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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello all you Chapter 15 Members. Well, winter is here as I am writing this news- letter. It is snowing and we have about 3" on the ground as 8:45 AM, with more to come the weather man says.

We had a very large turn out at our IH Rally in Butterfield. The grounds were RED with IH tractors and equipment. Thanks to all that helped out at the rally.

We had a large turn out at Mel Melchers' by Norwood MN. in September. Mel provided the lunch at no cost. His family and friends put it on. My WD6 ended up with fuel problems (bio Diesel), it plowed hard.

On October 18, 2014 we were at Herman Transberg's place SE of Northfield, I took my SM and 3/16s. The old SM sounded real good after the work out. Herman and his wife along with friends put on a real Farmers meal at no cost. There was a number of Members there, some plowed and some watched, it was a good time. Thanks to both of them for inviting us out to plow.

Jerry Bambenek will be handing out a badge for our chapters 20 years.

A large number of members brought tractors out to the RPRU in Huron, South Dakota. They really put on a

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good show, Thanks to the South Dakota Chapter. The South Dakota air did not agree with some of us as I ended up in the hospital for 5 days and Werner Reining was in the hospital for 2 days.

We have lost some members and they are listed in the WELL WISHES,

I took inventory for the year of our items in the trailer and items that the club owns. We have sold a number of items. All the show tractors are gone and you can see the trailer bottom. We have not purchased much this last year as we want to get our inventory back in control. We had good sales at Huron and Butterfield.

Please look for some marked down items at Arlington in December. The meal is going to be chicken and the price for the December meeting will be \$10.00. We charge \$12.00 at most all other meetings and \$2.00 of that goes to pay for the community center in Arlington.

I got a e-mail from Dick Forster the National Advisor asking about our Tax Exempt Status as it show we were taken off the none profit Status. With Dave's Help and the Auditor we know have this taken care of as long as we fill our tax forms. Dave has a copy from the IRS and I have copy of this.

Hope to see ALL of you in Arlington. Remember to give Kathy a call if you are coming, She will order only 125 meals, so please call.

Chapter President  
Bob Koepp

# National Directors      2 Cents Worth

November 11, 2014

I am on vacation from the City of Albert Lea for 30 days now. It is part of the benefits of working part time, 40 hour weeks. I can go to my grandsons basketball games, get things straighten out around the house (honey do list), and attend my last National Directors meeting.

Donalie and I went to Morton, IL, for the third quarter directors meeting on September 13, 2014. We noticed that all the crops were in excellent condition on our trip, lots of soybeans and a lot of tall corn. We always scout the antique shops on our trip. We found some interesting items and brought them home. Our next National meeting will be December 13, 2014 and it will be my last meeting as a national director, so I will not see you at our state Christmas meeting this year. I have to turn over my National Directors book to one of the new incoming directors. I hope Jim Brewer will be there.

I want to thank Jim Brewer for running for National Director and also wish him the best. I know he will make an excellent director for our club.

I have been slowly working on my 1250 Cub Cadet. I got a better carburetor on it and the engine runs a lot better. I have to still switch over the air cleaner system. It had the old style system and it needs the quiet system on it.

I mowed grass for the city right up to my off time for the city. I also picked up leaves with a mulch- vacuum, about a thousand loads, at 180 bushels per load. Lots of leaves in the 24 parks that we have. It was a 2 week session for this project.

I wish all Veterans in our club a hearty Welcome Home and also the best to each member this Holiday season and the year to come.

Bruce Jensen,  
Chapter 15 member and National Director

# Minutes

## Chapter 15 General Meeting 7-26-2014 Kingston, Mn.

Welcome and call to order ..... Bob Koepp- president  
Meeting was called to order at 12:44 p.m.

- 1 Addition to the agenda, to add the address of all upcoming meetings in the newsletter.

Roll call of Officers and Directors .....Mike Walter- Secretary  
All officers and directors present except Dave Kanten & Tom Foy

Secretaries Report .....Mike Walter- Secretary

Motion to accept and passed

Membership Report ... Jerry Bambenek- Membership Secretary

Motion to accept and passed

### Old Business

-Plow day sept. 6th 2014 at Mel Melchers 10:00 a.m. 16845 Co. Rd. 51 Norwood, Mn.

