

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

June 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Chuck Morine, Larry Stone, Chris Schoen, Jay Elvers, Don Venteicher, and Dan Slagel. Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader, and Motor Mill coordinator Laura Elsinger also attended. CCCB director Jenna Pollock arrived about 7:45 p.m. In the absence of board chair Ken Zichal, Schoen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

AGENDA

Board members asked to add the following items to the agenda: how to distribute the Milling Around newsletter; communications with other mills; overhauling the MMF library; idea for a fund raiser; tours for Moto Guzzi visitors. Slagel moved to approve the agenda with those additions. Elvers seconded. Carried.

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TREASURER’S REPORT

Slagel presented the following treasurer’s report:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
May 17	Beginning Balance			35,795.15
	<u>Receipts</u>			
May 28	Donations		181.00	
May 28	Square Deposit		27.17	
June 2	Donations		61.00	
	Merchandise sale		15.00	
June 7	Square Deposit		28.15	
June 10	Donations		87.00	
	Merch (cash)		65.00	
	Square Deposit		207.26	
June 17	Donation		81.00	
	Merch(cash)		16.00	
	<u>Square Deposit</u>		<u>17.43</u>	
	Total Receipts		786.01	

Inn. Questions included the need to update the video and a place where visitors could watch it. A new video might be more appropriate after our visioning discussion in July. No decision was reached. 3) Location of bolter interpretive sign – The board agreed for now to leave the sign on the first floor of the Mill, where guides normally explain the milling process, rather than to put the sign near bolters on the third floor. 4) Tours of upper floors of the Inn - The board agreed that tours of the upper two floors of the Inn might not be necessary, given the virtual tour available online.

3 - VISIONING – Mallory Hansen from NE Iowa R C & D will lead a visioning and goal setting discussion at the July 16 meeting, which will be at the Inn.

4 – SUMMER EVENT – Harkrader said a committee is planning a “Night at the Inn” from 5-8 p.m. on August 10. The event tentatively will include music, food, wine, arts, and crafts. Morine noted that the Motor Mill Foundation’s nonprofit rules prevent serving alcohol. Pollock said the event will be sponsored by the Conservation Board, which allows serving alcohol.

5 – MILLING AROUND – The board agreed that it is best to distribute Milling Around by email, rather than sending hard copies. Elsinger said she will investigate ways to reduce the size of the digital file to streamline the process. She also suggested clarifying the visitor sign-up sheet to be sure people give an email address.

6 – COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER MILLS – Elsinger and Yearous have reached out to other mills – Pickwick, Schech’s, Pine Creek, and Wapsi – to see if there is information we should be sharing that would benefit each other.

7 – LIBRARY OVERHAUL – Elsinger has been doing an inventory of materials in the Motor Mill library. She hopes to remove duplicates and/or information that is not pertinent. It is still to be determined what information will be accessible to the public and what will be kept for Motor Mill Foundation members and researchers.

8 – FUND RAISER – Elvers proposed a “Bridges of Clayton County” UTV ride as a fund raiser for Motor. Participants would be charged a fee to register and ride in the event, which might include Motor, Mederville, and other historic bridges.

Pollock said the Conservation Board could not be involved, given past experience with drinking and driving by riders. Stone noted past problems of UTV riders disrupting tours outside the Mill. The board took no action.

9 – MOTO GUZZI – Stone has been in touch with organizers of the 31st Annual Iowa Moto Guzzi Rally July 12-14 in Elkader. We will try to arrange Motor Mill tours for interested bikers, and/or encourage them to participate in regular Saturday-Sunday tours.

ADJOURNMENT

Elvers moved to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Slagel seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary, Motor Mill Foundation