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FRIENDS OF THE TRACTOR TEST AND POWER MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WHEN:

March 30, 1999
1:30 p.m.

WHERE:

225 L.W. Chase Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRESENT:

Earl Ellington, James Estes, Robert Kleis, Howard Lamb, Mark Nickolalus, William Splinter, Shirley Trauger and by conference call, Charles Fenster and John Smith.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman William Splinter called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and asked Earl Ellington to serve as secretary in Glenn Hoffman's absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 19 meeting were reviewed and subsequently approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Shirley Trauger reported funds in the checking account to be $2670.00. She will graciously accept the $10.00 dues from members still needing to renew membership.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS:

Chairman William Splinter reported the following additional funds:

Tractor Test Museum Funds	15,624.00
Agricultural Engineering Endowment	3,904.00
Giles Endowment	3,726.00
Operating Budget	11,826.00

The first three are in the University Foundation and the fourth one is in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering.

One museum expenditure to come soon will be for replacing the stucco because of asbestos problems.

DONATION TO CAMP CREEK THRESHER'S:

Two threshing machines, a Minneapolis and a galvanized Case, stored at the Ag. Research and Development Center at Mead, were donated since our last meeting to the Camp Creek Thresher's at Waverly. This should provide opportunities for many people to observe and appreciate these historic machines.

STATUS OF RENOVATION:

Some progress is being made and the major challenge now is to satisfy Physical Plant's concerns for asbestos and lead paint removal–a top priority is developing a female friendly bathroom.

ROGER WELCH RAFFLE:

All are familiar with the raffle project with the 1937 Allis Chalmers WC tractor donated by Roger Welch and labeled the "Woodpecker". Tickets are $1.00 each or six for $5.00. The raffle started with the 1998 State Fair and the drawing will be at the 1999 State Fair on September 6. There have been several letters regarding the raffle and 32 of them have had money for tickets. Chairman Splinter plans to invite these people to join our organization.

SALE OF OLD FILE CABINETS:

There are 12 such cabinets designed to fit together as units. Dr. Kleis is providing leadership for this sale project. They have been advertised and there has been some interest but no sales yet. Total value is estimated to be $500.

AGREEMENT WITH NEBRASKA STATE MUSEUM:

A letter of agreement for the development and management of the museum has been prepared (see attachment). It is currently moving through channels for approval (see back signature page in the attachment). Of the six signatures required, it now has the first three.

NEWSLETTER:

Two have already been published and we now have plans for a third one. It will focus on the agreement mentioned above. Dr. Splinter has some special interest articles such as a history of the Chase plow to use and invites others and any ideas.

FUTURE PLANNING:

Future plans are to move forward with the items described in the foregoing agreement. An advisory board consisting of nine individuals will be responsible for leadership and management of the scientific and engineering content of the museum. The board will be of a different structure from our committee and some of our members may well be on this board.

Howard Lamb moved that the Friends of the Tractor Test and Power Museum Committee commit to raising 400,000 in private contribution by the activities listed on page 2 of the foregoing letter of agreement and that a letter describing this commitment be sent to the Director of Nebraska State Museum, University of Nebraska. Second by Bob Kleis. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING:

1:30 p.m., June 15, 1999, 225 L.W. Chase Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl F. Ellington