

# Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 15, 2021

### 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, Tom Trainor, Jason Muller, Mark Sion and Ed Savage.

Absent - Dean Hinz and Lyle Clark

**MINUTES OF January 18, 2021 MEETING:** Minutes were read and reviewed.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasure report was presented by Tom. We had a handful of membership renewals come in totaling \$325.00. Two payments to Fertizona were sent out totaling \$1,084.00. Century Link payment was made in the amount of \$65.81. This is hopefully the last Century Link payment we need to make.

The main checking account balance as of February 13, 2021 was \$40,640.04

The savings account balance as of February 13, 2021 was \$63,681.71

The Case account balance as of February 13, 2021 was \$10,185.55

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

### OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**FARMLAND:** • Ed reported that the east field of oats will be removed on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and sold to the dairy. Manure will also hopefully be spread in the east field once the oats are removed. That is still to be determined. Ed announced that there will be a plow day on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am. After the plow day, the field will be laser leveled and ready for corn planting. No dates as to when corn will be planted and by whom. Ed is hoping the first cutting of the Alfalfa will happen in early April. Will keep us posted as to when that will happen.

Red reported that the Northeast border needs some irrigation to get the oats to grow. There was discussion between Ed and Red on the status of the oat seed and how much of it was eaten by the birds and does it make sense to irrigate the field or not. Red wants to get an hour and half of water to irrigate. Jerry directed that Ed should would work with Red and order the water in the next day or so. We will see if the oats pop up or not and then go from there on what to do with the border.

AHAA • Nothing new to report from Phil

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE • Dean emailed in an update on what he has been working on and it was read aloud.

- Website
  - All currently known events through May have been created on the site
  - Show flyer is now on the home page
  - Email percentages are staying the same, around 45% of users are opening/reading club email.
- Facebook
  - Event and posts have been updated to reflect current plans for March 6
- Membership
  - Received validation from Tom of recent membership credits, will scrub this against the outstanding dues list. Mass email about membership will be sent next week. Mass mail will also be sent (postcards or letters, etc.). I will include a reminder that dues must be paid in order to participate in shows/displays/pulls, etc.
- Phone
  - MightyCall should have the CenturyLink phone number ported over this week.

Discussion was had on having Dean and Tom working together on putting together a list of paid members reconciling the bank deposits and Wild Apricot directory. There was also discussion on printing a membership list of who has paid and who has not before the March 6<sup>th</sup> show and distribute to the board for review. This was done also last year prior to the shows. For those displaying, participating and pulling at our show, will need to have their club dues paid in full for 2021. We will have a membership desk set up at the show to capture these members that need to pay.

STEAM ENGINE UPDATE • Todd Bakken updated the board that the there was no updates from Jeff Lund on the progress of the steam engine. Todd has a friend that is boiler certified in Mesa that would be interested in taking on the project if Jeff Lund cannot or does not want to continue to work on our steam engine. Jerry is going to reach out to Jeff Smith and have a conversation with him on contacting Jeff Lund to get a realistic update and see if Jeff Lund wants to move forward with this project or not. It has been over 5 years and not a lot has been done or that is what we are led to believe because we haven't really gotten any updates. If Jeff Lund and Jeff Smith can have a conversation soon, we will know what direction we need to do with the steam engine by the next board meeting. We are under the impression that whatever deposit that has been made

would not be refunded so hopefully what work has been done, if any has totaled the amount of the deposit. Also, we would have to take into consideration the trucking costs to bring it back to Arizona.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- SAHUARO RANCH PARK and APACHE JUNCTION SHOWS: The Westgate show was scrapped due to many logistical issues that we as a club are not prepared to do. Jason, Ed and Tim reported that things are moving forward with the show for March 6, 2021 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. The show will be free to the public and although we will not put on our “traditional show” as in the past, we will do our best to have a fun and family event for everybody to enjoy. Ed is going to get 100 bales of straw from Bales Hay and take to the park for set up of track and kids’ events. We have secured 4 of our longtime vendors to be at the show. Due to keeping people from congregating, we have to spread out our footprint at the park so although some of it will look the same, we will have to move some areas around.
- Schnepf Farms – Todd reported that he was contacted by Schnepf farms that they would like the club to be present at their farm to help them celebrate 80 years over the course of several weekends. The first weekend would be February 26 and wrap it up at the end of April. This will allow less crowding over one weekend by spreading it out. They are looking to have around 4-6 tractors/engines each weekend. It was discussed that we could designate at least one weekend or two that the pull sled can be brought out to have more club involvement. Todd is going to work with Dean to put together an email/Sign-up Genius to see who would be interested so that Todd can get back to Schnepf farms.
- City of Queen Creek’s Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center contacted Tim Brain about having the club do a fall show at their facility. We will revisit this after the March 6<sup>th</sup> show to see how everything goes and get back to them about this fall.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mark made a motion and Jason seconded to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Motion carried.

***The next meeting is scheduled for March 15th, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the club’s farmland off of 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.***