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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings to all our chapter members. Hopefully you all got your crops in before the rains started, we did need the rain but now it don't seem to stop.

I take it that you got those RED Tractors shined up and ready for the upcoming shows. The gray ones need shining also as they are the feature tractors at the RPRU in Missouri. Hope to see a good number of members down there. I will be needing help at the merchandise table, so if you need to sit down for a hour or so come on over and take over for a while.

Our summer farm visit at Alvin Walsh and Gilbert Dick's place has some changes. Hwy 12 is on construction so there is a new route to follow, and we will be visiting the Gilbert Dick place first. He lives on County Road 34, if you are from the South, at Litchfield, you will turn on to US Hwy 12, on the East edge of town you will turn onto

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County Road 34. there is a Cenex station on the corner, go North on 34, there will be flags at his driveway. If you're coming from the North, you will need to be on County Road 24, turn South onto County Road 34 and there will be flags at his driveway. We will meet there from 8:30 to 10:30 and then go to the Alvin Walsh farm, go North on County Road 34 to County Road 24, turn left on to County Road 24 and go until you come to US Hwy 12, go straight across 12 and you will be on County Rd 11, continue West until you come to State Hwy 4, turn left and go about 4 miles and you will be at Alvin's place (you can't miss it). We will meet at Alvin's place at 11:00 and we will have lunch at 1:00 with the meeting to follow.

Please being a chair to sit on for the lunch and meeting, there should be enough tables but if you have a card table you may bring it with in case we need it. There will be a lot of equipment and tractors to look at have your walking shoes on.

There is a lot of information in our newsletters, please keep them handy, as I have been asked about things and it is in the newsletter,

Our Dalton show is getting closer and if you have not got your motel room you better check on one, two of the motels have blocked off some rooms for us and they are Americinn 218-739-3900 and Super 8 218-739- 3261. These are in Fergus Falls, tell them you are with the IH group.

At our board meeting in New Ulm on May 30, we voted to bring to the membership; Advertising for Root River, and trading our trailer for a bigger one that has ele brakes and is wider with double axles. Again, I am ASKING that we have a good turn out at Dalton, remember the members from the North come to the shows in the South. Lets make sure the South does the same and comes to Dalton. The feature tractors are High Crop, Diesels and V8's.

I have two members that informed me that they will host the plow days this year. They are Herman Transburg from Northfield and Ted Swenson from Lakeville, thank you both for doing this.

I NEED TO KNOW THE NUMBER FOR THE BANQUIT AT DALTON! Please get this to me by last day in July. E-Mail it to me or call me. My email address and phone are on the front of the newsletter.

In closing I will see you at the RPRU, the farm visit, and Dalton.

Chapter President  
Bob Koepp

# Minutes of Chapter 15 General Meeting

3/14/15

Arlington, MN

Welcome and call to order .....Bob Koepp - President  
Meeting called to order at 12:45 p.m.

Motion made and passed to accept the agenda.

Secretaries Report .....Mike Walter - Secretary

Motion made and passed to accept secretaries report.

Treasurers Report .....Dave Kanten - Treasurer

Motion made and passed to accept treasurers report.

Membership Report .....

.....Jerry Bambenek - Membership Sec.

Motion made and passed to accept membership report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

-We have been selected to host the national auction in 2016, it will be held at Steffers auction in Litchfield.

More information at future meetings.

-A \$500.00 donation has been made to the archives  
And a \$500.00 donation has been made to the national trust.

-There are some new Tractor Mac books coming out soon.

-Dalton Show Sept. 11,12,13, 2015 Everyone pays to get in even exhibitors, we will be sharing a tent and the banquet facilities with Chapter 26. Camping is next to the show grounds first come first serve no electric. Parade is at 1:30, there will be a special parade at 11:00 downtown for the feature tractors only, rare ones first.

There is a loading dock and the earliest items can be dropped off is Monday the week of the show.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

-The Randolph school dist. will receive a \$250.00 grant for tractor restoring.

-There is a 2016 Vintage Tractor Caribbean Cruise Jan.10-17 2016 if interested you can sign up at [smalltownbigdeal.com](http://smalltownbigdeal.com)

-If you would like a name tag please contact Sandy Pearson at 763-682-6596 or Kathy Ekstrand at 507-228-8655.

-We will be visiting the Alvin Walsh farm and the Gilbert Dick collection on July 18, 2015. Day will start at the Alvin Walsh farm 22739 MN Hwy. 4 South of Grove City MN at 10:00 a.m. There will be lunch at 12:00 and a meeting at 1:00. After the meeting we will be heading to Gilbert Dick's place to view his collection. There are updated directions in the PRESENTS MESSAGE in this newsletter.

-Feature for the Dalton Show is Specialties, V-8's, High Crops, Diesels motion made and passed to accept.

-Our show for 2016 is in Spring Valley feature will be Super Series, Cubs, and Equipment motion made and passed to accept.

