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

March 10, 1998

Present: Splinter, Kleis, Tooker, Leviticus, Hermann, Hoffman. ON phone: Smith

Splinter called meeting to Order at 1:35 p.m. Minutes approved as mailed to members.

Hitchcock Foundation was presented a list of improvements we need in museum. This list will hopefully prompt them to make another donation.

Big Red Collectors - Splinter, Kleis, and Leviticus were the main contributors to cleaning up the museum and giving tours. Five bus loads visited on March 5 & 6, plus those in private cars. Total number of visitors was about 250. \$304 was collected for new memberships in museum and an old set of tires were sold to a visitor for \$50. \$26 of this total will go to Tractor Test for booklets. Larry Hermann took photographs.

To accommodate handicap visitors, the current rest room stall is large enough. Need rails for supporting people. May have to widen door.

Dedication of Museum - Several farm magazine reporters have been invited. Roger Welsch has been invited. Agenda for May 2 is:

- 2:00 - 3:00 Open House
- 3:00 - 5:00 Reopening ceremonies, including driving tractors from museum. Recognize those who contributed to museum plus speakers.
- 5:00 - 6:00 Student presentations
- 6:00 - 8:30 Banquet

We discussed a number of news media outlets: farm magazines, TV, newspapers, etc.

Splinter met with Vice Chancellor Omtvedt regarding opening of museum and arrangements. He is supportive of the museum proceeding. The proposed wording for the museum sign is:

LESTER F. LARSON (large)
Tractor Test and Power (smaller)
MUSEUM (large)

First choice is to put sign over the entrance door on the south side of the building. Second choice is to place the sign on the left side of steps on north side of parking lot at typical location and elevation for building signs. We do not want to place the sign so parked cars block view of sign.

Need sidewalk to museum from the west side of the building.

Discussion next centered on the 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. section of the agenda on May 2. We will recognize contributors to museum, parade old museum tractors that run plus any brought in, and will unveil museum sign if Board of Regents approve.

We will ask student clubs to sell refreshments at the dedication.

Need rest room signs for dedication.

Splinter will send out invitations to all contributors, friends of museum, news media, etc.

Sheila should make or buy a guest book before May 2.

We need to prepare a brochure for museum to distribute at dedication.

Need a "hall of fame" for past engineers-in-charge of tractor test. Perhaps unveil photographs at next year's banquet.

Considerable time was spent on preparing an invitation list.

Adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1:30 P.M. IN 225 L.W. CHASE.

LESTER F. LARSON (chair)
Taylor Test and Power (secretary)
MUSEUM (report)