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## AGENDA October 19, 2004

Welcome and Call to Order . . . . . .Charles Borcherding
Introductions . . . . . .Charles Borcherding
Minutes of last meeting not taken. . . .Secretary
Financial Report . . . . . Treas. Bob Kleis
Curator's Report . . . . . Lou Leviticus
Director's Report . . . . . Bill Splinter
Nebraska State Museum Report . . . . . Priscilla Grew
Foundation's Liaison Report . . . . . .Susan Sack-Norby
Museum Docent Report . . . . . Mark Nickolaus
Museum activity Report . . . . . .Amanda Ray
Additional Business

- Dues Affiliation with other museums
- Election of Officers at Jan. 2005 meeting
- Future major funding

Next meeting Date: January 18, 2005 Chase Hall, Rm. 225; 1:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

Charles Borcherding, President - Donald Edwards, Vice President -Past President, Earl Ellington - Leonard Bashford, Secretary – Robert Kleis, Treasurer, Vern Anderson - Harold Borman - Charles Fenster (Gering) - Richard Goodding - Lawrence Hermann - Jerry Kohl - Mark Lynott - Bill Overturf (Oak) - Ervin Rolofson - John Smith - Russ Tooker (David City) - Dale Vanderholm - (Ex-officio: Priscilla Grew - Louis Leviticus - Susan Sack Norby - William Splinter)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FRIENDS OF THE L. F. LARSEN TRACTOR TEST AND POWER MUCEUM

October 19, 2004

This year we participated in the Nebraska State Fair and Amanda Ray took the leadership in coordinating not only our exhibit but also the antique tractor exhibit and tractor parades. This year we set up a separate exhibit for the Museum in the Industrial Arts building. We took out the early hand planting and 1864 two row planter and we had the Farmall A together with the display board on the energy cost of tillage. We also took out seven tractors for the antique tractor exhibit and the parades. This year most of the parades were in the evening. Last year there was no tractor exhibit and there was no interest on the part of Camp Creek to organize one this year so we took over the project. Whether we continue to participate will depend on the future of the Fair.

This year we also had an exhibit at the Old Trusty show that was manned by Jerry Kohl and Mark Nickolaus. We were going to participate in Husker Harvest Days but the students needed to use our trailer to take their quarter scale tractors there so we let them borrow the trailer.

Dinges Jared Teichmeier

Thanks to public contacts by Amanda we have picked up a few more volunteers and we now have a new paint scheme on our front door. Phil and Jarrett and Nick MacIntosh have the garage nearly covered with plywood covered by a stucco like sheathing. This will greatly improve the exterior appearance of the building and will make the space in the garage available for exhibits.

Bob Kleis has replaced cracked window pains and re-puttied and painted the windows, which again, greatly improves the exterior appearance of the building.

Jerry Kohl and I have been working on the electric governor on the 1917 Moline tractor. This is a very unique method for controlling engine speed. It consists of a ten contact rheostat that controls the current going to the field windings on the generator. The housing for the field windings is separately mounted so that the electrical drag will cause it to rotate and move the throttle. This is proving to be an interesting project and we have a few things to figure out yet before it is operational.

I have been working on the early history of the Agricultural Engineering Department. I have also submitted a brief history of tractor testing to the ASAE Resource magazine. The deeper I dig the more I am impressed with the competence and foresight of L. W. Chase, the designer of our Museum and initiator of tractor testing.

W. E. Splinter
Director

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Tractor Test and Power Museum

Treasurer's Report 10-19-04

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| Balance from July 20, 2004 | | $15,139.94* |
| Receipts since July 20, 2004 | | |
| Membership fees | $300.00 | |
| Donations | 45.00 | |
| | | 375.00 |
| Expenditures since July 20, 2004 | | |
| Check #1008 - (Batteries) | $ 96.11 | |
| Check #1009 - (Gasket Set) | 139.37 | |
| Check #1010 - (Newsletter) | 130.00 | |
| | | (365.48) |
| Balance October 19, 2004 | | $15,149.46* |

*Plus $5073.50 C.D. - Maturing January 13,2006 (2.9%)

R. W. Kleis
Treasurer

October 19, 2004

**Friends of the Lester F. Larsen Tractor Test and Power Museum Board Meeting**

Museum Activities Update
Amanda Ray
Museum Development Associate

1. Thank you to everyone that helped the museum with the activities at the State Fair this year. It was nice to have the museum and other tractor enthusiasts bring Antique Machinery back to the Nebraska State Fair. I think that the public also enjoyed seeing us there as well.

2. More volunteers are assisting the museum with both major and minor renovations
   A. Phil Dinges & Crew
   B. CASNR Students
   C. Saturday, October 23rd
   D. Nick McIntosh Moline
   E. Larry Peterson
   F. OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!!

3. Museum Outreach (PR) is a BIG TOPIC with me at the museum.
   A. Local Shows
   B. Farm and Ranch Museum in Gering, Nebraska
   C. Brochures are along Interstate 80
   D. Retirement/Assisted Living Letter
   E. Phone Books March 2005 deadline
   F. AAA Book
   G. Advertisement in Next Year's SHOW BOOKS!?!
      -Antique Power ($99-$175) Free out to over 42,000
      -Farm Collector ($100-$200) Must Buy

4. Grants
   A. Past Grants
   B. Conservation Assessment Project Grant for 2005

5. New Business/Projects
   A. Special Saturday (11/6/04)
      -The Museum will be open from 9-3
      -Advertisements are going out
      -Everyone PLEASE take a few Flyers and post around town
      -Recognition Day

B. Recognition Plaques
C. National Register of Historical Places
D. Educational Outreach to Middle School Students
E. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H, FFA Programs
F. Inside Work on the Garage/New Exhibit Area