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Minutes
Agricultural Tractor Test and Power Museum Committee
10:00 a.m., Room 225, L.W. Chase Hall, Thursday, October 21, 1993

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Bill Splinter, Chair. Eleven committee members were present.

NE State Fair Antique Tractor Exhibit - Les Larson

Les reported that the display from the museum was very well received. On display were the Waterloo Bay (1st tractor tested by NE Tractor Test), an original Ford tractor (pace setter for future designs), the Universal Moline tractor, and International Self- Propelled Cultivator, a Farmall (first all purpose tractor used for plowing, drawbar work, belt pulling, etc), 1929 Case CC, 1932 Allis Chalmers (used to test pneumatic tires), a 1939 Ford Ferguson, and the first diesel in tractors (GM diesel engine in a Case tractor).

Status of Tractor Test Museum Building - Bill Splinter

Dr. Splinter visited with Vice Chancellor Omtvedt about the future of the original tractor test building. Bill indicated that the UNL buildings and grounds committee will allow the building to stand for another 4 to 10 years. No maintenance, however, will be provided.

Current Status of Tractor Test Building Roof - Bill Splinter

Bill stated that the building could be made waterproof by placing plywood sheets over the holes in the roof and then covering the roof with the "Bubble Cover" from over tennis courts that blew down in a Lincoln city park in July. This task will require some labor and funds to accomplish.

Inventory of Museum Items - Hugh Genoways

Hugh noted that the inventory could probably be done with a few students. Some funding would be required. Volunteers may also be recruited. Will probably need $1000 to get sufficient student help to do this.

Organizing "Friends of Tractor Test Museum" - Splinter and Genoways

Hugh volunteered to check with the Historical Society about how to establish and organize a "Friends of Tractor Test Museum". We will need to write "by-laws", inquire about incorporation through the secretary of state, put together a brochure and newsletter, and get IRS approval as a tax-exempt organization. Entire organization must be approved to get tax exempt status for donations.

Current Funding Status - Hoffman

At the present time, the museum account in UNL Foundations is $6400.

State Antique Machinery Commission - Fenster

The commission will meet during the afternoon of October 21 at the state fair grounds. Shirley Trougher and Norm Tooker have been added to the commission.

Next Meeting

The group proposed the next meeting to be in December in Exeter, NE. The group would visit the Trougher antique equipment displays. Shirley would serve as the host.

Respectfully submitted,

G J Hoffman

Glenn J. Hoffman