

July 20, 2026 High Banks Hall of Fame Minutes

The short meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Jeff Frint, President. Cleaning of museum & grounds took place after the meeting.

Members present: Jeff Frint, President/Curator, Ryan Boyer, V. President, Karol McChesney, Co-Treasurer, Karen Oerter, Secretary, Harry Ivers, Manning Allsman, Sally Splichal, and Don Holbrook.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report: The minutes of June 15, 2026 were read and approved; the Treasurer's report was given by Karol McChesney.

Foundations/Grants/Donations: A Diversion check for \$150 was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Induction: Saturday, August 1, 2026 Doors open 10 a.m. Meal at 11 a.m. Ceremony at 12 noon. Set up will be Thursday, July 30th at 5:30 p.m. at high school cafeteria. Ryan B, Karol M, Karen O, and Sally S will help set up. We need volunteers to help serve the meal on Saturday. Ryan B will change the date on the induction banner.
2. End of Term: Karol McChesney is retiring from Treasurer's position in November.
3. Concrete Repair of Sidewalk: On hold at this time.
4. 305 Nationals and NCK Free Fair - July 31st through August 1st: The HBHoF trailer will be parked on the midway Sunday prior to the fair at no charge per the fair board. The simulator car, bike and gun will be on exhibit. Raffle drawings will be Saturday, Aug. 1st. Jeff F will run the booth with help of David Boyer and others.
5. Cleaning of Winners Circle Benches: will be on Monday, July 27 at 8:00 p.m. by Sally S, Karen O & daughter, and Karol M. The temperature should be cool enough at that time to improve the cleaning of benches.
6. Vic Felt Items: Appraisal has been received. We will verify we have the items, and the IRS contribution form will be sent to Forest Junod.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tom Hiatt Resignation: Tom H submitted a letter of resignation from Vice President's position. Ryan Boyer will move up to Vice President. Ryan Boyer made the motion to appoint Don Holbrook as 2nd Vice President. Sally Splichal seconded. Motion carried.
2. Enclosed Glass Shelf Cases: Annette Eaton offered HBHoF two cases for total of \$100. Ryan B and Jeff F will look at them after the fair is over.
3. Virtual Option Monthly Meetings: Karen Oerter is looking into an option to allow for virtual options for the monthly meetings.
4. Concordia Car Show – Heartland Auto Club: Saturday, August 15, 2026 – 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Jeff F was approached regarding exhibiting a race car in the park at no charge. Jeff F will take the #75 car.
5. Tractor Drive – Cuba Harvest Festival Friday, July 17th: The drive came by way of old 36 Highway to Belleville to tour Reinke's and then High Banks Hall of Fame Museum. Around 60 folks were on the tour. They ate Dairy Queen sack lunches at Reinke's, then came over to the museum.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Belleville 305 Nationals July 31st and August 1st. Concordia Car & Bike Show August 15, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:07 p.m.

June 15, 2026 Minutes of High Banks Hall of Fame Museum

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Jeff Frint, President.

Members present: Jeff Frint, President/Curator, Tom Hiatt, V. President, Ryan Boyer, 2nd V. President, Barry Bottger, Co-Treasurer, Karol McChesney, Co-Treasurer, Karen Oerter, Secretary, Harry Ivers, Mike & Karen Wallenberg, Sally Splichal, & Don Holbrook.

The minutes of May 19, 2026 were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Barry Bottger.

Foundations/Grants/Donations received amounted to \$4,445.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Race Programs: Ryan Boyer reported the cost of printing race programs will be \$5.07 if we order 250+ books. We will sell them for \$5 each. Karen Wallenberg made the motion to order 250 books. Karol McChesney seconded. Motion carried.

Induction: Saturday, August 1, 2026 (Committee: Don Holbrook, Ryan Boyer, & Jeff Frint) Inductees will be mentioned on Facebook. The autograph session with 305 sprint drivers will be at 2:00 p.m. at the museum after the induction.