-Plow day oct. 18th 2014 at Herman Transburg 10:00 a.m. 10366 James Trail Northfield, mn.

### New Business

-3 Directors up for election at Dec. meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:10 p.m. passed

## Chapter 15 General Meeting Minutes 8-16-2014 Butterfield, Mn.

Welcome and Call to order ..... Bob Koepp- President

-Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

- No additions or corrections to agenda.

Roll call of Officers and Directors .....Mike Walter- Secretary

All Officers and Directors present.

Secretaries Report ..... Mike Walter- secretary

-Motion to accept and passed

Treasurers Report.....Dave Kanten- Treasurer  
-Motion to accept and passed  
Recognize new members and guests.... Bob Koepp- President  
Membership Report .....  
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.....Jerry Bambenek- Membership Secretary  
Merchandise Report.....Bob Koepp- Merchandise Chairman

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- The visit to Kenny and Harley Myllykandgas was an eventful day for those that attended most brands were there to look at from experimental to high crop.

### New Business

- 3 Director openings at the Dec. meeting Kathy Eckstrand, Tom Foy, Erwin Atzenhoefer.
- Nominating committee Tom Foy, Werner Reining, Kenny Eckstrand
- If you would like a name tag please contact Sandy Pearson 2210 Lake Pulaski Dr. Buffalo, Mn. 55313 or Kathy Eckstrand 151 7th. St. Lafayette, Mn. 56054 You will need to send \$10.00 with your order.
- The board has approved a token to be handed out at the dec. meeting for the clubs 20 year anniversary.
- People needed to sell merchandise and the board has recommended lowering the price on items that do not move and what to do with all the 2011 red show hats??
- Next meeting Dec. 13th 2014 Arlington community center 204 W. Shamrock Dr. Arlington, Mn. 55307
- Possible grant of \$250.00 to Randolph High School for restoration of IH tractor
- Motion made and passed to start a contest for tractor restoration between FFA classes and judging to be done at our summer show.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m. passed

## **Chapter 15 Board Meeting Minutes 10-25-2014 New Ulm, Mn.**

Welcome and Call to order ..... Bob Koepf- President  
-Meeting called to order at 10:44 a.m.  
-Motion to accept and passed to accept additions and corrections to agenda  
Secretaries Report ..... Mike Walter- Secretary  
-Motion to accept and passed  
Treasurers Report..... Dave Kanten- Treasurer  
-Motion to accept and passed  
-Motion made to pay insurance for trailer and passed  
Roll call of Officers and Directors..... Mike Walter- Secretary  
- All Officers and Directors present accept Tom Foy  
Membership Report . Jerry Bambenek- Membership Secretary  
Merchandise Report .....Bob Koepf

### **New Business**

-Club auction on the agenda for dec. meeting  
-Chapter 15 website, Mike will check into listing items for sale.  
-Motion made to purchase 20 poinsettias for dec. meeting and passed.  
-Motion made to charge members \$10.00 ea. for the meal at the Dec. meeting and the club will pay the balance and passed.  
-Bob will meet with Dalton show representatives.  
-Motion made to purchase inventory for trailer and passed.  
-Motion made to sell 2011 Show books for \$5.00 ea. and passed.  
-National auction will be brought up at dec. meeting.  
-\$250.00 grant to agg/ffa classes for tractor restoration.  
-3 Directors up for election at dec. meeting.

### **Old Business**

-THANK YOU to Mel Melcher and Herman Transburg for hosting the plow days and supplying the meal !!

Next Meeting Dec. 13th 2014 Arlington Community Center 204 West Shamrock Dr. Arlington, Mn. 55307

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:26 p.m. passed.

Respectfully submitted by: Mike Walter, secretary

# From the Collector's Corner

By Conrad Fiskness

As I write this we are dealing with the first snow storm of the winter. Mother Nature evens things out. To make up for spring and summer each being one month late she gives us winter one month early!!

The antique power shows are history for the year and this is the first year in a decade or two I did not bring a tractor to a single show. I just did not seem to have the time. But then I was in Norway for a big part of August and in Tennessee for a part of September and was having a good time minus power shows. Next year!

