

# Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING November 16, 2020

### 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, Mark Sion, Tom Trainor, Dean Hinz, Jason Muller, Ed Savage, Lyle Clark

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2020 MEETING:** Minutes were reviewed.

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

**Special Guest** – Nikita Uptain, Recreation Coordinator, City of Glendale was present to speak to the membership about the February show at Sahuaro Ranch Park. With the current situation with COVID, the city of Glendale's COVID Task Force has implemented rules that need to be followed otherwise the event will be shut down. In preparation of our show and submitting our event permit application, we need to demonstrate our ability to adhere to these rules and what our COVID plan will be. Nikita went over the requirements and offered suggestions to the board on how we can still put on the show and be compliant. With the space available at the park, we could accommodate up to about 10K people. Although we don't anticipate that many people coming through the gates, we need to be prepared for that amount. With potentially being the only activity being planned that weekend in February in Glendale and if the weather cooperates, we could see an influx of visitors because people want to get out of their homes and do something fun with their families.

**Key requirements are:** Mask wearing is required at all times by both club members and visitors – no exceptions, sanitizing and wash stations located at all anticipated gather areas – kids zone, pull sled area, engine area, vendor and food areas, and signage posted *everywhere* reminding everybody about mask wearing, social distancing, sanitizing and that the club is not responsible for anybody who enters the event of contracting the COVID virus and that all requirements will be strictly enforced. We will also have to change our entrance and exit flow to ensure people are not passing by each other coming and going. We will have dedicated entrance and exit gates that will be monitored and a headcount of visitors.

With these key steps being done by the club, Nikita feels that our event permit application will be approved. The only thing that is out of the control of the City of Glendale is if the State or nation goes into a mandatory shut down of non-essential services, the event will get cancelled.

The board and members present discussed the areas of the show grounds and the recommended changes of location of events and feel that with the proposed changes and adhering to the COVID rules, that we should move forward with planning for a show. We would hold out to the latest time possible before we pay for anything related to the show so in the event it gets cancelled, we are not out a lot of money spent. We would need to identify a COVID team from within the club that would be responsible for ensuring all the items we committed to are being followed. More discussion on who would make up that team and solicit the membership for members to sign up for this new role will be discussed at upcoming board meetings.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasure report was presented by Tom. No memberships were recorded since last meeting. Farmland expenses paid since October 2, 2020 were \$5,376.84 and are reflected in balance below. The expenses included seed, fertilizer, Lonnie's labor and Conex box canopy materials. Only income check received and deposited was from Rovey Dairy for the corn in the amount of \$5,771.97 which is reflected in the checking balance below. Rovey Dairy has not yet paid the club for the sorghum nor has billed us for the diesel fuel that was used to rip the fields. Jerry is going to follow up with them on status of getting that finalized. We also had expense for the renewal of the membership directory software, Wild Apricot of \$972.00 that was paid. Additionally, the cater bill for the fall kick off meeting was also paid in the amount of \$489.41.

The main checking account balance as of November 16, 2020 was \$41,589.16

The savings account balance as of November 16, 2020 was \$63,681.71

The Case account balance as of November 16, 2020 was \$10,185.55

Tom is working on a farmland ledger by year and hopes to have it completed by next board meeting.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FARMLAND:** • Ed reported that both the east and west fields have been lasered and ready to be planted. There is now only a 2/10ths of side fall from east to west and north to south on the fields. This will ensure proper irrigating. Fertilizer was spread on November 16<sup>th</sup> as well. The east side will be planted with oats and the west side will be alfalfa.

Discussion was had on the two borders of land. A group of club members would like to work that ground separately than the other land. It was discussed that they would work in conjunction with the other farmland managers to ensure cost sharing for fertilizer, seed, chemicals and sales. This will allow space available for club members a place to go and work the ground more frequently than the other two big fields will allow. They will still bring product to market but on a smaller scale. When work is being planned to be done, this group needs to communicate with Dean to send out an email to see if there are any other club members are interested in working the dirt. We can't have this arrangement be a divide of efforts within the club. It was suggested that if a border is not going to be used for a crop, that it keeps watered and free of weeds.

Another discussion was had on dust control out at the farm. Just a reminder to all club members that go out to the farm, please keep your speed under 5 mph so as not to kick up dust. We want to mitigate any complaints from neighbors. We have had a few complaints recently and to be a good neighbor and be able to keep using the land from SRP, we need to do the best we can to keep the dust down.

AHAA • Phil Frandsen reported that no updates since last meeting. He said that as we come to year end and somebody is looking for a tax write-off on donated equipment, please let one of the AHAA board members know.

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE • Dean reported that the newsletter was completed and posted to the club website under the Resources section. Dean will send out an email to the membership that this has been done to direct members to the website to read. Dean will work with Debbie Geiger about getting the PIN number from Quest Communications so that the phone number can be ported over. That is the last remaining task to get figured out. Dean is still working through the membership of overdue dues. Some members outstanding dues date back a couple of years. Dean is going to separate out the group into smaller groups (by year) to see the best way to get everybody caught up. The board discussed and agreed that anything prior to 2019 that we are going to forgive. Dean and Tom will work together on this list and have a list to present to the board at the next meeting. Dean also has been getting some questions regarding our classifieds and how does a non-member post to sell equipment. Dean will instruct them to post their for-sale items to our Facebook page. It gives them a bigger audience to sell and plus it keeps the club out of the sale process.

STEAM ENGINE UPDATE • No update provided.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- SAHUARO RANCH PARK and APACHE JUNCTION SHOWS: Still moving forward with a one day show and will adhere to all local, state and country COVID guidelines.
- **Club Christmas party date is set for Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Fred and Sarah Ferguson's home.** Dinner will be catered by La Canasta Mexican food. Dean will set up a reminder email to go out to the membership to get a headcount so we know how much food to order for. Phil mentioned the system they used for the kick off meeting worked really well for a head count.
- 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. More information will be sent out when the time gets closer to see what kind of club participation is interested. Like the Schnepf Farms event, if there is not a lot of club interest, the club may not participate.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Ed made a motion and Tom seconded to adjourn at 8:02 pm. Motion carried.

***The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the club's farmland off of 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.***