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Nebraska Tractor Test Museum Committee Minutes

October 20, 1998

224 - 225 L.W. Chase Hall

Chair Bill Splinter called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Members present: Hoffman, Leviticus, Splinter, Hermann, Kleis

The office and library have now been renovated. We have new light fixtures to install in these rooms.

Facilities still needs to turn on the steam for heating.

The wiring that was disconnected when the roof was fixed still needs to be repaired.

Governor Nelson was contacted about donating the 1945 John Deere A tractor to the Museum that he won recently in a raffle.

Gary DeBerg is interested in buying the tarpaulin that was acquired when the roof was needing repair. Motion made and passed to sell the tarpaulin to the highest bidder.

Treasure report:

There is \$2,121 in the Friends of the Museum Account. This includes dues and raffle ticket proceeds. We have sold about 500 raffle tickets.

\$10,380 currently in Foundations' Account

\$12,399 in BSE Account

\$3,908 has been paid to Facilities for their planning services.

Splinter met May 19, 1998, with McDermott and his people to locate an architect. The architect provided a plan in June. No progress was made with Facilities to date.

The State Fair went well. People helped drive in the parade every day. Got tractors over and back without difficulty. Took nine tractors from our collection plus the Woodpecker, and the Model-T pickup trucks to the fair.

Leviticus raised a concern about needing insurance to cover accidents to volunteers or guests. Splinters' insurance agent said there was no need for insurance because assets are so small.

Moeller and Vanderholm recommended we set up a formal arrangement with the UNL Museum. Splinter will check with Vice Chancellor Grew about an arrangement with the Museum. Estes is in agreement with full cooperation.

Motion moved and approved to recognize those that have contributed \$500 or more to the Museum as a charter contributor. Splinter will write all contributors to see if they want to bring their contributions up to \$500 this fall. These contributors will be recognized at a spring open house.

Next meeting will be January 19, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. in L.W. Chase Hall.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

- Review makeup of the board from the Friends membership.
- Hold elections.
- Invite all the Friends to January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.