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NEWSLETTER AUGUST, 2018

The 2018 National Plowing contests were held in Tea, South Dakota on August 3rd and 4th 2018. The hosts for the event was South Dakota Ploughing Association (SDPA) and Fett family. The SDPA, Phillip Fett and the Fett family did an outstanding job of preparing the site, getting a food stand with very good food. They also had excellent help for loading and unloading equipment.

The annual board meeting was held Wednesday evening. They voted to accept the following names to the board, Don Klehm, ILL., Michael Fitz, IA. and Roger Neate, OH. Next came the election of officers and that is at the top of this page. The board then approved the team for the 2018 65th World Ploughing Championship in Germany. They are: Hailey Gruber; conventional plough, Dale Dirksen: reversible plough, Gene Gruber; coach and Roger Neate; judge. Kevin Albrecht and Joel Wagner will be standby coach and judge.

With help from several members and the board members the plots were all measured off and numbered for the national matches.

Thursday morning went very well with South Dakota getting their state matches underway right on time. Several national plowmen arrived and started to practice.

The banquet was held at the Tea Steakhouse and Events Hall and started 6:00pm.

The annual meeting was called to order by Pres. John Gaard with numerous members and guests present.

Roger Neate read the minutes of the last directors meeting, the last annual meeting and the treasurer's report. Don Klehm moved (seconded by Mike Fitz) to accept all as presented. Motion Passed.

REPORTS:

S.D. John Guard thanked the Fett family for all the work they have done in preparation for the ploughing matches. He introduced each member of the Fett family that was present and explained they are cousins to his mother Elva Gaard. Phillip Fett said the family was looking forward to this event. Thanked everyone for coming and wished the plowmen good luck. John then congratulated

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Gene Gruber and Kevin Albrecht for their excellent placing in Kenya. He then went on and explained about the 2019 World Matches in Lake of the Woods Minnesota.

IA. Mike Fitz congratulated Gene Gruber and Kevin Albrecht

PA. Robert Rentzel reported that they had their state matches two weeks ago with several new plowmen.

ILL. Don Klehm: Congratulated Gene and Kevin. Thanked the SDPA and Fett family for making an outstanding place for the 2018 National matches.

CT. Joel Wagner reported last years plow day was a success and he really enjoyed going to Kenya.

MN. Mike Penas reported that their state matches will be two weeks from now and Thanked Henry Gruber for all his work in organizing the 2019 World Contest.

OH. Roger Neate thanked SDPA and the Fett family for doing a great job of organizing this years contests.

WPO BOARD MEMBER: Richard Pedersen stated that the 2017 Worlds Contest in Kenya was a wonderful trip. There were six (6) members that went and all had a good time. He went on to praise the team for their help they gave to the ploughmen in the field and marshalling yard.

Mike Pena's moved (seconded by Don Klehm) for adjoining the meeting. Motion Passed.

John Guard introduced Henry Gruber, the organizer of the 2019 66TH WORLD PLOUGHING CONTEST. Lake of the Woods, Minnesota is location. Henry gave a very nice presentation on housing facilities and activities in the area.

Friday morning the Senior Antique Class got started a little late, but all went well. Then at noon the Small plow and Reversible class started. Later the Jr. Match plowed. Great day for a plowing contest.

Friday night it rained about three quarters of an inch at the plow site, so things were really wet when we arrived at the field. They held Open Class contest off about one and a half hours . The Small Plow and Reversible Class got a late start, but things worked quite well. There were 36 plowmen total.

The results of the 2018 National contests are as follows:

SMALL PLOW CLASS

- 1st Gene Gruber, MN
- 2nd Austin Magnuson, MN
- 3rd Mike Rhoades, OH

SR. ANTIQUE CLASS

- 1ST David Guard, S.D.
- 2nd Nick Ollinger, IA.
- 3rd Lyle Grimm, IA.

REVERSIBLE CLASS

- 1st Dale Dircksen, OH
- 2nd Kevin Albrecht, S.D.

SR. OPEN CLASS

- 1st John Guard, S.D.
- 2nd Mike Chouanard, MN.
- 3rd Corey Goehring, S.D.

JUNIOR CLASSES

SMALL PLOW

1ST Isaac Kopsa, IA.

The Sportsmanship Award and the Woman's Spirit award are sponsored by Henry and Gene Gruber in honor of their parents Werner and Marilyn Gruber. The Sportsmanship Award went to John Guard, Chancellor, S.D. and the Spirit Award went to Elva Guard, Sioux Falls, S.D.

The 65th World's Ploughing Contest will be held September 1st and 2nd at EINSIEDEL ESTATE in KIRCHENTELLINSFURT, GERMANY.

When we arrive back home I will try to send out a news letter informing everyone of our trip.

Our financial situation at this time is in very good shape. The only bills owed are our liability insurance, shipping container from York, England to Stuttgart, Germany, then back for storage. There are 148 members and 39 percent of them still owe 2018 dues. **Please support your organization by paying your dues!!!!**

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Sec. and Treas.



Roger L. Neate

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