

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING October 26, 2020

Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:02 pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Frandsen.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Jerry Geiger, Mark Sion, Tom Trainor, Dean Hinz, Jason Muller, Ed Savage

Absent: Lyle Clark

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2020 MEETING: Minutes were read aloud by Ed Savage.

Motion by Tom to approve. Seconded by Jason. Motion Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasure report was handed out at the October 17, 2020 meeting and presented by outgoing board member Tim Brain. Only new news to report were 3 checks for farmland income – 1 – Rovey Dairy for \$5160.47 for the sorghum crop and 2 checks from Brian Geiger for alfalfa totaling \$586.50. Checks will be deposited this week. 1 new club membership received for \$25 online.

Motion by Tom to approve. Seconded by Ed. Motion Carried

Election of New Board Member Positions for 2020/2021:

President – Jerry Geiger

Vice President – Mark Sion

Treasurer – Tom Trainor

Secretary – Jason Muller

Engine Chair – Lyle Clark

Tractor Chair – Ed Savage

Communications – Dean Hinz

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FARMLAND: • Ed reported since the last meeting, both the east and west fields were ripped using a loaned tractor from Stotz at no cost for rental; only insurance and fuel. This was essential because a larger higher horsepower tractor was needed to get the fields a nice deep ripping. Ed used 90 gallons of diesel fuel which Rovey Dairy filled up and will charge us their cost for the fuel with no mark up. There was about \$300 worth of insurance that was needed to purchase to use the tractor from Stotz which Ed paid for out of pocket. It was decided that since the tractor was used for the benefit of the club, the cost of the insurance and fuel is to be covered by the club. Ed was instructed to submit receipt for the insurance to be reimbursed.

The west field is to be planted with alfalfa in the next couple of weeks. Seed has been purchased. The east field will be planted in oats which will be planted also in the next couple of weeks. Ed and Tracy Leake will coordinate the planting of oats. When the oats get cut, the dairy has already committed to them. Field corn will be planted next in the east field after the oats come out for the spring/summer 2021. The dairy has also committed to the first cutting of the alfalfa for feed because the “hot hay” is not good for horses.

There was talk about the northwest and northeast borders and what to do with them. Currently the northwest border has sweet corn and it is ready to be rotated out. The birds are getting into the corn. The border was going to be reserved for club use for plowing and testing equipment but there is interest from a few club members that would like to have the opportunity work the ground with a crop. More discussion will be had on this and who will be responsible for who is doing what so that we as a club are unified and maintaining a good relationship with the neighbors for weed and dust control.

The northeast field was just turned over from sudan grass and ready to be no tilled planted with ½ sweet corn and ½ field corn for the club’s upcoming demonstrations next spring at shows and school events.

AHAA • Phil Frandsen reported that Mark Sion is stepping down as treasurer and Leslie McConnell is volunteering to take on the treasurer role. A club board of director approval is required to make this change. No other updates from AHAA were reported.

Motion by Tom to approve. Seconded by Ed. Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE • Dean reported that he now has full Facebook administrative rights for the club to post and update the account. He has seen nice traffic from the site by using key words when putting in descriptions with the postings. Email is slowly being accepted as a form of communication with the membership. Dean is able to see the % of read email blasts. Recent Emails sent and club members opening the email – Parade update – 55%, Board Meeting – 49%, Plow Day – 39%, 2nd email reminder about fall kickoff meeting – 43% and initial fall kickoff meeting – 58%. The club phone port over process is still ongoing. Mighty Call initially rejected the request but further information will be provided to complete the port over process. Newsletter is ready to be sent out. Dean to work with Jerry to get final article(s) done and get it sent out via email. Dean updated some technical issues with the website for tracking details. The services section to the website has been completed and very well received. If anybody is still wanting to add their “skill” to the service section of the website, ONLY members can view this. Contact Dean to get him your information. E-commerce for membership renewals was discussed. Dean is verifying that the process is working properly for

members to complete their renewals. We have about 134 members that are past due with their 2020 memberships currently. That is about \$3300 in revenue that the club is missing. Discussion was had on how do we connect with these members to remind them of their membership dues and get it paid. Chances are these are the members that are not accessing their emails to get the auto reminders and we may need to do a postcard/phone campaign to reach out to them to send in their payment. Dean and Tom will discuss a plan on how to get this done and the money collected.

STEAM ENGINE UPDATE • Todd Bakken reported that Jeff Smith has had good conversations with Jeff Lund on the progress of the Case steam engine repair. They have formed a great relationship and Jeff Lund has reported that the gears and oiler are all completed and that the Case is next in line for the repair. Todd assumed that the winter will be the time frame for Jeff Lund to work on the Case in the shop. Paul Klusman visited in person with Jeff Lund and checked on the progress this past summer 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

- SAHUARO RANCH PARK and APACHE JUNCTION SHOWS: No new updates at this time other than we are being told that the shows are anticipated to go on next spring but still no event permits are approved due to the COVID virus. The board and show chairs are in favor of the shows going to only a 1 day show for 2021. More information to follow at a later date.
- Club Christmas party date is set for Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Fred and Sarah Ferguson's home.
- Schnepf Farms is not hosting their annual Dirt Road Market event this year due to COVID. They are still planning on having their Christmas event and Todd has been in contact with them about the club participating in activities in conjunction with this event. We would have the sled there and encourage to have more than 14 + club members to participate. Target date would be Saturday, November 21, 2020. Once we hear back from Todd that the event is going to happen, Dean will send out an email blast to the membership to get the word out and to get members to participate.
- 11 Mile Corner/Bluegrass Festival is set to happen on January 23, 2021 for a one day only show. The sled will be there for club member to pull. Again, more members the better to make it worthwhile for all the work it takes to make it happen.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ed made a motion and Jason seconded to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 6:00 pm at the club's farmland off of 87th Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.