

# Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 18, 2022

### Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:00 pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Frandsen.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Jerry Geiger, Tim Brain, Jason Muller, Lyle Clark, Ed Savage (via phone), Sarah Geiger and Mark Sion

**MINUTES OF March 21, 2022 MEETING:** Mark moved to approve the minutes as emailed to the board and posted to the club website. Seconded by Lyle. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's Report was presented by Tim. Tim received the financials back from the accountant on April 15, 2022 including the tax return. Tim will have a full report at the next board meeting with account receivables and payables. The new computer approved by the board has arrived and Tim will work with Phil Frandsen to get the new software downloaded on it along with the club's financials. The club will be getting a free copy QuickBooks software donated.

The main checking account balance is \$55,945

The savings account balance is \$63,743

The Case account balance is \$12,130

Motion made by Jason to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**FARMLAND:** Ed reported that the alfalfa will be cut and baled within the next 10-15 days depending on Lonnie's schedule. If the weather remains in the upper 90's/low 100's, that should help eliminate the aphids in the alfalfa and he won't have to spray. The northwest and northeast borders will need to be re-worked to get out the weeds. The corn on the east field is doing well. Ed is in discussion with the UofA group about planting a cover crop within the current corn stand. It would be broadcast spread around the V4 -V5 corn stage. It will be beneficial for providing better silage and adding up to 200lbs of nitrogen per acre back into the ground. That will limit the extra nitrogen that would need to be added to the irrigations. Ed is working on getting the cover crop seed donated by the UofA as part of a study. Ed will report at next meeting an update.

Jerry reported that the alfalfa sales are going well. All current buyers have been paying \$10/bale. It was discussed that with a \$3/bale for cutting and baling (used to be \$1.50/bale), the club will need to adjust the price per bale after the upcoming cutting. Jerry will reach out to the current buyers and inform them that the current price of \$10/bale would be honored this current cutting but starting with the next and subsequent cuttings, the board felt it was appropriate to adjust the cost of per bale to \$12.50 and ultimately up to \$15/bale if the conditions continue to trend upwards with our costs. More discussion to be held at the next board meeting.

No updates on the outstanding debt that Ritchie has with the club for his purchased hay in 2021. Ed was asked to reach out to Ritchie on getting an update on when payment will be made to the club but he has not finalized having that conversation.

**AHAA** – Will be scheduling a board meeting in the coming weeks. Information will be sent out when the meeting date and time is finalized.

**COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE/MEMBERSHIP** – Phil reported that the response has been successful of the software automatic reminders. The club currently has 358 paid memberships, which is 21 more memberships from last year at this time. Currently the club is trending at 61% readership of the emails that are sent out which is up from 49% last year. The board agreed that the Wild Apricot software is working favorably for our needs and agreed to do a two-year renewal vs. the month-to-month that we had been doing. This will save the club about \$30/mo.

Motion made by Jason to approve a two-year membership with Wild Apricot. Seconded by Sarah. Motion carried.

**STEAM ENGINE** • Jeff Smith recently spoke to Jeff Lund and Jeff assured the club the steam engine would be completed by the end of the year. Jason suggested we get a firm date from Jeff Lund as he has continually extended his deadline the past 7 years. If in fact Jeff Lund finishes the steam engine, transportation will need to be coordinated to get it back to Arizona. Willie Welchert, who hauled it to Minnesota for the club has since retired and is no longer in the hauling business.

#### **CLUB EVENTS:**

- **Annual Business Meeting:** Scheduled for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the club's farmland. Arrive at 5pm to take a tour of the farmland and mingle with current members. Dinner will start at 5:30 and the annual business meeting will be held afterwards. Dinner and drinks are provided by the club. This year it will be catered by The Fork Catering (BBQ). There are 3 positions on the board that are up for reelection – Mark Sion, Lyle Clark and Jason Muller. All 3 candidates have agreed to run again and other members of the club are welcomed to also run for a board position. Elections will take place at the meeting. Currently, Jerry and Ed are completing their 3rd year on the board and Tim and Sarah are completing their 1<sup>st</sup> year.
- **Glendale and AJ Shows:** The Glendale show for 2023 will have a new show chair. Dean Hinz accepted the offer to be the new show chair. There may be another interested club member also willing to help assist Dean and Sam McConnell will be reaching out to him to check on the interest level. The AJ show is still looking for a show chair(s). Jerry will be reaching out to a club member that may have some interest and will report back at next meeting.
- **Prescott Show:** The Prescott show is set for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and will be a one-day show. Sarah will be sending out an email with all of the information regarding the show. Since the Prescott Club is part of the National EDGETA Association, any members participating will need to adhere to their show rules and safety. In Sarah's email, she will add a link with the rules specifically chocking your tractor tires and having a fire extinguisher on each tractor being displayed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mile High Club – Prescott merger with AEDGETA. Paul Laipple was present and still would like to continue conversations with a possible merger of the two clubs. It was also discussed that the Flagstaff and Cottonwood clubs would possibly be also interested in a merger. The board will continue discussions after the May 14<sup>th</sup> Prescott show on how to move forward.
- Club's Metal buildings/City of Glendale: No update provided
- Club's JD B Tractor Restoration project: Dan Whitehead and Sam will be sifting through the parts boxes and start to organize the parts and see what is accounted for. Dan will start to rebuild the carburetor and magneto.
- Magneto Donation to Club: No update provided.
- Club's FFA Tractor Donation Program: No update provided.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Fairbank Morse engine is now at the farm for permanent storage. Jerry and Rex Condie will be meeting in the next couple of weeks on the strategy of building an enclosure for the engine and components to keep it out of the elements. Jerry will report back on progress of the project.
- At the March board meeting, Ed submitted his resignation from the Farm effective spring 2023. He gave enough notice so that who ever is identified to take over can work with Ed the next several months on how the farm operates and understand the water and chemical process. The board will start the process of identifying a club member that would like to be the next Farmland manager.
- There have been several questions on how to obtain a personalized name tag with the club's logo and the member's info on it. Jerry and Debbie have worked with a local vendor that does name tags for the club and they will offer a special for club members: \$7 (pin style) / \$10 (magnetic style) plus \$5 for shipping (free pick up). Debbie will work with Sarah on getting an email out to the membership with the directions on how to obtain a name tag.
- Jerry reported that he and Rex Condie will work on getting the deck boards for the scale at Sahuaro Ranch Park measured, cut, stacked to dry and ready to install sometime this fall. Rex has volunteered to donate the materials and time to procure the deck boards. This fall when the weather is good, Jerry will assemble a team of volunteers to help remove the old deck boards and install the new boards at the park.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mark made a motion and Tim seconded to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Motion carried.

***The next meeting is scheduled for May 7th at the club's farmland off of 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues for the Annual Business Meeting.***