

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING August 21, 2023

Meeting Location – Tim Brain’s Air-Conditioned Shop

The board meeting was called to order by Jason Muller at 6:00pm. The invocation was led by Mark Sion and followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Jason Muller, Tim Brain, Mark Sion, Tom Trainor, Lyle Clark, Paul Laipple (via phone). Absent: Ryan Thorman and Jim Brain.

MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2023, MEETING: Mark moved to approve the minutes as emailed to the board and posted to the club website. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Tom presented the July 2023 financials. Expenses paid: bank card fee \$2.51, two alfalfa cuttings \$1620, fertilizer \$1056, phone \$33.35, radio advertising for 2024 Sahuaro Ranch show \$1700. Income received: membership renewals \$75, interest \$217.86, City of Glendale (Bart Turner) donation \$4500.

Main Checking Account Balance: \$18,451.39

Main Savings Account Balance: \$64,186.98

CD: \$45,000

Case Steam Engine Account: \$3,105.55

Motion made by Tim to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Farmland: Ed reported that Sudan grass was planted in the east field. The corn in the NE border will be picked after the Prescott show and sweet corn will be planted in the NW border. He recommended a change in the fall planting plan to only plant the east field in alfalfa and the west field with a cover crop in conjunction with a U of A study. This change will allow more club plowing/tilling activity rather than committing the field to alfalfa for another several years. Check the U of A website for information on Ed’s involvement in their programs.

There was a discussion about reimbursing Ed for diesel fuel expenses he has incurred working/tilling/planting the farmland while being the farmland manager for the past three years. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Mike to approve a one-time payment to Ed of \$1000.00. Motion carried. Future fuel expenses related to farmland work will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Mile High Club: Paul reported the flyer and email are out for their upcoming show September 9.

Northern Arizona Club: Tim Brain reported there were 35 participants at the July show despite an I-17 freeway closure and a downpour on day 2. Their pull sled has been significantly updated and there is talk of a possible fall show.

AHAA/C3: Dave DeLong reported there will be a kid's tractor drive at the Prescott show September 9.

Communications/Website: Mike reported the website calendar has been updated and emails have been sent about upcoming events. He has created a YouTube channel: aedgeta communications. It currently has one video posted. He also sent a mass email informing members of the channel and that he is soliciting videos and pictures for him to post.

SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Fall Kickoff Meeting: October 7th at the Farmland. Details to be discussed at the next meeting.

Sahuaro Ranch Park Show: Tom and Ed reported there is discussion about possible Team Tractor sponsorship.

Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade: Ed had no news to report.

AJ Show: Tim had no news to report.

East Valley Events: Phil emailed information for the Queen Creek Founders Day 09-16-23 and the Blue Grass Festival October 14 & 15. Blast emails have been sent on both and they are on the website calendar.

Fiesta Bowl and Veterans Day Parades: David Hale will again be the point of contact.

OLD BUSINESS

Big Engine cover/protection structure project at farmland: Lyle reported he will be getting with Jerry Geiger next weekend regarding materials that we have available to use.

Sahuaro Ranch Scale Deck: Jason reported the project is scheduled for late October.

Team Tractor Sponsorship: Ed reported there is possible sponsorship coming from them for the Sahuaro Ranch show.

NEW BUSINESS

Term Limits Bylaw Modification: Jason led a discussion of possible changes to the board member term limits. The change would allow a member who has just served two consecutive two-year terms to be nominated for another one-year term. This Bylaw change would require membership approval with a 30-day notification prior to voting. Tim will draft the recommended change and get it out to the membership at least 30 days prior to the October 7 membership meeting, when the voting will take place.

Arizona Corporation Commission Renewal: Tim has completed this.

Farmland Bylaws to be Developed: There was discussion on the subject and the document Ed had provided will be reviewed by board members. These recommendations will be changed to “Farmland Rules” and be finalized in a workshop during the one hour prior to the next board meeting where they may be presented and voted on.

Donation Check from Glendale Councilmember Bart Turner: There was discussion that this, and a previous check, were accepted with the intent they have a specific purpose to go towards a tree transplanting piece of equipment owned by the city of Glendale that the club would acquire and update. This intent will be investigated to determine if we will accept or return the funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

PTO Dynamometer: Mark said he would like to see the club take advantage of Joe Sigona offering use of one of his PTO dynamometers at upcoming events. Experience shows demonstrations of a tractor on a PTO dynamometer generate great interest by show participants and attendees.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tim made a motion and Mark seconded to adjourn at 7:58pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2023, at 6pm at Tim Brain's shop.