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Minnesota Chapter 15 International Harvester Collectors

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

02-17-20

Greetings all! Hope you've been well. It's been quite the winter. I got pneumonia right before New Years day and had it for a couple weeks. Popped a rib in the process. No fun what so ever. Hopefully none of you had to go through any of that but I do know the "crud" was going around. Didn't get the flu so I guess I was lucky that way.

Well it's a new year and time to start planning. We had our board meeting and things are under way. March meeting in the hopper and ready to go. The summer visit is coming together and looking good. We will be visiting Lee Sackett's restoration shop which was the old Waltham Equipment Building. They were the IH Dealership in the area and it was our go to place for IH. My dad and I both were very familiar this place. I will do a little tour of the facility with the membership as I have the most knowledge of the facility before and after the expansion. Other than adding a few of his own touches Lee has left the building pretty much as it was when it was

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being operated by the Heydt and Schnirring families at the time of its closing. I think you will enjoy it very much.

We have been in contact with the Albany crew and started the process for the summer show. We are looking forward to going there. They are featuring the F series. I know they are getting fewer but let's see how many F series we can conjure up. Meeting and banquet details will come at a future date.

We need to nail down the 2022 show. I believe Butterfield was interested. But we have no confirmation yet. If anyone else knows of a club that would like to host us have them come to the meeting and pitch there club.

Randy VanWhyhe put out an invite to visit his shop in April. I believe it's the 4th. You can contact him for details and directions. This is an unofficial visit so it's a come and see on your own but it would be an interesting visit has he has some unique stuff.

Jerry and his crew of George Weitgenant and Bernie Kuttner performed a audit of the financials. Everything was found in order. Thanks for your efforts guys.

Bart Nelson will be hosting a plow day August 29th. That will be rain or shine. Be sure to put it on your summer calendar.

Jerry had brought it to our attention about our funds are slowly

depleting and do we have a number that will trigger us to review our spending. It was decided by the board to put it before the membership to vote that when the funds reach \$20,000 there will be a review of the spending.

Also the board voted to change the regulations pertaining to the mileage pay for pulling the trailer. It states that the rate of 25 cents per mile would be paid. That obviously is way out dated. We would change it to read " current federal rate". That way we will not have to update that part again.

If you are in need of new name badges please let us know.

Just a reminder. Conrad's auction is on the 20th of June. Keep an eye out for details.

I don't like to close on a sad note but the last several weeks have been tough for the club. We lost 3 important members. Eddie LeFebvre, Kenny Eckstrand and Ron Eisenschenk. Eddie was one of the founding members of this club. Member #17. Kenny was always there when there was work to be done. Especially at the round ups and the auction. Ron and the entire Eisenschenck family have been there to pitch in go where needed. You don't realize how much they have been there for us. They will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Gods speed my friends. May we meet you again on the other side.

Take care my friends. Will see you on the 14th of March on Arlington

Bill Radil
President
IHCC #15

TREASURER'S REPORT

as of February 19, 2020

Checking;	\$4,130.20
Savings;	\$24,587.54
Cash;	\$500.00
Total;	\$29,217.74

David Kanten
IHCC #15 Treasurer

BANK REVIEW

The National IH President requested that IHCC 15 President Bill Radil appoint a lead person to review the chapter's financial accounting information with the assistance of two other Chapter members for 2018. I was again appointed the lead person and assisted by **Bernie Kuttner** and **George Weitenant** for 2019. Thank you Bernie and George for volunteering.

I received from 2019 Chapter 15 Treasurer Dave Kanten a 2019 "IHCC Detail Checking Listing" and "Itemized Listing by Account" which comes from the Chapter "Quicken" accounting checking and savings records. I am able to go into the Wells Fargo web site and view and print the Chapter 15 bank balance and transaction information.

I forwarded to Bernie and George the 2019 bank statement list of the transactions that went through the bank operating and savings accounts, random selection of actual check copies and the detail transaction list from the treasurer. I reviewed most deposits and expenditures and compared the bank individual transactions against transactions recorded in the accounting detail listing.

