

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING October 17, 2022

Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:10 pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kathleen Lawson.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Jerry Geiger, Mark Sion, Tim Brain, Jason Muller, Ryan Thorman
Sarah Geiger and Ed Savage

MINUTES OF September 19, 2022 MEETING: Ed moved to approve the minutes as emailed to the board and posted to the club website. Seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tim presented the September 2022 financials. Bills that were paid this past month were the farm expenses (\$1,849.25), club phone (\$19.99), bank fees (\$12.00). Membership renewals received in September were \$75.00. The club had farm income of \$2,349.00. This includes hay sales. The club also had a donation of \$4,500 from City of Glendale/Councilman Bart Turner.

The main checking account balance is \$55,229.14

The savings account balance is \$63,786.26

The Case account balance is \$12,205.55

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FARMLAND: Ed reported that the club is still waiting on a check from Rovey Dairy for the sorghum harvest a few weeks ago. Over the weekend of October 8th, the farm had a nice rain of about 1 ½ inches. There is a scheduled Plow Day set for Saturday, October 22nd at 8am. All active club members are welcome to bring out their equipment and turn over some dirt. The club will also have a farm clean up day as well in preparation of the annual Fall Kick Off Meeting that will be held at the farm. There are quite a few weeds that need to be cleaned up around the property. Ryan spent time out at the farm a couple of weeks ago spraying weeds and doing some cleanup. He suggested putting down a pre-emergent later this winter that will help with the weeds for about 6 months. He is going to price out the chemicals and report back. Ryan is a certified sprayer and will be able to apply the chemicals.

AHAA – No Update

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE/MEMBERSHIP – No update

STEAM ENGINE • Discussion was started on what direction the club would like to go with the steam engine. It has been over 7 years since the engine has been in for repair with Jeff Lund. He keeps pushing our project back that it is time to make a decision on the future of the steam engine. The Board felt it was appropriate to bring the discussion to the club as a whole and get a census on what the membership would like to do. Currently the club has about \$10K invested to date with the majority of the repairs and bills yet to come. It is anticipated that the total cost could still be an additional \$40K + with no timeline on completion. Tom Trainor will work with Sarah to put together a club-wide survey and get it sent out in the next week or so that the Board can discuss at either the November or December meeting. This will also be brought up at the annual Fall Kick Off meeting. If the Board decides to sell the steam engine as-is where-is, the upside is that the club will not lose any money spent to date. More discussion regarding this at the next couple of board meetings before it will be put to vote.

CLUB EVENTS:

- **Glendale and AJ Shows:** Dean Hinz, Glendale Show Chair provided an update on a few items he is working on for the Glendale show. He was unable to attend the meeting but provided an email of the update. He is asking the Board for permission to spend about \$2K for some activities and enhancements to the show. The Board is in favor of supporting him but thought the best thing to do was provide an overall show budget and then he can spend the monies on however he felt the best way to do so. Tim is going to take a look at what has been spent at the last 5 years' worth of shows and report back to the board an average show cost to put on. Then the Board will determine what the budget will be set at for the show.
- **Tractor Drive for Fall 2022:** Tractor drive was postponed due to the weather. Tim and Mike will be looking at an alternative date and report back.
- **Hellzarockin' Gem and Mineral Show – No update**
- **Fall Kick-Off Business Meeting –** The meeting is set for Saturday, October 22 at the Club's Farmland. The format will be the same as in previous years – come around 5pm, catered meal will be served at 5:30 and the business meeting will be held following dinner. Come out and enjoy a nice evening with club members, see all the activity going on at the farm and learn what the club is up to with all the activities planned for this fall/winter. Sarah sent out a meeting notice and will send out another reminder for club members to go online and to RSVP.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Mile High Club –** Both clubs are getting closer on making the partnership between both clubs. Still working out the insurance costs. Based on their membership of about 50 members and what Mark found out on the club's current policy, it is estimated to be in the \$300 range to insure the Mile High Club to add them.
- **Club Insurance -**
Mark reported how the club's insurance is broken down. Currently the annual total cost of insurance is \$2,580.00 and is broken down into 4 parts. **Part 1.** Total membership is based on 450 members and the premium is \$1,621. This needs to be updated to reflect our actual membership of 346 which will lower the premium down to \$1,257. **Part 2.** Endorsement Rider for club events like tractor rides, shows, hayrides for community etc.. Premium is \$166. **Part 3.** Club owned equipment. Currently the value is estimated at \$112,510 but the insurance company *does not have* a list of what that amount breaks down into. It is believed to be the steam engine, Morse Fairbanks engine, pull sled, club owned

tractors, trailers and misc. equipment but nobody knows for sure. The premium for this \$743. **Part 4.** Farm liability certificate that SRP required. \$50. Mark is going to contact the insurance broker back to update them with the current membership level so that is accurate (and get a possible pro-rated refund on premium) and then inquire about Part 3 and the equipment. He is going to find out what needs to be submitted and then the premium can be adjusted accordingly with what equipment the club wants coverage on.

- **City of Glendale/Dog Park Property:** Jerry and Mark met with Bill Sheely from Orcutt Winslow architect firm to prepare a site plan that will be presented to the City of Glendale along with proposal of what the club plans to do with the property and what value it brings to the City of Glendale and the residents. Jerry hopes to have a preliminary copy of this to present at the annual Fall Kick Off Meeting. There is no cost to the club from Orcutt Winslow on the preliminary work to prepare the site plan.
- **Club's JD B Tractor Restoration project:** No Update
- **Magneto Donation to Club:** No update
- **Storage Enclosure at Farm for Big Engine:** No Update

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Club Farmland** – SRP has indicated a potential buyer for their power line corridor properties which includes the club's farmland. Jerry will be attending an SRP meeting where this will be discussed and has prepared a written document that has been submitted to SRP that outlines all the improvements that has been made to the farmland and how it impacts the club and surrounding community in a positive way. More discussion to be held on any updates SRP provides to the club.
- **Engine workshop** – Will be held on December 3, 2022 at Jeff Smith's place. Please contact Jeff at 602-722-0725 for additional information. All active club members are invited to participate.
- **Glendale Christmas Parade** – December 10th during the day. This annual event hosted by the City of Glendale is a huge turnout. The club is looking for volunteers to drive tractors through the parade as well as tow hay wagons. Please contact Sam McConnell for additional information. 602-919-0221
- **Christmas Party** - December 10th in the evening starting at 5pm. The event will be hosted at Fred and Sarah Ferguson's home and is open to all active club members. More information will be sent out about this great club get together.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mark made a motion and Ed seconded to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2022 at the club's farmland off of 87th Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.