

The annual meeting of the Iowa Plowing Association, Inc. was held March 12, 2005, at the Ivy United Methodist Church near Altoona. Prior to devouring the great food prepared by the Ivy ladies, Monroe Miller led the group in prayer.

At 12:46pm, president David Postlethwait called the meeting to order. Secretary, R. D. Pedersen, read the very complete and accurate minutes of the 2004 annual meeting held April 3, 2004, at the same place. On a motion of Gene Elphic and a second of Harlan Roorda the minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report indicated that we had some \$200.00 less in our treasury than we had one year ago. This is the case even after more than a dozen members have donated \$100.00, or more, to help defray some the substantial. expenses we will have this year. -Expenses incurred the past twelve months included the usual- entry fees for our national competitors, newsletter expenses, contribution to the Ivy ladies, trophies for state matches held at Boone. Pedersen said we paid the USAPO \$2000.00 as part payment due because we agreed to be the host organization for the 2005 National Plowing Matches to be held at Boone the last two days of August. We also committed to another \$1,000.00 if the Iowa Farm and Field Fests does not pay the \$1,000.00 we think they will. We agreed to furnish trophies for winners of the Nationals. Also, we will be paying the entry fees for our national competitors and \$250.00 to our 2005 world representative, Gene Elphic. On motion of David Law and second of Monroe Miller, the treasurer's report was approved.

Postlethwait reviewed the happenings of 2004 as his old business. He reported we had a really successful antique match at Marion. He also reported we had a really good day for our Open and Small Plow matches at Boone. Unfortunately, they were rained out on the scheduled day, but we had a good number of plowmen and they did a good job. Our members do it right under any conditions. David was very pleased to report on the 2004 Nationals held in South Dakota. Iowa brought home two second place trophies - Chad Lambi in the antique class and Jim Quinlan in the open class. Then the big news, Gene Elphic won the roll-over competition and goes to the world. Our plowmen are the greatest.

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On -to new business: Mike Fitz had good news. We get to return to Marshalltown for our antique match on the 6th of August as a featured attraction of the Mid Iowa Antique Power Association's annual show. It will be good to get back to familiar territory.

The state open class and small plow contests are headed back to Belmond on August 20. Small plow guys will drop their plows at 9am and the open class takes off at 1 pm. If there is any interest, we could have a reversible show of some kind.

The really biggie for the IP A is our hosting the 2005 national matches at Boone on August 30 and 31 with a rain date of September 1. We have a deal with the Iowa Farm and Field Fest organization to put on a really big show. It should be a wonderful opportunity for us and a good add on for them. The Iowa Farm and Field Fest is similar to the Farm Progress Show, but has far

l demonstrations. Plans call for the small plow contest to go at 9am on the first day
y the open class at 1 pm. On day two, the roll-over class starts at 9am and the antique
pm. The USAPO will be allotted 50 passes to the show which will be good for all
. Farm and Field fest people will provide stage, four wheeled vehicles, tent for
; headquarters, plus more. They seem to be a good group to work with. It is the hope
cers of IP A that we will be able to get all plots, including practice plots. Staked out the
rior to the contests.

: Postlethwait has done a lot of work planning the plowmen's banquet and activities for the
o will be attending the 2005 nationals. The banquet will be held on the 29th of August
holic church in Boone. It will be a buffet dinner featuring beef, chicken and pork with
vegetables, salad, bread, drinks and homemade pies. A trip to Reiman Gardens at Iowa
been planned with lunch. This is a wonderful facility and should be a great treat for
io would like to take advantage_of the opportunity to take the tour. Anne has worked really hard to
gs enjoyable for our out of state visitors. It should be a great time: It would be really
embers of Iowa Plowing Association would show support for our plowmen as well as
from other states with their presence at the banquet, even if they are not competing.

ethwait reported on happenings at the USAPO level. The winter board meeting of the
was held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Boone. Richard Pennay, the
ania director has been replaced by Chuck Noonan, a long time antique plowman.
or 2005 are president - Postlethwait; vice president - Kevin Albrecht, South Dakota:
treasurer - Roger Neate, Ohio and World Ploughing Organization Representative - R.
en, Iowa. The USAPO board has been laboring over changes, which need to be made to
es of Incorporation and By Laws. A consensus has now been reached and changes will
ted to the membership at large at the annual meting in Boone in August to be ratified.
Plans to print new rule books with rules i\identical to world rules. This subject will also
it to the annual meeting. The board voted to purchase dinner jackets for the US
atives traveling to world contests. Many countries do this now. The USAPO might not be
y the entire cost, but will contribute a certain amount toward the purchase of each
e each for the plowmen, judge, coach and world rep.

hwait said the USAPO is doing a good job. But, like any organization, it can only
ful and continue as a viable organization:(membership must be sustained and, in
se. He encouraged IF A members to support the USAPO with their membership

Pedersen, chairman of the nominating committee placed the following names in
on for director of IPA for 2005. Gene Elphic, Mike Fitz, Keith Gillmore, Monroe Miller,
lersen, David Postlethwait, Jim Quillian, Harlan Roorda and Ray Willhoite. On a motion
aw and second or Kevin Holl, a unanimous ballot was cast for the persons nominated.

ence Huber informed the group that he had, finally, made his way through all the
we have received from Laura Plambeck covering the 60 or 65 years our founder and all-
er leader, Herb, spent working with and for plowing and Iowa Plowing Association in
r. He invited all present to view the books he has assembled. He also related how,
years, he has been privileged to meet several big time politicians and how none of them
shook his hand was elected to the office they were seeking. The moral of the story is,
ant to be elected to an office, don't shake hands with Laurence Huber. Monroe Miller has moved to a
se and is reducing his inventory of plowing memorabilia. He brought a picture, taken from the sky, of
ric plowing by our own, Steve King, and a Russian plowman during the 1988 world ploughing matches
nanas. Monroe offered this one-of-a-kind picture to be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the

any valuable prizes, just about everyone present went home with something they will for the rest of their life.

lethwait announced that a newsletter will be sent in a couple months. Final facts relative to and national matches will be featured in this newsletter. David will be contacting potential competitors. We will be able to have 12 contestants in Boone. Small class 2; antique -3; roll over-ten -4.

Elphic told of his preparations in getting himself and his equipment to the place he wanted national competition in South Dakota last fall. He, basically, had to manufacture parts, rebuild his plow, rebuild his plow and then do it all over again. He has spend many many hours and some money getting ready for this new class of plowing competition. It was noted that he, more or less, plowed for competition in South Dakota. He is looking forward to competing in the Czeck Republic in September.

lethwait gave those assembled one more opportunity to speak up, no one did. On motion of Monroe and of David Law, the meeting adjourned at 2:28pm, 1985, Secretary