The following are the findings of Bernie, George and myself relative to 2019 information:

1. The Wells Fargo bank transactions and amounts agree with the detail transaction and summary reports that the Treasurer has provided to Chapter leadership at appropriate times.
2. The Treasurer has provided Wells Fargo bank balances in the Chapter Newsletters and the amounts shown in the Newsletters are appropriate numbers.
3. The transactions seemed appropriate for the Chapter's business as it was conducted in 2019.
4. It appears the Treasurer's aspect of the Chapter's financial transactions processed at Wells Fargo are properly maintained and controlled.

Our personal Financial Analysis Comments

1. The club had \$29,262 checking, savings and petty cash on January 1 and \$26,716 on December 31 for a reduction of \$2,547 in available cash during 2019.
2. The club had \$17,378 “salable” merchandise on January 1 and \$12,111 on December 31 for an inventory decrease on a cost basis of \$5,267. (Pin inventory decreased in value by nearly \$2,400 as they are not selling. The value of each pin was placed at .10 for the end of year inventory. The shirt inventory decreased by \$2,000 as some shirts were not selling so the price was reduced to \$5 each to get rid of them.)
3. The trailer value was reduced by \$475.
4. Based on the above comments Chapter 15 had a \$8,289 loss in 2019.
5. On a cost basis the Chapter has non merchandise assets such as the trailer, tables etc of \$9,995 with some tables purchased in 2019 but they have a realistic value of about \$5,000 considering depreciation and deterioration.
6. When is it appropriate to start taking action to stop the annual reduction in available cash?

Sincerely,
Jerome V. Bambenek
February 5, 2020



Condolences

Condolences to the families of

Eddie LeFebvre

Kenny Eckstrand

Ron Eisenschenk

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

On February 1st I sent out dues notices to the members who had not paid for 2020 by that date. The National / State dues are a total of \$25.00 for 2020 and due as of March 1st. At the March 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 "3/20" that shows that your dues are not paid for 2020 - 2021 as of February 22nd. A big **thank you** to all the members who are or will be prompt in paying their dues!

The club has 326 members as of February 22nd.

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 perspective member an application. Then complete the application and send it with \$25.00 to my attention.

Recent new members are:

Lee A Eustis Green Isle MN

Delano Quast Le Sueur MN

Jerry Bambenek, Membership Secretary

CLUB MEETING

Saturday, March 14th

10:00 am

Arlington Community Center, Arlington, MN

Please RSVP for meals to:

Kathleen Eckstrand 507-276-1912

OR

Andrew Kappers 507-272-6724

See you there!!!

**IH Chapter 15
2019 and 2018 Cash Income Statement**

Description	2019	2018
INCOME		
Donation	346	
Dues	7,910	8,155
Interest	8	9
Meals	2,595	3,135
Merchandise Sales	9,102	8,606
TOTAL INCOME	19,961	19,905
EXPENSES		
Gifts and Donations	177	500
Meeting Meals	4,506	2,927
Meeting facilities	892	815
Membership Supplies	356	544
Merchandise Purchased	8,093	12,297
Merchandise Supplies etc	735	196
Trailer and Insurance	817	1,215
National Dues	4,755	4,830
Newsletter Printing and Mailing	1,593	1,130
Tax preparation	180	350
Web Site	158	283
Other	246	486
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,508	25,573
Net Cash Income	(2,547)	(5,668)

**December 14th, 2020
General Membership Meeting
Arlington, MN**

Meeting called to order 1:00 pm. By president Bill Radil.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

It was noted that we had two new members joining today.

Secretaries' report as printed in the last newsletter, M/S/P

Treasurers' report, M/S/P

Membership report; 330 members, M/S/P

Merchandise report; there are some new items and the 2020 calendars are sold out and there will be no more bought. There is a new series of Billy Steers books out about a camper. Dave has an order form for a DVD of the Atwater Show. Dave will not be ordering any of the 2019 show books. M/S/P.

Old business;

The weather at the Atwater show was on the cool side.

Transburg's plow day was a good time with good plowing and good food.

Bill gave a reminder of our summer visit to Lee Sackett's next June and the RPRU in South Dakota.

2021 state show is at Montevideo Friday and Saturday, June 20th and 21st. There was some discussion as to the meeting being Friday or Saturday with no decision being made at this time.