Consignment Sale: Due to the Concordia Fall Fest the same weekend and lack of a food truck, Tom Hiatt made the motion to cancel the event. Ryan Boyer seconded. Motion carried. We will consider a February or March sale in 2027.

Celebrate America's 250th in Munden, KS Saturday, June 20, 2-26: Jeff Frint will sell raffle tickets on the rifle and pit bike. Museum will be closed. The parade will be at 10:00 a.m.

Belleville City Rec Tour of HBHoF Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 9:30 a.m.: 30 to 40 children are expected. Karol McChesney will open the museum early. Helpers will be Cheryl & Tom Hiatt, and Karen & Mike Wallenberg.

Bill Grit – Facebook Interview: Consensus was to have the interview with Bill Grit. Sponsorship is \$300.

Die-cast Donation to HBHoF: Brett Chrisinger donated 16 die-cast from his dad's collection. Mike Wallenberg researched prices.

NEW BUSINESS:

McChesney/Abreu bench in Winners Circle: The bench was installed May 25, 2026.

Duane Roesch Race Car was moved out June 6, 2026.

Forest Junod's Vic Felt items: The daughter will find an appraiser to do the appraisal, then will donate items to HBHoF.

Sunflower Summer Program for kids: The program runs July 9 – August 8, 2026. Families will show the app on phone, then HBHoF gets reimbursed \$5 per child and one adult at end of program.

Republic County Map by Jenrus Marketing: HBHoF paid the \$20 fee for advertising on the map May 27, 2026.

Highway Signs with state licenses: Ryan Boyer located 2 of the 3 missing licenses. The OPEN sign on the pole sign has missing letters.

Concrete repair of sidewalk: Ben Smith and Travis Long submitted bids to widen sidewalk & repair cracked cement. Don Holbrook made the motion to hire them at a cost of \$3,150 to do repairs. Ryan Boyer seconded. Motion carried.

Rick Salem Bench: They are getting donations for the bench.

Model T Fronty Ford: This will be loaned to "The Garage" in Salina for 6 months.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Summary of High Banks Hall of Fame Museum Minutes of May 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. at the museum by president, Jeff Frint. Members present were: Jeff Frint, President; Tom Hiatt, Vice President; Barry Bottger, Co-Treasurer; Karen Oerter, Secretary, Don Holbrook, Harry Ivers, Sally Splichal, and Manning Allsman.

The minutes were read by Karen Oerter and the Treasurer's report was given by Barry Bottger.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Republic County Community Foundation: Karol McChesney attended on April 29th at the old Krazy Kracken building. Approximately \$285 was donated on behalf of the museum.

Membership Drive: Membership materials were mailed on May 15th.

USA 250th Celebration at Munden: The museum will be represented in the parade with a race car. We will have the simulator car ready for kids on Marc McChesney's lot along with Henry Golden Boy .22 rifle and Pit Bike raffle tickets being available.

The Belleville City Rec bus kids will tour the museum on Wednesday, June 17 at 9:30 a.m.

June 26-27 races: The race program committee will have programs printed by The Belleville Telescope by race date.

Induction Ceremony/Meal: Saturday, August 1, 2026 – 11:00 a.m. for the meal followed by the ceremony at 12:00 noon. Altius Awards is making the plaques and AppleOne Media is printing the booklets.

HBHoF Consignment Sale: Sunday, September 27, 2026 – We will hire a food truck vendor.

Raffles/Races to attend: Possible dates to attend & sell raffle tickets are: May 29th – Beloit; July 8th – Beloit (Chad McDaniel Memorial Race)

Retiring: Karol McChesney will be retiring from Co-Treasurer position by November 16th Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Grit Facebook interview: We will be having this interview, etc. for the annual fee of \$300.

Die-cast donation: Bret Chrisinger donated 16 unopened boxes of die-cast for us to sell in the gift shop.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 15th – HBHoF meeting

June 20th – Munden Celebration/Parade/Booths/etc.