-We need someone to take over the merchandise and also members to sell at shows.

-We need everyone to RSVP for the meals so we know how many will be attending.

-There will be more discussion on the Grants to School ag. classes for tractor restoration at upcoming meetings.

-There was a motion made and passed to accept an

offer from LeSueur County Pioneer Power to host our state show in 2017.

-We are looking for someone to host a plow day this year, let the board know if you are interested.

-The national events (Roundups, Auctions, and Winter Conventions) are booked thru 2018.

-Motion Made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

## **Minutes of Chapter 15 Board Meeting**

3/14/2015

Arlington, MN

Welcome and call to order    Bob Koepp - President  
Meeting called to order at 1:41 p.m.

Motion made and passed to accept the agenda

Secretaries Report    Mike Walter - Secretary  
Motion made and passed to accept

Treasurers Report    Dave Kanten - Treasurer  
Motion made and passed to accept

### **OLD BUSINESS**

-We are looking into some new womans merchandise

-Website is still being worked on due to Hackers.

-Should we put the newsletter on the website and email it to other chapter presidents?

### **NEW BUSINESS**

-Jerry Bambenek did an audit on the treasurers books and everything is in order.

-LeSueur County Pioneer Power will be our state show in 2017.

-We will need members to help with the National Auction in 2016.

-Motion Made and passed to adjourn meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by : Mike Walter

## **From the Collector's Corner**

By Conrad Fiskness

Spring is upon us and everything is green, in this case a very good green! We have been blessed with adequate amounts of rain and the foliage and lawns are lush. As opposed to last year, we have enough moisture to make things grow but not too much water. Now let's hope the good growing weather continues!

We did manage to visit Stew's IH Stuff in Leesburg twice while in Florida. It was also the time of the Florida Chapter's show. As a result several people I have known over the years were present including Kim Spaulding who was president of the New England chapter while I was president of Chapter 15. The friends made while involved with IH Collectors are not forgotten and are one of the really good benefits of membership.

While in Florida we completed and signed an agreement to build a new house back in Chanhasen. It is simply amazing what can be done with

technology these days. As a result we have been busy preparing the current home for sale. That came to a successful conclusion yesterday when the first people who looked at our house met our offer. This morning as I write we have a sales agreement (subject to inspection) in hand.

Needless to say, we have been busy! Too busy to do much with tractors! I did purchase three tires from Todd Friedrich at the LCPA Swap Meet in April. Two were front tires for my father's "B" Farmall I purchased from my brother two or three years ago. They have yet to be mounted. The third tire was for the tail wheel of a #1300 Balanced Head IH Mower. That one I did get mounted. And that is all I have accomplished. The governor is still a puzzle!

We have been emptying the house and my collection of 1/16 models has been put in boxes and moved to a storage unit. We have been working on the plans for the new house and there should be more room for some of these "important" items. By October we should be in our new digs.

Next week we will head to Sedalia, MO for the RPRU and we hope to see several members from Chapter 15. Also, next week I make my last trip for the consulting gig I have had the last ten years. This trip will be to Quincy, IL and from there we go to Sedalia. After the hectic spring it will be good to be away for a few days!

If all goes well, I plan to be at the summer meeting out in the Litchfield area and the Minnesota IH Rally in September in Dalton. I hope to see you all then!



## **Well Wishes**

**Dave Alstad's wife is ill with cancer**

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

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The club has 346 members as of June 2, 2015. This number stays in the "350 range" through the years. However, the membership reached 399 in 2011 shortly after the Albert Lea Red Power Round Up because of the interest created there.

Recent new members are:

Chad Graves	Zumbro Falls, MN
Nick Graves	Zumbro Falls, MN
Carl C Halverson	Apple Valley, MN
Harold F Holicky	Le Sueur, MN
George Eisenbacher	Watkins, MN
Gary L O'Fallon	Hutchinson, MN
Dale W Anderson	Farwell, MN
Scott M Murphy	Austin, MN

Jerry Bambenek, Membership Secretary

## **Condolence**

**Fred Vergin's Wife Rita passed away**

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

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

as of 5/31/2015

Checking,	\$2,495.38
Savings,	\$36,195.59
Total,	\$38,690.97

Thanks,  
Dave Kanten  
Web Master;  
Treasurer IHCC MN 15

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 10 - 13, 2015  
Red Power Round Up  
Sedalia, Missouri

July 18, 2015  
Farm Visit at  
Alvin Walsh, Gilbert Dick

Sept. 11 - 13, 2015  
Chapter 15 IH Rally  
Dalton, MN

Oct. 30 & 31, 2015  
National Auction  
Frederick, MD

December 12, 2015  
Chapter 15 Meeting  
Arlington, MN

# NEXT MEETING:

## Summer Meeting

Saturday, July 18, 2015  
at the Alvin Walsh Farm  
**SEE YOU THERE!!**

RSVP

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

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

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.....Dave Kanten, 507-360-2634

### 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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