

IHC CHAPTER 7 MINUTES
Plow Day—Zeller's Farm
October 6, 2007

The fourth quarterly meeting was opened by Tom Smith at the 2007 Plow Day held at the Marvin & Rosemary Zeller farm. Tom thanked the Zeller families for truly making the day of activities a family affair. Tom introduced all of the officers, directors and advisors in attendance. Tom then asked the members in attendance to also introduce themselves. Jerry Smoker, Chapter 33, Northern Indiana and a member of Chapter 25, Texas, were recognized by the group.

In the absence of Kenneth Miller, Marty Thieme read the secretary's report, Ron Bigham made a motion to approve the secretary's report and Neil Michel seconded and it was passed by the membership.

Rosemary Zeller read the treasurer's report with a balance as of August 31, 2007, of \$8,715.30. Also in the promotional account the balance increased approximately \$1,300. Neill Michel made a motion to accept the report. Bob Off seconded and it was approved by the membership. Emmett Webb reported that our membership has 243 active and 35 members still need to pay their 2008 dues. Postcards will be sent out as reminders. Pam Smith mentioned that our next newsletter will be in January and articles are still wanted and always appreciated for the newsletter.

Tom Smith commented on Special Event insurance for our Plow Day. He said the directors had approved the purchase and that it cost \$150 for the coverage. National recommends that the chapters have special event coverage for large events such as plow days.

Ralph Baumheckel updated everyone on the cultivators for the Indiana State Museum. After they are painted, arrangements will need to be made to have them mounted and measured for space in the exhibit. The exhibit will need to be ready for show within two years. Ralph noted that Case/IH has signed on to be a sponsor [to be announced October 23, at a National News Conference] on the new Corn Exhibit at the Museum. The Corn Exhibit will be a traveling exhibit; Case/IH will have art prints available with new and historic tractors available for purchase. All this will be coordinated with renovated Farmall B Cultivator exhibit opening. Ralph thanked everyone for their help on this important project for the chapter.

A conflict in dates for our 2010 State Show at Ripley County, Osgood, and the 2010 Red Power Round Up came up for discussion. Chuck Heck, representing the F.A.R.M. club, said that he had discussed this matter with their club and they were willing to reschedule a year later. Neil Michel made a motion we move the Ripley County State Show host date to 2011, Shorty Schwegman seconded and the motion was approved.

Chapter 7 is continuing their plans to bid for the 2011 IHC Winter Convention at Lebanon. Chapter 7 will present their proposal at the 2008 IHC Winter Convention in Lancaster, Pa. A meeting with the Lebanon Quality Inn has been scheduled for November 18th at 5:30 to discuss some issues. We will need the continued support of the members to head up committees and fill volunteer spots. We also welcome new suggestions for seminars, tours, etc. to make this event a great success.

Jerry Smoker announced that Indiana Chapter 33 won the bid for the 2010 Red Power Round Up at LaPorte the last weekend in June. He thanked our chapter for our support. He said things are going very well during the initial planning; as an example, mayors of Michigan City and LaPorte are in full support.

Bob Off gave a presentation to host the 2008 Plow Days at Gatewood & Thieme farms. He said with 315 + 115 acres to plow, we could make a weekend [Friday, Saturday & Sunday] show out of the event on October 10-11-12, 2008. Again, we want to do the mile of equipment and tractors. Vendors, static displays, food courts, camping, etc. would fill out all the events planned for the three days. Bob Gunn made a motion to go to Gatewood & Thieme farms for 2008, Neil Michel seconded and the motion was passed.

Chuck Heck made a motion for adjournment. Emmett Webb seconded and it passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Thieme, honorary secretary