

IOWA PLOWING ASSOCIATION, INC.



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The annual meeting of the Iowa Plowing Association, Inc. was held March 25th at the Iowa Machine Shed restaurant in Urbandale. The weather was a bit droopy, but those attending the meeting were anything but. We enjoyed good food and better fellowship. We were lucky to have a couple former national competitors join us. Once a plowman, always a plowman.

Vice president Mike Fitts was called into action due because our president is scheduled for some back surgery in the very near future and is under doctor's orders to do zero driving. Mike was a very capable substitute and called the meeting to order at 12:35PM.

Secretary, Dick Pedersen, read minutes of the 2016 annual meeting held at Hotel Pattee in Perry on March 26, 2016. There were no additions or corrections. Monroe Miller made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Kevin Holl seconded the motion – motion carried.

Pedersen then presented a treasurer's report. Our bank balance is \$5,328.41 compared to \$3,980.00 one year ago. 2016 expenses were \$35 to USAPO for liability insurance (we are an additional insured on USAPO policy), \$42 for business cards, \$175 registration for Iowa plowmen in national contests, \$211 for newsletter and \$324 to Hotel Pattee for ½ the cost of the meal for last year's annual meeting. The payment to the hotel resulted from no one at the meeting getting a bill when we were done eating. A couple months later Pedersen received a bill showing we owed \$648, including \$100 gratuity for the meal. Dick and David Postlethwait talked about billing all attendees, but decided that was a lot of bother, so they agreed that IPA and RDP would split the cost and that worked well.

Pedersen reminded the group that IPA is very fortunate to have members who care about what we do and who we are and want IPA to be around for a while longer. Therefore, several members always come forth with some extra cash. We maintain a list of over 70 "members" and send 50 to 55 letters each time we communicate with members. Obviously, a good number of the 70 have not made any financial contribution for quite some time. However each time we have a mailing, one of two or three iffy members send a check. We will not go away and really do appreciate everything all people do whatever they do whenever they do it. Our people appreciate each other whether we pay dues or not. Monroe Miller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Kevin Holl seconded the motion – motion carried.

Ray Willhoite asked for the floor for a minute – he often has some off-beat situation to discuss. He started out with a bunch of baloney when he said Pedersen must have some great influence on people

in high places. The then showed the group an envelope properly addressed to him that he had received via the U.S. Postal Service. Interestingly, the envelope had no postage and no return address. The envelope contained minutes of our January board meeting Pedersen was sending to him. Very interesting.

There was no old business so we moved right into new business. The best news came from Kevin. He will, again, host our state plowing contests on his farm very close to where we plowed last year. He has plenty land to make available to us and encourages all to try to get more competitors to join in the fun. The date is August 25. Kevin's place is 9 miles North of Marshalltown and 2 miles East. Kevin and his family are the greatest hosts ever.

Mike provided information concerning 2016 national matches to be held at Williams Grove, Pennsylvania. The PA state contests will be on August 31 with the nationals on Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2. The plowing will be on the same land as the 2010 contests. The Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association will be holding their annual show all of the week prior to our contests. Their show is just over the fence from where we plow.

Arrangements for lodging have been made at Sleep Inn in Carlisle, PA. The plowmen's banquet and annual meeting will be at the Cracker Barrel restaurant next door to the motel. Room reservations need to be made by August 1.

Monroe asked for an update on 2019 world contests which are scheduled for Ohio. Pedersen had talked to Mike Rhoades and Roger Neat in late February for a report. Mike Rhoades is the in-charge person for Ohio and he has been working quite diligently on this project. He and his wife, Linda, were in England during the 2016 world matches. The Ohio hosts need to make a \$50,000 rent payment on the ground earmarked for world plowing. Mike Rhoades is having a bit of difficulty raising the needed amount of money to pull this thing off. He claims that many arrangements are in place, but needed money is tough to come by. In fact, it appears as if all is well except for one facet – money. Mike is still trying to get with local, state and national political big wigs and ask, again, for help. In June World Plowing officers plan to visit Ohio and Mike. Postlethwait and Pedersen plan to be there. We, hopefully, will know a lot more by the time we have need.

Mike called for nominations for IAP directors for 2017. Pedersen nominated Gene Elphic, Ray Elsberry, Mike Fitz, Keith Gillmore, Kevin Holl, David Law, David Poltlethwaite, Ray Willhoite and Brad Williams. Craig Warner seconded Pedersen's motion. All were elected as there were no further nominations.

At 1:55PM Gene made a motion to adjourn the 2017 annual meeting. Ray seconded the motion – motion carried.

Dick Pedersen, Secretary



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 25, 2017

The Iowa Plowing Association, Inc. held its 2017 organizational meeting March 25 at the Iowa Machine Shed restaurant in Urbandale. Vice President, Mike Fitz called the meeting to order at 2:02PM.

Directors present were Gene Elphic, Ray Elsberry, Mike Fitz ,Kevin Holl and Ray Willhoite. Dick Pedersen was also present.

Gene Elphic made a motion to dispense with reading of minutes of our January meeting because all had received a printed copy a short time ago. Kevin Holl seconded the motion – motion carried.

Mike Fitz made a motion that all officers, David Postlethwait, president; Mike Fitz, vice president; and Dick Pedersen, secretary/treasurer be re-elected. Gene seconded the motion – motion carried.

At 2:06PM Ray Willhoit made a motion to adjourn the shortest board meeting on record. Gene seconded the motion – motion carried.

Dick Pedersen, Secretary 

