

Summer Picnic Recap

Thank you to all of those who were able to make it to the Imholte Ranch for the Summer Bi-annual Meeting and Picnic. To those unable to make it, know that you were missed.

A few of us gathered on Saturday evening to shoot some clay pigeons, roast a few S'mores, and enjoy catching up with one another. The weather made for a perfect evening, and the bugs kept themselves at bay.

We exchanged greetings Sunday morning as more folks arrived. Ben Grafe, assisted by Andy Imholte gave some great insights to the ever-changing, fast paced world of Artificial Intelligence. Vic Moore, the MSAA legislative lobbyist, and Isaac Schultz gave an in depth overview of some changes with the gun laws in Minnesota recently with a quick question and answer session.

A great BBQ lunch was to follow. Some of the best Ribs I've eaten. The Pulled Pork was excellent as well. The MSAA Auxiliary met over the lunch break, planning out their time at Conference and Show. The Hall of Fame also met during lunch, with many members present.

The Bi-annual business meetings of the MSAA and Foundation commenced after lunch. Under "Old Business," Frank will contact the NAA to have our plaque updated with the new MSAA logo. Daisy Trautman will be the replacement for Sara starting with this year's conference edition of the Minnesota Auctioneer.

For "New Business," Frank Imholte's resignation as Executive Vice President was made public. Although he plans to be officially done on February 28th, 2024, he hopes to still find some usefulness to the association in the future. A Search and Transition Team has been established to assist the Board in finding his replacement. Persons interested in applying for open EVP position should contact Frank for more information. Deadline to apply is October 1st, 2023. A Motorcycle and Classic Car Fun Run is scheduled for September 9th near Alexandria, if interested in participating, contact Glenn Trautman II or Tracy Mikkleson. Matt Schultz, on behalf of Jeff Martin Auctioneers, presented the MSAA members the use of an auction topper to pick up in Glencoe, MN when needed. They will have it lettered with the MSAA logo as a member benefit. Thank you to Jeff Martin Auctioneers. Dave Christian thanked Fred Radde for bringing poster boards of auction history and encouraged others to bring vintage items to C&S to preserve our history. Meeting was adjourned.

Following the Bi-annual Meeting, a quick Fun Auction was held to clean out a few prints from the MSAA trailer. The Rick Behrens Plaque was sold to Kurt Johnson. A Commemorative 75th Anniversary Gavel and Plaque donated by Fred Radde was sold to Kevin Maring and Jim Connelly. A Henry Golden Boy .22 caliber rifle with a commemorative 75th anniversary engraved

stock was sold to Ray Henry. A 75th Anniversary Belt Buckle, number 5 of 5, was sold to Dylan Kallemeyn. Other MSAA apparel items were also sold. Thank you all for your generosity and stalwart support of the MSAA!

October 22nd is the date for the Fall Board Meeting. Stay tuned to hear when the Room Block opens for the Courtyard Hotel in Moorhead. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or just want to visit, feel free to contact me.

Glenn Trautman II

2023 President, MSAA