

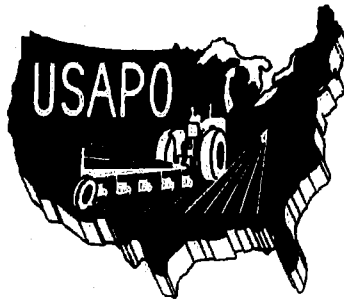
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## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019

Well spring has arrived, but the weather is not agreeing with the calendar about that! This newsletter will inform you about the board meeting in March, plus all that we know about the 2019 WPO matches at this time.

President John Guard called the 2019 USAPO board meeting to order at 8:37am. The meeting place was the Border View Lodge at Baudette, MN. Those present were John Guard, SD., Mike Pena's, MN, Don Klehm, IL., Gene Gruber, MN., Richard Pedersen, IA., Dale Dircksen, OH., Karen Dircksen, OH., Robert L. Rentzel, PA., Joel Wagner, CN., Roger Fourman, OH., Kyle Fourman, OH., David Guard, SD. And Roger Neate, OH. Mike Fitz, IA. was unable to attend.

Roger read the minutes from the 2018 board meeting and 2018 annual meeting. They were approved

Roger then gave a treasure's report. Report approved.

John then asked for board members to report:

IL. Don Klehm reported nothing exciting happening in IL, but he is ready and willing to help make the 2019 World matches a success!

SD. John Guard reported that he is working on the 2019 world matches and things are coming along. Just need workers for the whole show!!

CN. Joel Wagner reported he is looking forward to the 2019 world matches and ready to help all he can!

PA. Robert L. Rentzel reported that the Pa State matches will be July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> this year. He then stated that this is his last year as board member. Also Robert and Miriam Miller would be attending the 2019 world matches.

MN. Mike Pena's reported that they are working on their state matches and trying to get them off early so as not to interfere with the world matches.

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OH. Roger Fourman reported July 20<sup>th</sup> State matches and then again Oct 5<sup>TH</sup> for a second match so (we are a year ahead and don't have to hurry to get a match in before National contests. He said that they have a site for 2020 National matches, but did not know the exact date at this time.

IA. Richard D. Pedersen reported for Mike Fitz that their state matches are set for Aug 17<sup>th</sup> and they have a site for 2021 National matches.

WPO Member; Richard D. Pedersen reported that last year was our best year with 29 members attending the matches. Our competitors did an outstanding job!! Hailey Gruber our 16 year old got a great write up in the Pride of the Land paper in MN.

John then discussed the team for the 2019 matches. Don Klehm moved to identify Gene Gruber, conventional class, Dale Dirksen, Reversible Class, Kevin Albrecht, Coach and Roger Neate, Judge. Seconded by Mike Pena's. Motion Passed!

Approval and election of board members:

Robert Rentzel, Mike Penas, Joel Wagner and John Guard were board members that needed to be approved and accepted to the board. Don Klehm moved and seconded by Roger Neate that these members be approved and accepted. Motion Passed.

Election of officers

Don Klehm moved and seconded by Joe Wagner that we keep the same officers as last year. Motion Passed.

Richard D. Pedersen discussed his retirement from the WPO board at the end of 2019 and said that a new member must be appointed before 2019 WPO meetings so he can be introduced to the WPO board when Richard announces his retirement. **Those interested in being the next WPO board member need to call John Guard at 605-201-1857 for an application form and have it filled out and returned to him by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This will give the board time to appoint someone to that position for 2019 WPO meetings.**

Roger Neate said this will be his last year as judge for WPO matches and thanked them for allowing him to do it this long.

Don Klehm moved to appoint Joel Wagner as judge. Mike Penas moved to table this matter till a later date. Joel seconded. Motion passed.

At 10:47am Don Klehm moved and seconded by Mike Penas to adjourn. Motion Passed

Minutes Submitted By

Roger L. Neate

Volunteers are needed to work the WPO contest and those that can help that week are encouraged to call John Guard, 605-201-1857 and or Henry Gruber, 320-980-5679 and get your name on the list. Then you will need to call Jan Nietfeld, 320-293-3931 and make reservations for a room in Cyrus Resort where USAPO members and workers are staying.

Many of the details and dates for our annual meeting and banquet have not been worked out yet. As soon as I receive word of the time and dates for those meetings. I will send out another newsletter informing everyone.

Delphine E. "Del" Nietfeld, wife of Bernard "Benny" Neitfeld for 64 years, passed away March 24, 2019. She will be missed by family, friends and all who knew her.

There are 147 members on my address list at the present time. For the year 2017 there are 20 members that owe dues and 39 members that still owe for 2018 and 113 members that owe dues. If those dues were all paid up to date there would be another \$5000.00 in the checking account and that money could be used to support the 2019 WPO ploughing matches. We need your support both financially and physically for the up coming 2019 World Ploughing Matches. **Please fill out the membership form at bottom of this page and show your support for your organization. IF THERE IS A YEAR OR YEARS(2017) (2018 (2019) FOLLOWING YOUR NAME ON THE ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE YOU RECEIVED THIS LETTER IN YOU OWE DUE FOR THAT YEAR OR YEARS**

I'm sure there are questions that I have not answered, so please call John, Henry, Richard Pedersen or myself and we will do our best to answer them.

Sec. and Trea.

Roger L. Neate

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