vice President, Bill Radil- Secretary, Dave Kanten - treasurer.
- Next board meeting Feb. 20 2016 Steffes auction center in Litchfield at 10:00 a.m.
- Motion Made and passed to pay Bob Koepp \$200.00 For materials and work inside new trailer.
- Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mike Walter

A Chapter 15 Winner



Last September, Sandy Pearson and her husband Dave, were at the Pioneer Days Threshing Show in Albany, MN. Sandy purchases a ticket at a raffle drawing at the IH Mn Dak. Chapter #26 table.

The winner would receive a 1948 IH Cub completely restored and parade ready.

Sandy received a phone call from MN-Dak. President that she had won the tractor.

The tractor was delivered and joins the 15 other tractors in Sandy and Dave's collection.

They live in Buffalo, MN and store their tractors on a farm they own.

Congratulations Sandy and Happy Tractor Drawing!

From the Collector's Corner

By Conrad Fiskness

Winter is here, the events associated with Christmas and New Years are over and our thoughts are turning to spring, summer and antique power shows. Except for me that is. We go on a cruise to Hawaii in February and a business trip to New Orleans in early March. These need to be completed before I can do any serious thinking about old iron. Fortunately, we return from New Orleans the day before the March meeting in Arlington. But that means that I am writing this well ahead of the publication date of the next newsletter. So this article may be out-of-date by the time you read it.

I have taken care of some collecting business. I have reserved lodging in Wisconsin for the RPRU and in Rochester for the Root River Antique Power Ass'n show. That gives me three months to get all the stuff piled three feet or more high on my trailer removed if I am to have any hope of hauling items to either of the earlier summer shows.

Speaking of our move, I discovered that the new place had more lawn than I expected and that it would be nice to have a riding lawnmower. The previous lawn was too steep to safely use a riding mower and so did not have one. The best solution was to go to the nearest Cub Cadet dealer and buy the last unit available in the twin cities area. It is a 42 inch, 22 hp, two cylinder tractor with hydrostatic drive. Mowing lawn should be fun! Of course, I now learn

that that same tractor will have EFI beginning this spring! Day late and a dollar short?

I hope to see you all at the March Meeting!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jerry Bambenek

On February 1st I sent out dues notices to the members who had not paid for 2016 by that date. The National / State dues are a total of \$25.00 for 2016 and due as of March 1st. At the March 12th meeting I will hand out membership cards to paid members and members who pay at the meeting. If as part of your address there is a "3/16" (it does not imply a plow size) but that your dues are not paid for 2016 - 2017 as of February 23rd. A big **thank you** to all the members who are or will be prompt in paying their dues!

The club has 350 members as of February 23rd.

If you know someone who wants to join the Club, you can go to the Chapter 15 web site, **www.ihcc15.com** and print out the membership application. Or contact me and I can send the prospective member an application. Then complete the application and send it with \$25.00 to my attention.

Recent new members are:

Duane J. Stanley Hollandale, MN

Carol Newman Kimball, MN

Jerry Bambenek, Membership Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report as of 2/22/2016;

Checking;	\$ 3,472.76
Saving;	\$28,403.29
Cash;	\$ 300.00
Total;	\$32,176.05

David Kanten
IHCC #15
Treasurer
Web Master

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12, 2016

Spring Meeting Arlington Community Center
204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington Minn.

March 17-19, 2016

Winter Convention...O'fallon IL

April 2016

Pioneer Power Swap Meet...Le Sueur MN

June 16-18, 2016

Racing Fair grounds ...RPRU, Union Grove WI

July 15, 16, & 17, 2016

Our club Rally
Root River Power Assn. Meeting and Meal

Aug. 20 & 21, 2016

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Root River Power Assn. Meeting and Meal
National Auction Litchfield Minn.
Steffes Group Inc.

Well Wishes

Ewrin Atzenhoefer is going thru cancer treatment

If there is anyone ill or injured please let me know so we can post their name.

Thank you, Bob Koepp

Condolence

Harold Olson...New Ulm
Harlan Johnson...Forest City Harlan was a member before he came ill.

Please if you know of someone that has passed, please let me know so we can post their name.

Thank you, Bob Koepp

For Sale

Two Red Diamond parts engines, one stationary block #54610-HA 1941, second one block#54610-HA 1948 \$200.00 ea..... Ted 218-731-7917

#80 IH Combine nice shape
..... Paul Larson 218/583/2538

1956 Farmall W-400, new tires, new TA, new paint low hours Gilbert Dick, 320-221-1590

1953 Super H & 1935 F-20
..... Dwayne Anderson, 507-448-0021

ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have sold your item or want a new item put in the news letter please let me know. Any member having a sale item can place it in the news letter FREE by letting the President know.

NEXT MEETING:

March 12, 2016
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See you there!!!

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