WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY

11 October 2000 MEETING MINUTES

The 11 October 2000 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at the Greenstreets Restaurant of the Holiday Inn in Cedar Falls, IA with 19 members and 6 guests present. The meeting was called to order by President Tim Boorom at 7:33 PM. Following the recognition of the past Presidents and Honorary Members, we had introductions of guests. Minutes of the 20 September 2000 meeting were read and approved.

Gordon Licht presented the Treasurer's report showing a balance of $471.25. There were 4 new membership dues payments for the 2000-2001 year.

Motion was made and seconded to put the treasury money in the John Deere Community Credit Union savings account to enable getting interest on our money. Motion was passed.

President Tim Boorom announced that the speaker for the Nov meeting had cancelled, but in its place would be a Technical Student Night meeting in conjunction with the Iowa Engineering Society chapter. Ken Allbaugh, the program chairperson, said that the meeting would be at Hawkeye Community College with the prime rib meal costing $10.00. We were given the opportunity to sign up to sponsor a student for the cost of the evening meal. Speakers for the evening will be Jane Dorman, Director of Admissions, College of Engineering, from the University of Iowa and David Holger, Associate Dean, College of Engineering, from Iowa State University. The title of the evening's program will be "The Future of Engineers".

Tim Schoenfelder, program chairperson for October, introduced Marti Hazen as the evening speaker. Marti is Vice-President of the Cedar Falls Federated Flower Art Club. Her topic for the evening's program was Organic Gardening. Marti described Organic Farming as using what you have and improvising for the situation. She is a chemical free person and enjoys chemical free foods. She has had her own garden for many years largely for this reason. She shared many of her ideas and thoughts on growing and cleaning vegetables and flowers. She shared her thoughts on mulching, composting, soil acidity, fertilizer, watering and planting of seeds and bulbs. Use of human hair will discourage rodents and pests, therefore avoiding the use of commercial pesticides.
She described ways to deal with insects. She gave some interesting facts and comments on Poison ivy, allergies, asthma, and pollutants. Pamphlets on "Safe Alternates to Hazardous Household Products" and "Your Garden, Stop Poisoning Your Yard" were handed out.

Questions and answers were shared at the end of the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Mohling, CO-Secretary