June 26th -27th - Races: Belleville ASCS 260 Sprints

HBHoF Minutes Summary of April 20, 2026

Membership Committee (Tom Hiatt, Ryan Boyer, Karol McChesney) and volunteers met at 6:30 p.m. to prepare the 2026-27 membership materials.

Jeff Frint called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Members present: Jeff Frint, President; Tom Hiatt, Vice President; Ryan Boyer, 2nd Vice President, Karol McChesney, Co-Treasurer; Sally Splichal, Harry Ivers, Karen Oerter, and Don Holbrook.

Ryan Boyer/Sally Splichal moved/2nd to appoint Karen Oerter as Secretary. Motion carried.

The minutes of March 16, 2026 were read by Karen Oerter and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Karol McChesney.

Marty Boyer services, April 4, 2026: The funeral lunch was held at the race museum and memorials were designated to the HBHoF in honor of Marty. Ryan Boyer is working on getting a Winners Circle bench for Marty.

Race program update: Ryan Boyer will contact The Belleville Telescope regarding printing of programs and price. Don Holbrook reported funding for advertisements has been received by April 19, 2026.

Gift Shop: Nance tee shirts and caps have been ordered through Byron Nance.

Induction Saturday, August 1, 2026: Doors open at 10:00 a.m. at the Republic County Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria. Meal is at 11:00 a.m. and induction ceremony follows at 12:00 noon. The booklet has been proofread for once; several more proof readings to be done.

Lawnmower upkeep: Gardner Repair tuned up the mower. Jeff Frint and other members will mow the lawn as needed.

Consignment Auction Sunday, September 27, 2026: Terry Jelinek will be one of the clerks helping Novak Bros. & Gieber at the auction. We still need one more clerk. Also we will contact a food truck to be available since we are not having the pancake feed. Advertising includes contacting KR-92 Radio, Facebook, and word of mouth.

Rep. County Community Fund: Fund the Future of RP County for Non-Profits will be held on April 29th, and Karol McChesney will have our booth.

Summer hours for museum begin May 1 – September 30, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, & Sunday; 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Highway sign on north 81 that is damaged due to Kansas winds needs to be removed or replaced by February 18, 2027. AppleOne has been contacted to remove it once the winds have died down.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

March 16, 2026 HBHoF Minutes

Jeff Frint, president, called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. Nine members were present.

The February 16, 2026 minutes were read and approved. Karol McChesney presented the treasurer's report.

The funeral service for long-time race supporter, Marty Boyer, will be April 4, 2026 at Tibbetts Bros. Funeral Home. Following the service & burial, family & friends will gather at the race museum for a lunch.

Don Holbrook reported the race program committee is gathering advertisements and photos for the 2026 program. The Belleville Telescope will be contracted to print the programs.

The membership drive will be held at the April 20, 2026 meeting with members folding and stuffing envelopes. The materials will be mailed around May 15th.

Nance merchandise will be ordered and sold in the gift shop. Tee shirts will be both black and red; Nance caps will be in black.

Induction will be on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at the Belleville Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria. The meal is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. with the induction ceremony to follow at noon. The Acreage Steakhouse, Hubbell, NE, is catering the meal.

Gardner Repair will get the lawnmower and do the annual tune-up. In the past, the curator, Don McChesney, did the mowing during his working hours. We need members to step up and do the mowing.

Deb Filipi and Cody Filipi did major clean-up around the Winners Circle this year. The ruts in the lawn from when Hood's put in the AC/furnace units in November need to be filled in with dirt.

Several Winners Circle benches are being prepared by Los Primos/Johnson Monument. No word on installation date.

The HBHoF consignment auction will be Sunday, September 27, 2026 at the 4H building. We need lots of help several days before the auction, during the auction, and afterwards to help buyers load heavy items as well as general cleanup. We are still looking for a truck food vendor for Sunday's food service.

