

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING December 21, 2020

Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:03 pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Geiger.

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

MINUTES OF November 16, 2020 MEETING: Minutes were reviewed.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasure report was presented by Tom. 3 memberships (2 renewals and 1 new member) were recorded since last meeting. Farmland expenses paid since last month were \$1258.25 to Fertizona for oat seed (club will be getting paid back on some of the bags because we bought in bulk with Ritchie. He is going to trade out his leveling services and pay for the extra bags). Check was paid to SRP for water of \$372.90. Additional expense was \$155 to Triangle Sheet Metal for materials for canopy at farm. A club expense to Philadelphia Insurance Company of \$2430.00 was made for annual insurance payment.

The main checking account balance as of December 21, 2020 was \$41,647.98

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 presented a farmland financial report from inception of farm through 2020 by each year. The club took possession of the farmland land in 2013 although some work was done prior to the possession date, the financial ledger presented a year by year of the expenses and credits for the farm. Initially the farm took a financial loss due to the prep work to get the land prepared to farm. Irrigation and other large investments were made and are reflected in the report. Up until 2018, the farm has not been profitable. Starting in 2018, the farm has slowly turned a marginal profit and the trend is moving towards a larger profit in 2020 and 2021 once we get the new alfalfa stand producing. The report will be available at the next board meeting for any club member that would like to see and ask questions.

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

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FARMLAND: • Ed reported that both the east and west fields have been planted and you can see the new growth coming in nicely. When the oats come out of the east field in February, the club will have a plow day. Ed will coordinate with Brett Rovey from the dairy (who has already committed to purchasing the oats), an email will go out to the membership about a plow day. The field will get lasered after the plow day and then field corn will go in the east field. There was talk about the club possibly purchasing a planter but was decided that we are going to wait at least a year. Perhaps we will find somebody willing to donate one to the club in the meantime.

Discussed the two northern borders and the status of each one. The western border is going to stay open for club members to come out and plow at any time. No crop is planned at this time in that border. The eastern border is going to be planted in oats soon. The group of club members that are managing the two northern borders will need to make sure that they include the entire club on activities that they are doing so that they don't leave anybody out when doing work out there. They will need to contact Dean to send out a membership-wide email when plowing, planting, harvesting etc...

January 8th is the start of the dry-up for SRP irrigation. Repair work will need to happen to the standpipe to fix the leak. Tom is going to coordinate Ed on when a good time to get together to do the repair. Additionally, we need to do some work on the west end of the west field to divert any extra water so that it doesn't flow out into the road. Ed will come up with a plan and report back on what needs to happen and when so that we can get some club members together to complete the repair.

AHAA • No updates available

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE • Dean reported that email "look at" rates are up! That is great progress that more club members are viewing the emails that are sent out. It was reported that 35 members did not pay their dues in 2019 and to date in 2020, 91 members have not paid their dues. The board decided to waive the past due membership renewals for 2019 and 2020 however, renewals for 2021 will be going out soon. Hopefully the members who didn't pay dues in 2020 will make their membership payment when doing their 2021 renewal. With the weird year we have had with COVID, the club still was able to put on both the February and March shows and have a couple of plow days still maintaining the membership a value. We will keep a close eye on the 2021 renewals to make sure they get collected so that the club can continue with our events in 2021. It is also important to note that any club members participating at any club sponsored event, especially pulling the sled and working/plowing at the club farm need to have their membership paid to be covered under the insurance policy.

STEAM ENGINE UPDATE • No update provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

- SAHUARO RANCH PARK and APACHE JUNCTION SHOWS: There was discussion regarding the shows to be a “drive through” event as an alternative to what we normally would do. With COVID not slowing down anytime soon, especially after the holidays, the only way we may be able to put on a show is a contactless event like a drive through. We have seen more events in the community go to this type of style and to keep with the times we may have to adjust as well at least for 2021. There are ongoing discussions to work with the property manager at Westgate to utilize one of their large lots to host a drive through show the 2nd week of February. Sahuaro Ranch Park is not set up to do a drive through so we would have to relocate to a different venue. The lot at Westgate would give us a huge footprint to accommodate engines, tractors, threshing machine, baker fan, pull sled and possibly hay rides back and forth to Westgate. We would have cars drive throughout the event in a predetermined route to see everything in action. A lot more follow-up on this in the next couple of weeks to come. It would still provide a fun day for club members to come out and share your collection and get out of the house for a day. An email will be sent out to the club membership to gauge the interest of a drive through experience. If this is the direction the board decides to go after we hear back from the membership, check your emails for further information in the weeks leading up to the 2nd week of February. Please plan on attending the January board meeting as more information about this will be discussed.
- Club Christmas party was cancelled due to COVID
- 11 Mile Corner/Bluegrass Festival has been cancelled due to COVID.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jason made a motion and Ed seconded to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for 18th, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the club's farmland off of 87th Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.