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**NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST
AND POWER MUSEUM
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

5/20/97

Present: *Kleis* Larry Hermann, Earl Ellington, James Estes, Howard Lamb, Glenn Hoffman, Bill Splinter, Charlie Fenster and John Smith on phone.

Chair Dr. Splinter called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. in 225 Chase Hall. Frank Walters was not present, but Bill Splinter gave his report. Walters had photographs taken of a possible layout for the museum using toy size tractors. He had 18 tractors in a layout. One picture was kept for the file.

Bill reported we have received about \$115,000, about \$50,000 since our last meeting. Current balance in the Foundation account is \$22,000 after paying for recent roof repairs. In addition, Wallace Giles just gave \$50,000 to support the collection of antique equipment by Chauncey Smith. Funds will be put in a UN Foundation and proceeds will be used to support this collection.

Les Larsen is in Wichita with his daughter at this time.

Shirley Trauger was not present to give the treasurers report but Bill thought we had about \$570 in the committee's treasury.

The annual election of officers for 1997-98 was held. Current officers are Bill Splinter, chair; Bob Kleis, vice-chair; Glenn Hoffman, secretary; and Shirley Trauger, treasurer. Motion made by Howard Lamb and seconded by Earl Ellington to re-elect present officers for 1997-98. Motion carried.

The Committee needs to respond to the request to exhibit tractors at the State Fair this summer. Bob Kleis suggested only taking unique tractors. Bill Splinter will respond that we will participate. Also, it was suggested we show a tractor over July 4 at the Living Museum Show in Des Moines.

July 19 and 20 is the Camp Creek Thresher show. Tractor Museum will take some tractors for display. Perhaps we could dispose of excess equipment at the Camp Creek Thresher Swap Meet during the show.

Glenn Hoffman moved and Earl Ellington seconded to approve revised by-laws as distributed with January 28, 1997 minutes. Moved and carried unanimously.

There is a Nebraska legislative bill to make Nebraska Tractor Test optional. It will not come to a vote this year. Tractor dealers want the law changed, farmers have formed a group to resist this change.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

**NEXT TRACTOR TEST AND POWER MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE
AUGUST 19 AT 1:30 P.M. IN 225 CHASE HALL.**

Changes in the By-Laws were completed on May 22, 1997 by telephone by Bill Splinter in response to needed changes noted by IRS from our application to be a non-profit organization.

NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST
AND POWER MUSEUM
COMMITTEE MEETING



The annual meeting of the Nebraska Tractor Test and Power Museum Committee was held on May 25, 1967, at the home of Bill Spitzer, chairman. Present were: Bill Spitzer, chairman; Don Hoffman, secretary; and Shirley Thomas, treasurer. Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee meets to respond to the request to exhibit tractors at the State Fair this summer. Don Hoffman suggested only taking unique tractors. Bill Spitzer will respond that we will participate. Also, it was suggested we show a tractor over July 4 at the Living Museum Show in Fair Moines.

July 19 and 20 is the Camp Creek Tractor show. Shirley Thomas will take some tractors to the show. Don Hoffman will bring a tractor to the show.

Don Hoffman moved and Ed Ellington, secretary, moved to approve revised by-laws as distributed with January 28, 1967 minutes. Moved and carried unanimously.

There is a Nebraska legislative bill to make Nebraska Tractor Test optional. It will not come in a vote this year. Tractor dealers want the law changed. Farmers have formed a group to fight this change.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.
NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST AND POWER MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 1:00 P.M. IN 202 THAMES HALL.

Changes in the by-laws were completed on May 25, 1967 by consensus of Bill Spitzer in response to a motion made by Don Hoffman that the committee be a non-profit organization.