

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING March 15, 2021

Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:09 pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Frandsen.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Jerry Geiger, Tom Trainor, Jason Muller, Mark Sion, Ed Savage (via teleconference), Dean Hinz and Lyle Clark

MINUTES OF February 15, 2021 MEETING: Minutes were reviewed.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasure report was presented by Tom. We had a handful of membership renewals come in from online and the Sahuaro Ranch Show totaling \$1,735. One payment to Fertizona was made totaling \$544.00. Century Link payment was made in the amount of \$65.80. We had \$50.67 in expenses for the last plow day. We also had an expense of \$222.99 for watermelon and pumpkin seed for out at the club farm. Club taxes were paid for ending May 31, 2020 in the amount of \$700.00. The show expenses that were paid was \$127.15 with some more anticipated expenses to yet to come in for reimbursement. We also had \$809 in donations and water and pop sales from the show. We are still waiting for the \$1500 corporate donation check that Ed is getting from Liberty GMC.

The main checking account balance as of March 13, 2021 was \$41,925.60

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FARMLAND: • Ed reported that the first cutting of the hot hay will happen at the end of March and it is sold to the dairy. The club doesn't want to be responsible for selling the first cutting to members or the public in the event it gets fed to any animals other than cattle. It is too much risk to have hot hay knowingly being sold through the club. The second and subsequent cuttings should be fine to be cut and baled and sold to club

members and the public. The cost is estimated to be \$8.50 bale but will be revaluated once the cutting is done and then see what the market price is for good hay. The corn has been planted in the east field. Tom will set aside about 10 rows from the ports to the powerlines for the club's engine members to use at shows. It will get cultivated by Tom. It was also discussed on the club putting in some sweet corn, watermelon and pumpkins out at the farm. The window for watermelons and sweet corn may be too late for summer but maybe for the fall. More discussion to follow.

Red reported that the Northeast border still has the oats growing. They have gotten it watered and hope to have something able to be cut and baled. The northwest border is still open for tillage at anytime from any club members. He reported that he and Randy and few others were out at the club farm on March 6th demonstrating on how a one bottom horse drawn plow that was converted to be pulled by a tractor would work. Red shared some nice pictures from the day and Dean will put something on Facebook and the club's website.

AHAA • Nothing new to report from Phil

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE • Dean reported that the phone conversion was successfully moved over. There are still some minor tweaks to work out with the setting up of the voice mail. The new billing will be \$20/mo. saving the club over \$40/mo. moving forward. Dean and Tom will work on seeing if the billing can be done with a direct bill versus a credit card payment.

The membership directory will be updated with the updated dues paid by club members over the last month. Dean then will reconcile the list and notify the non-paid members via email and postcard to get their dues paid. Dean will also update the Sign-Up Genius to let the membership know that the pull sled will be at Schnepf Farms on Saturday, April 10th for a fun club day event.

STEAM ENGINE • No update

CLUB EVENTS:

- **SAHUARO RANCH PARK and APACHE JUNCTION SHOWS:** Jason reported that the Sahuaro Ranch Show was a success. Although we had a lower attendance in general from previous years, the show was well attended due the COVID restrictions in place. We had quite a few club members and community express their appreciation of putting on a show. We had nice TV coverage about our show on both Friday and Saturday which helped get some foot traffic to the park. We had very little costs to put on the show and with our free will donations at the door and one corporate sponsorship, there will be little to no cost to the club for putting on the show.
- **Schnepf Farms** – Phil reported that he and a few others have been keeping a handful of tractors at the Schnepf Farm for their ongoing celebration. He encouraged the engine members and tractor members to bring out their equipment to display on the weekends. The show runs Thursday – Sunday each

weekend ending April 25th. They have a sled area reserved for when we bring out the sled on April 10th. Club will provide water and sodas for members who bring equipment out to display.

- **City of Queen Creek's Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center** – No discussion was had.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jerry mentioned that the annual Maricopa County Fair is coming up in April 2021 and the club typically makes a donation of \$500 to the Fair Buyers Club each year. It was discussed that this is a great place to support and we have our club's name on a banner displayed at the fair for a supporting member.

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

- Jason brought up if the club would consider doing a sanctioned tractor ride event. It was discussed that this has been done in the past in conjunction of the fall meeting and it was enjoyed by all who attended. Jason will call Pioneer Village to see if we can partner with them for bringing up engines and tractors to their place in exchange for using their facility for our meeting spot. Jason will also reach out to Leon to help with the drive as he was instrumental in setting up the route and working with local authorities in doing the tractor drive. It was also discussed that one was done out in AJ at one time and we will see if there is any interest in doing an additional one out there as well. More discussion on both of these potential events to come.
- The annual spring meeting will be held at the club farmland on Saturday, May 1st. This meeting will be catered and a meeting RSVP email will go out shortly to see who is interested in attending so we can see how much food to order. We have 4 board member positions that are coming to an end. 3 of the 4 are eligible for re-election (2 years on the board) – Jerry, Ed, Dean and 1 not eligible (4 years on the board) – Tom. Please consider donating your time on the board. Please contact any of the current board members if you are interested in running for a position to help lead and direct the club.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the club's farmland off of 87th Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.