I did attend the Plow Day at the Mel Melcher farm. It was a beautiful day with about fifty or more tractors and many observers. Mel had 225 acres that never got planted because of the wet spring and the group plowed 150 of them. Part of the field was almost  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile long and with the view of the field from the high ground next to the machine shed, it was like watching from a grandstand seat. There were many brands of tractors, but a large number were IH. I took many pictures, but a favorite was of a 6010 John Deere, 149 HP and 18,000 pounds, coming up the hill on the far end of the field pulling 7 bottoms and with the front wheels almost two feet off the ground!

Mel had pork burgers coming off the grill for a large part of the day and it was a wonderful day for watching the action and visiting with many friends. I (we) extend a great big thank you to Mel and Shirley for hosting a great day!

Over the last several years my father-in-law, Eldor Mittelstaedt, has spent a considerable amount of time with me at my tractor shed on his farm. He accompanied me on trips to various places to pick up tractors or check out parts, etc. Those activities will be memories now. On October 26, he passed away at age 95. He was a great friend, honest, gen-

erous and loyal, and trips to Waseca will not be the same. While farming he owned many IH tractors. He was a member of Chapter 15 and even though he did not attend meetings the last few years, he enjoyed getting Harvester Highlights and our chapter newsletter.

I would ordinarily say see you at the next meeting, but, because of a conflict with a family event, I will not be there. So I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The MN IH chapter has 350 members.

Member dues are payable as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Some members pay their dues for the upcoming year at the December meeting and I will have envelopes / forms available there. This reduces chapter postage costs as I mail out dues notices in February.

Recent new members are:

Tim M. Tunland, Lakefield, MN  
Kenneth D Sunderland, Winsted, MN  
Andrew B Thueson, Stillwater, MN  
John W. Smith, Kimball, MN  
Donald G Vogelpohl, New London, MN  
Jim D. Heideman, Rushmore, MN  
Charles W. Franks, Oak Grove, MN  
Brandon Stavnes, Lamberton, MN

If you know someone who wants to join the organization, you can go to the Chapter 15 web site, [www.ihcc15.com](http://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. If you have any questions about your membership please let me know.

**Jerry Bambenek, Membership Secretary**



# TREASURER'S REPORT

as of 10/7/2014

Checking;       \$ 2,875.61  
Savings;        \$ 37,140.71  
Cash;            \$ 300.00

Dave Kanten  
Treasurer IHCC MN #15

## ***Well Wishes***

**Linda Klein ..... Hip replacement**

**Werner Reing .....Stint installed**

### **WELL WISHES**

If there is anyone ill or injured please let me know so we can post their name. Thank you, Bob Koepf

## ***Condolence***

***PASSED ON TO IH LAND***

**Duane Runke, 58, of Mounds View, MN**

**Eldor Mittelstaedt, 95, of Waseca, MN**

**Thomas Hoffmann, 75, of Nicollet, MN**

Please if you know of someone that has passed away let me know.  
Thank you, Bob Koepf

# UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5, 6, & 7, 2015  
IHCC Winter Convention  
Michigan City Indiana

March 14, 2015  
Chapter Meeting  
Arlington Community Center  
Arlington, Minnesota

April 24, 25, 26, 2015  
Le Sueur Swap Meet  
Le Sueur, Minnesota

# NEXT MEETING

Saturday, December 13 ,2014

Arlington Community Center  
204 Shamrock Dr.

Visiting & purchasing 10:00 AM  
Meal 12:00 PM  
Meeting 1:00 PM

**RSVP: Kathy @ 507-228-8655**

# The Names for Candidates:

Larry Davis, Cokato  
Orville Deling, Fairmont

## For Sale

Farmall A SN FAA 93024 new tires run great.....  
..... Gary Gobrelcik, 763-972-3293



1973 IH Pickup 4x4 3350R 16.5 tires 4 speed, 304 ENG.  
9 Ft Flat Bed 2 ½ ft Sides .....  
..... Ray Schindler, cell 320 293 4157



V type Snow blower ..... 320 693 2529



1947 Farmall W9 Gas good rubber, strait tin, painted 8  
years ago runs great..... 320 693 2529



TD9 with dozier..... Duane Fredrickson, 507-789-6190



1956 W-400 Gas, new rubber 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

Any member having a sale item can place it in the news letter FREE by letting the President know.

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