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FRIENDS OF THE TRACTOR TEST AND POWER MUSEUM MINUTES

June 15, 1999

1:30 p.m.

225 LW Chase Hall

Present: Splinter-chair, Estes, Vanderholm, Trauger, Ellington, Kleis, Nickolalus, Hoffman, Herman, Fenster & Smith

Also Present: Mary Dupuis - President of the Morrill Hall Friends Committee.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: \$3680.23 in bank account

Foundation Account: \$ 21,178 Museum account \$ 13,253 Department account for museum
\$105,656 Endowed Account \$ 60,223 Endowed Account

Agreement with Nebraska State Museum and the Tractor Test Museum is now in effect and the Tractor Test Museum is an auxiliary museum of the NE State Museum.

Friends of NE State Museum Functions

- Mary Dupuis reported that their group supports the museum.
- The Friends solicit funds to support the museum.
- Use auctions raffles, open houses and other activities to raise funds.

Separation of Friends Group from Museum Operation:

- Splinter suggested we need to separate
- Museum operation would run museum and work with Foundation on funds.
- Friends could seek funding independent of UNL
- Suggest having Curator & Director
- Leviticus is willing to be Curator and Splinter is willing to be Director

Draft of job descriptions for Director of Museum and President of Friends group is attached.

Curator would conduct research on collection and add to collection and would report to Director

Assention to the museum:

Gifts given to the museum are in assention and therefore are very difficult to dispose of. At present nothing has been assentioned to the Tractor Test Museum. Thus, we still have flexibility in disposing of some items to raise funds or to trade.

Dr. Estes suggests that we acquire separate identity for the museum:

- ✓Phone Number
- ✓E-mail
- ✓Mail box address
- ✓Parking
- ✓Custodial Service
- ✓Stationary

Splinter wishes to resign as President of the Friends group and become Director of Museum.

Bob Kleis was nominated as President of the Friends group and was elected by acclamation. He takes office after this meeting. Earl Ellington was elected Vice President by acclamation.

The tractor donated by Roger Welsch to be raffled will be taken to Ankey, IA on July 1,2,3, Camp Creek, State Fair and perhaps other shows. Have been using BSE's truck and trailer to haul tractors to state fair.

Newsletter:

Three have been mailed out to date. They have been well received. The fourth will be prepared shortly.

Health of members of the Friends group:

Les Larsen's orientation is sometimes a problem; health is deteriorating.
Fred Chase is in Florida but not traveling.

Next Meeting Date:

September 21, 1999

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