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Minutes
for a meeting of the
Friends of the University of Nebraska Tractor
Test and Power Museum
10:00 a.m., Room 224, L.W. Chase Hall, Lincoln, NE
Monday, August 1, 1994

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Bill Splinter, chair. Those present were Splinter, Trauger, Vanderholm, Larsen, and Hoffman. Smith was on the conference telephone.

After waiting for several minutes to start the meeting, the chair was concerned that everyone may not have received "Newsletter Number One" prepared July 5th that announced this meeting. We decided to carry on even though only six were present.

The annual dues of \$10 are now being received by Treasurer Shirley Trauger. To date five have paid their dues.

As of June 17, 1994, our group is incorporated.

The chair reminded everyone that 1995 is the 75th Anniversary of Tractor Test and Chase Hall. It is also the 100th Anniversary of O.V.P. Stout being named an Agricultural Engineer. First such use of the title in the world.

Dr. Splinter and Fred Chase are preparing a written proposal to the Hitchcock Foundation in Omaha to help renovate the Tractor Test building. Chase is currently reviewing a draft of the proposal. A board member of the Hitchcock Foundation, Mr. Denny Kountze, is also reviewing the proposal. One suggestion from Mr. Kountze was to include photographs in the proposal.

A lease agreement is being prepared between this group and UNL for the annual lease of the original tractor test building for \$1 per year.

Tax exempt status for this group will be sought in the near future. We need an agreement on the building lease before pursuing tax exemptions.

Dr. Splinter suggested we develop a logo. Please convey your suggestions to the chair.

A form to solicit members and receive membership funds was discussed. The proposal is to have membership dues and funds go to pay for operating expenses. Grants and gifts would be deposited in a University of Nebraska Foundation account for building renovations and museum displays.

Dr. Splinter stopped at Great Falls, Montana on his trip to Canada and visited the widow of Mr. Ted Worrall. The Worrall collection of literature on tractors and other equipment is one of the world's best. He told Mrs. Worrall that our group would be pleased to have the Worrall's literature collection in our museum.

The secretary was asked to include Newsletter Number One with these minutes. It was also suggested that a request for annual dues payment also be included with these minutes. Dues should be sent to Shirley Trauger.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. in room 224 of Chase Hall. Come prepared to share your ideas for a logo and potential activities to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Nebraska Tractor Test. One suggestion was to invite Senator Jerome Warner of Waverly as our speaker for the 1995 E-Week dinner.

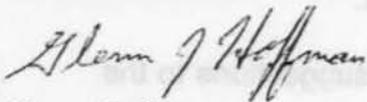
Ms. Trauger suggested that Data Transmission Network could promote our Anniversary Celebration and the museum. DTN is a company selling used agricultural equipment. We should also ask Successful Farming, Nebraska Farmer, and similar magazines to promote our cause. We will also use the department's annual newsletter. Please provide the names and addresses of all antique machinery type magazines to Splinter. A story will be prepared on the museum and 75th anniversary celebration for an article in these magazines.

The secretary was asked to have all committee members called before the next meeting to remind them of date, time, and place.

A brief discussion of the Governor's Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission was held. That group is now beginning to function well. Coordination with them is expected to increase.

The suggestion was made to invite Ted Worrall's wife and son to attend our anniversary celebration. Another suggestion was to invite Senator Warner and Mrs. Worrall to be honorary members of this group.

Respectfully submitted,



Glenn Hoffman
Secretary