2022 state show; Butterfield would like us to come to their show. There were members from there to invite us and answer questions. The decision will be made at a future meeting.

Bart Nelson has expressed a plow day for August 29th, 2020.

This was our 25th year and in honor of that the club gave a free meal to all that attended. It was noted that Dave Alstad was the person that started it at his farm at Spring

Grove. He was thanked and he make some comments on it and thanked all the members for helping make it was it is now.

Randy Vanwyhe of Pine Island Spoke and invited all to his shop “meeting” on April 4th, 2020. He has a collection of 10 gold demonstrators.

Website report; nothing new to report.

Mass e-mails; the club has started to send out notifications by e-mail so be sure your e-mail is correct if you want to receive them. Let Jerry know if you think it needs updating. In the future the newsletters may be sent through this for the ones who have e-mails.

Bart Nelson talked about his 1206 being featured on the cover of Red Power and in the Hutchinson newspaper. Don Ranzenberger said his tractors had also been pictured in some magazines also.

We sang happy birthday to Jim Olson and Elaine Eizenschek.

Muriel Koepp brought items to sell with the proceeds going to the club.

Conrad Fiskness announced that he will be selling his collection by auction on June 20th.

Director elections; David Kanten, David Morrison were reelected, and David Zenk elected. M/S/P

Motion to adjourn; 1:45pm. M/S/P.

Door prize drawing immediately following the meeting.

Minutes taken by Carmen Sevcik.

Printed by David Kanten

**IHCC MN Chapter 15
Board Meeting Minutes
2/08/2020**

Call to Order: 10:15am by President Bill Radil

Roll Call of Board Members by President Bill Radil: All board members present.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda: None

Secretaries Report: Sec. Andy Kappers thanked Dave Kanten for taking minutes at the Dec. Chapter Meeting as Andy was absent: Dave brought copies of the minutes to hand out to the board members. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Dave Kanten provided the latest financials. Motion was made to accept and passed.

Checking;.....	\$1,197.95
Savings;.....	\$24,586.54
Cash;	\$500.00
Total;	\$26,285.49

Merchandise Report was given by Merchandise Chair Dave Kanten. He discussed the bank financial records of 2019. Motion was made to accept and passed.

Old Business:

Summer Visit: 2020 summer visit will be at Lee Sackett's on June 6th. We will be able to tour the old Waltham IH dealership and HyVee will be providing the catered lunch. Neil Hoffman expressed interest in hosting our 2021 summer visit.

2020 Show will be at Albany on Sept 18-20th. The main feature will be the F series tractors. Darren Eisenschenck representing the Albany show attended the meeting to provide show details. Dave Kanten will compile a list of motels close to the show grounds.

Butterfield has expressed interest in hosting our summer show in 2022. This will be brought up at the March chapter meeting.

The 2020 RPRU will be June 25-27th in Huron South Dakota. They are looking for an IH Cyclo planter in good condition to put on display as part of an exhibit.

Randy VanWyhe has invited the club to see his collection on April 4th. Address will be in the next newsletter.

Recent members that have passed away are Eddie LeFebvre, Kenny Eckstrand, and Ron Eisehschenk. The LeFebvre family donated \$125 and the Koepp family donated \$146 towards the club. Kathy Eckstrand mailed out thank yous on behalf of the club.

Jerry Bambenek, George Weitgenant, and Bernie Kuttner completed the audit of the 2019 financial records. Audit needs approval at March chapter meeting.

There was a motion to reevaluate spending/costs when club assets decrease to \$20,000. Motion passed.

Conrad Fiskness will be selling his IH items at auction June 20th.

Website/Facebook: Nothing new.

Bart Nelson will be hosting a plow days on August 29th. Details still to come.

Mileage/fuel reimbursement was brought up when pulling the chapter trailer. Motion was made to amend the current rate to comply with the current federal rate.

Printing costs: Motion was made to give Dave Kanten \$100 towards printing expenses. Motion passed.

Kathy Eckstrand is going to order a director name tag for David Zenk.

Motion was made to adjourn at 11:22pm. Motion passed.

March Chapter meeting will be March 14th @ Arlington. Please call in meal RSVPs to Kathy or Andy by March 7th.

Secretary

Andrew Kappers

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