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NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST MUSEUM  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
April 14, 1998  
224 - 225 L.W. Chase Hall

Present: Trauger, Splinter, Melvin, Hermann, Tooker, Hoffman  
On Phone: Fenster and Smith

Meeting called to order by Chair Splinter at 1:40 p.m.

MINUTES

March 10 minutes approved as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

$828.81 in bank account

Funding for museum through UN foundation given on attached sheet.

Foundation Report - $46,221 in foundation account, but museum has bills for $47,000.

$2,700 received from selling old equipment at ARDC auction.

MEMBERSHIP

A current membership list is attached.

PREPARATION FOR DEDICATION

Approval for naming the museum for Lester Larsen granted by the university.

Splinter has three students working for museum and Grange volunteers are helping museum committee refurbish equipment and paint.

Opener for north door of museum reactivated.

Building sign for museum being prepared by UNL Facilities and will be ready for May 2 dedication ceremony.

Agenda for May 2 is now set.

2:00 p.m.  Open House  
3:00 p.m.  Ceremonies  
4:00 p.m.  Miniature Power and Safety Day Program  
Topics will include: conservation tillage, safety, sound, tractor tests, comparing four-wheel with rubber-tracked tractors, etc.
Roger Welsch will donate "Woodpecker", his antique Allis Chalmers tractor, for raffling. We hope to announce and begin the raffle on May 2. Recommend $1.00 per raffle ticket or 6 tickets for $5.00.

Will contact Camp Creek Threshers and other antique tractor clubs about raffling tractor. Also patrons of state fair, antique shows, magazines, and others will be solicited to buy raffle tickets.

Bill Johnson is coming to dedication to represent ASAE.

Traffic Control - At least three students needed at entrance to campus, plus four near museum.

Only handicapped drivers will be allowed along north side parallel parking area. North area lot will be filled with chairs plus stand for refreshments.

Committee members should be at museum at 1:00 to 1:15 p.m. on May 2.

Probably need 12 students total to help in parking and selling refreshments.

Have Sheila put up direction signs for restrooms to Chase Hall and BSE Research Laboratory.

Considering selling Allis Chalmers crawler tractor to restoration fellow in Minnesota for $700.

Splinter will check on liability insurance for May 2.

FUND RAISING ISSUES

Committee members will check on ownership of duplicate or excess tractors to determine if they can be sold to raise funds.

Naming of the level of financial support to the museum will be:

- Above $50,000: Lester Larsen
- $10,000 to $5,000: Chauncey Smith
- $5,000 to $10,000: Carlton Fink
- $1,000 to $5,000: Fred Chase
- $200 to $1,000: Benefactor
- Below $200: Patron

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.
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SUMMARY OF FUNDING FOR THE TRACTOR TEST AND POWER MUSEUM

Total renovation funds from donations--$132,786

Current balance in Foundation account--$46,356

Donated by 152 individuals, 2 Foundations, 4 companies, 6 companies on matching basis and 3 organizations.

Endowments

$50,000 to maintain and exhibit the Chauncey Smith collection of human and animal powered tools and machines.

$42,000 for general use.

Currently available yield from endowments--$45,000

Current funds expected--$3400