

TWO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ARE COMING THIS FALL

Gene Preston, president and Dick Monkelbaan, vice president

Our February meeting at the clubhouse resulted in the membership present expressing their approval of two major changes in our operations.

The meeting agenda contained two topics that have been discussed the past few months by the BOD. Those two topics were brought to the General Membership meeting and discussed at length resulting in some changes that will take place this fall. The BOD has been focused of late on the gradual dwindling of our finances. With no members interested in operating our “company store” the past couple years, and a struggling fund raiser last year, our sole income now is from membership dues. Like all IHC Chapters we increased the dues a few years ago. Therefore, as a result of a unanimously approved motion, beginning with our 2025 Christmas Party, individuals attending will be asked to pay \$15.00 each toward the dinner. The chapter will pick up the balance of the cost. This is how other clubs afford to party, and remarks made at the meeting assured our board that members feel that is one awesome meal for only \$15.00. It is simply a sign of the times, and your leadership team has agreed to move forward with implementing the change based on expressed member approval.

A second agenda item deals with an attempt to improve meeting attendance. For years our February meeting has been on Super Bowl Sunday. We talked of variations of different Sundays and other issues arose like the NASCAR Daytona 500, etc. Then Sunday church services entered into the discussion and finally Saturday meetings were agreed upon, again, unanimously. So, your presidents and the BOD agreed to try Saturday meetings beginning with our November 9 Reorganizational Meeting. Our Calendar of Events will be modified to reflect this change in club meetings in our 2nd Quarter Spring Issue of *Farmall Flyer*. We are hopeful that these changes will be accepted by the membership and will result in a positive outcome.

