

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING March 20, 2023

Meeting Location – Club Farmland

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

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Jerry Geiger, Tim Brain, Jason Muller, Mark Sion, Ed Savage, Jim Brain (via phone), Ryan Thorman and Paul Laipple (via phone).

Absent: Sarah Geiger

MINUTES OF February 20, 2023 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 February 2023 financials. The club's laptop was still at the accountant's office for tax prep so a full report was not able to be presented. Tim is expected to get the laptop back the week of March 20th. Bills that were paid this past month were the club phone and M&M Toilets Glendale show expenses. Membership renewals received in February was \$475.00.

Main Checking Account Balance: \$54,659.69

Main Savings Account Balance: \$63,890.85

Case Steam Engine Account: \$12,205

Motion made by Ed to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FARMLAND: Ed reported that he and Ryan repaired the standpipe at the farm. The Alfalfa field was hit with aphids and therefore it hasn't been cut in a couple of months. The aphids have been sprayed and Ed reported that the alfalfa should respond well and come back soon. Ed talked to Brett at the dairy about purchasing the

oat grass and whatever alfalfa is in the field as silage once the field dries up to get a fresh clean start on the alfalfa coming back. Lonnie would charge us a flat rate of \$400 to come in and cut it. The east field and the two northern borders have been renovated and ready for corn. Just waiting for the weather to cooperate to get equipment in the fields to get it planted.

AHAA – Phil was present and no particular update with AHAA.

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE/MEMBERSHIP – Jerry reported that Debbie processed 26 renewals at the AJ show and an additional 8 new members joining the club. She also processed 5 new name badges.

STEAM ENGINE • Jeff Smith received an update from Jeff Lund on the steam engine project. Jerry shared the voice mail Jeff Smith left him with the updates. The fire box is near complete and awaiting inspection. The outer shell of the boiler is completed and awaiting inspection. Jeff Smith indicated that Jeff Lund may be close to asking the club for another payment soon as work proceeds. The board felt it was important that before another payment was made that Jeff Smith have a direct conversation with Jeff Lund on a timeline of completion. He has had our project since 2015 with very little communication and very poor progress on getting it completed. Jason suggested that perhaps Jeff Smith and or another board member should make a trip to see Jeff Lund in person and get some pictures of the progress to date and get a firm timeline of completion. The board also discussed that future payments may be determined based on work completed and hitting agreed upon timelines on the project. More discussion to follow on progress.

CLUB EVENTS:

- **AJ Show:** Tim Brain and Ken and Rhonda Baker reported on the AJ show. We took in \$9,056 at the gates (over 1800 paid attendees), \$1,035 in club store and soda sales, \$8,740 gross auction sales – 15% goes to the club. The show was well attended and lots of compliments go out to all who helped with the show with a shout out to Tim, Ken, Rhonda, Phil, Ray and others. Good job!

Ken wanted to share a few thoughts about the show as a first-time co-chair that may help future shows.

1. He suggested we change up the layout of the AJ show grounds. Discussion was had on his thoughts and all were well perceived. Ken will put together a site plan with the layout of engines, vendors, silent auction, tractors etc...
2. He would like to introduce a Friday Kid Day at the show that is not open to the public. Only local schools in the area would be invited out to see the equipment and have a field day to get more kids interested in agriculture.
3. The radio station that was hired to help promote the show was a success. They advertised the show quite a bit on their station leading up to the show date and did an onsite promo. The board discussed having them onsite longer next year than the two hours they did. Also, perhaps we could partner with them on the Glendale and AJ shows next year for a good rate.
4. It was also noted that there were a few safety violations at the AJ show. Although nothing serious but it was discussed that we should have two safety officers at each of the shows to help prevent any incidents. Violations that were identified were more than one person on a tractor at a time without a buddy seat and personal vehicles being driven throughout the show grounds during show times. The board will discuss this for future shows and ensure that the safety of our guests and club members are a priority.
5. Ken also recommended that we consider moving the show to a week later to avoid the AJ Chamber's Blues and Brews event. That event draws quite a bit of a crowd.

6. Additionally, Ken suggested each entrance gate that a member brings in equipment has a membership list to confirm that they are members. It was noted that some people demonstrating equipment were not members. In order to demonstrate/display equipment at the show, that person(s) needs to be an active paid member in order to be covered under our insurance policy, no exceptions. Moving forward at shows, the person at the gates will have a membership directory to check in as people come into the gate. Before any equipment is offloaded, they will be checked and if not a member, they will have to go to the membership desk or online and make payment.
- **Mile High Club Show:** Paul reported that the show is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th at 9am at the lot next to Tractor Supply in Prescott. There will be tractor pulling, engine and tractor displays, and kids drives and activities. All are welcome and remember that being a part of the AEDGE&TA also entitles you to participate in the Mile High Club events. Paul will provide a show flyer to Sarah so that she can get it posted to our website and send out a club-wide email to promote the show. Jerry/Debbie will provide Paul with a membership list so that they know who is paid members to be able to participate.
- **Tractor Drive:** No update. Tractor drive was postponed due to the weather earlier this past fall. Tim and Mike will be looking at an alternative date and report back.
- **Club Farmland Clean-Up Day** – Saturday, March 18th at the club farmland we had 14 members present to help clean up the farm. We loaded 2400lbs of weeds into a dump trailer that was taken to the landfill. The north side of the farm from the west entrance gate all along the north fence was cleaned of debris, overgrown trees and weeds. Also, brush mowing was done around the farm. All the help was appreciated and the farm looks amazing!

OLD BUSINESS:

- **City of Glendale/Dog Park Property:** Jerry reported that Larry Rovey heard back from Jessie at the city that they were still reviewing our proposal. It appears that they may want to scale back our site plan for another purpose leaving us with a smaller footprint. The board discussed that we are not interested in anything other than what we proposed on for a site plan. Jerry and Larry are going to discuss with Jessie and see what feedback we get.
- **Club's JD B Tractor Restoration project:** Jason spoke with Mike Westfall and he has agreed to take the JD B to his shop and get it running. Jason and Mike just need to coordinate on when they can get the tractor transported to Mike's shop.
- **Sahuaro Ranch Park Scale Deck Replacement** – Jerry reported that the scale deck will be replaced this fall.
- **Magneto Donation to Club:** No update or discussion
- **Storage Enclosure at Farm for Big Engine:** No Update or discussion
- **Officers Insurance** – No update or discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Safety Officers** –We have two board positions – tractor chair and engine chair that are responsible for safety and so it will be discussed on how we move forward with them being safety monitors at events or working to ensure that there are safety monitors. More discussion in future meetings based on the feedback from the AJ show.

- **Attorney Review** – The board discussed that having an attorney review the Mutual of Understanding document that we have been using for the satellite clubs is sufficient for protection of all clubs involved. Jerry spoke with Randy Evans about the situation and he is going to work with us to make sure we are all protected and doing it the correct way. Randy was the attorney that the club used in setting up our 501c3 and is familiar with who we are and what it is we do. Jerry will report back on what Randy suggests on moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jason made a motion and Ed seconded to adjourn at 7:17pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2023 at the club's farmland off of 87th Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.