Karol McChesney attended the meeting of Fund the Future of Republic County for Non-profits on February 29. She will also attend the in-person event on April 29, 2026 from noon until 6 p.m.

Karen Oerter has volunteered to take over the secretary's duties as of March 16th.

Manning Allsman agreed to open the museum on Thursdays. Summer hours begin May 1 through September 30: Tuesdays and Fridays: 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, & Sundays open 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

KDOT letter of 3-13-26 stated we need to repair the smaller broken HBHoF sign on HWY 81 north of Belleville or remove it by February 27, 2027. AppleOne has been contacted to remove the broken part using their bucket truck.

Manning Allsman will update the simulator car game next time he opens the museum.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

HBHoF Minutes Summary of February 16, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jeff Frint, president.

Members present: President - Jeff Frint, V. Pres. - Tom Hiatt, 2nd V. Pres. - Ryan Boyer, Co-Treasurer - Karol McChesney, Don Holbrook, Harry Ivers, Manning Allsman, Sally Splichal

The minutes of January 19, 2026 & treasurer's report were read by Karol McChesney.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gift shop: The gift shop committee will meet & discuss Nance items for the gift shop. Karol M will donate Don McChesney's brand new driving suit for sale in the gift shop.

BCRA display and plaques: Don H noted that the BCRA display is complete, thanks to Jeff F and Ryan B for helping him, and thanks to Ryan B for creating the BCRA inductee poster.

HBHoF inductee exhibit: Don H has finished the lettering above the HBHoF inductee panels.

Race programs 2026: The first race is June 26; members will help Ryan B put the programs together.

Induction- Saturday, August 1, 2026, at Belleville High School cafeteria. Meal is at 11:00 a.m. Ceremony to follow.

Consignment auction Sunday, September 27, 2026: Jeff F will contact KR92 radio's "party line" & announce the new date of sale. Ryan B will post the date on Facebook. Karol M has contacted Les Novak, auctioneer, regarding the new date. The date was moved from April to September to avoid other spring auctions.

Bobby Albert print to honor Don McChesney is currently hanging in the outer office. Frank Palmietto, New York, made the donation.

Vic Felt memorabilia: We are waiting to receive appraisal papers.

Concordia gun show January 25, 2026: Jeff F worked the booth on Sunday. The weekend was sparsely attended due to snowy & icy conditions.

KAR banquet Feb. 28 at The Garage Automotive Museum, Salina, KS: Tom & Cheryl Hiatt & Karol M will attend.

Secretary's position: Justin Sly resigned his position and committee assignments effective immediately due to his distant job assignments with KDOT in the coming months.

Co-Treasurer: Karol M noted she would like to start training someone especially during the following activities: membership drive, induction & fair week, and consignment sale.

Safety markers at parking blocks: Tom H installed safety markers at each block.

NEW BUSINESS:

Curator's position: Don H/Tom H moved/2nd to make Jeff Frint our full-time curator. Motion carried.

Roesch #01 supermodified: Jeff F reported the sale of the Roesch car fell through, but it is still for sale.

Snow removal: It was noted that HBHoF and B & C Drugs share costs in snow removal of the parking lot each winter. Reminder: use only a plastic tipped snow shovel if scooping the Winners Circle, according to Luster Stone Pebble Paving's directions.

Website www.hbhof.com : The website will be updated with monthly HBHoF minutes. We will no longer send out e-mails to our 250+ friends as our new e-mail system is less conducive to group mailings.

Basketball sub-state programs advertisement for HBHoF: Members voted to not renew this for 2026.

New worker on Thursdays at HBHoF: Manning Allsman agreed to work on Thursdays.

Chamber of Commerce coffee: HBHoF will host coffee at HBHoF on Thursday, December 24, 2026.

OTHER:

Marty Boyer: Marty passed away on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026. His funeral will be Saturday, April 4, 2026. The funeral dinner will be held at the HBHoF museum.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Minutes submitted by Karol McChesney.