

# Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING May 17, 2021

### Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:19 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, Dean Hinz and Lyle Clark - New Board Members Tim Brain and Sarah Geiger also present.

**MINUTES OF April 7, 2021 MEETING:** Minutes were reviewed.

Motion by Ed 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 totaling \$400.00. Farm expenses were \$4,234.50. This includes lasering from November 2020, baling of alfalfa and oats and chemicals from Fertizona. The club is still waiting for the Liberty GMC donation check for \$1500 from the March show.

The main checking account balance as of May 13, 2021 was \$35,227.41

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

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

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

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPRECIATION

- Jerry presented to Tom a plaque for his 4 years of service and to Dean for his 2 years of service on the Board of Directors. Thank you, Tom and Dean!

## **Election of New Board Member Positions for 2021/2022:**

**President** – Jerry Geiger

**Vice President** – Mark Sion

**Treasurer** – Tim Brain

**Secretary** – Jason Muller

**Communications** – Sarah Geiger

**Engine Chair** – Lyle Clark

**Tractor Chair** – Ed Savage

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

**FARMLAND:** • Ed reported that the second cutting of hay has been completed. We had a total of 171 bales that were cut and baled. The new email system of reserving bales was first used on the second cutting and proved to be helpful. All bales were reserved and accounted for by the club members. We will continue to use this system and modify as we go to ensure we are monitoring the bale sales efficiently.

Kevin sprayed Ranger Pro and Zeal to kill the weeds and mites in the corn. Ed reported that we should have enough cheap water to finish out the year at the farm and will not have to purchase the pumped water. After the corn is removed in about 45 days, we will go back in with sudan grass. We will trade out the sudan grass with Ritchie for lasering services for future plow days. It was decided that we will not have a plow day in July after the corn comes out due to the heat of the summer.

Red reported that the Northeast border of oats was cut and baled. Randy purchased all 18 bales that came from that cutting. The northwest border is still open for tillage at any time from any club members. So, if you have an implement that you want to test out under load, use the northwest border.

**AHAA** • Phil, Sam and Leslie McConnel, and Larry Rovey were present to discuss an opportunity for the club to partner with City of Glendale on a piece of land at Grand and Northern. The thought was to have the club erect our building that we own and work the 13 adjacent acres. The club was notified by Mayor Jerry Weiers about this potential opportunity and see if this is something that we might be interested in. There are a lot of variables such as cost, lease arrangements, partnerships to help defray the costs, timeline etc.. that need to be worked out. The discussion last night was just to see if the Board would be interested in taking the next step to see what the project would entail. There was no expectation at the meeting that the Board would agree to move forward on this project. The Board did agree to take the next step to see what the expectations of the City of Glendale would be and see what potential costs would look like. Once that has been established, the Board would discuss again and then make a decision on a Go/No-Go process. If the Board decides it is favorable for us to move forward, we would then need to survey membership to see what interest there is. There is a lot of potential as it would provide a permanent home for the club for our monthly meetings, storage area for our club equipment rather than spread out at member's homes across the valley, workshop for members to have a place to work on equipment out of the elements and a place where we could have

schools come to show kids agricultural activities. A lot of good discussion was had and more will follow at the upcoming Board meetings.

**COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE** • Dean reported that the postcard reminder was mailed on 5/17/2021 to those members (75) who have not paid their 2021 dues. There are about 30 club emails that keep getting “bounced back” when communications are sent out. Dean is going to clear those up. We have several accounts – Google, Facebook, Go Daddy, Sign-up Genius, Postcards.com, Mighty Call and Wild Apricot that will be transferred over to Sarah as she transitions into the Communications role. A club newsletter will be put together with Jerry and Sarah working together on content and sent out in the next few weeks.

**STEAM ENGINE** • No new information to update other than Jeff Smith has been in communication with Jeff Lund and we are still “in line” to have the work done. This is a long-term project and we will let Jeff Smith work with Jeff Lund on updates and timelines.

#### **CLUB EVENTS:**

- **City of Queen Creek’s Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center** – No update or discussion
- **City of Buckeye’s Annual Halloween Event** – Tom reported that the club will participate this upcoming fall. Tom will get more information on the date and times of the event and report back on what the club needs to get done to participate.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Leon Lawson was present to discuss a fall tractor ride for the club on Saturday, October 9th in North Phoenix/Anthem area. It is looking like we can pick a couple of different routes ranging from 25-40 miles in duration. Leon has spoken to the county and Maricopa County Sherriff’s Department about a route and permitting. The permit is \$1500 but eligible for a partial refund after the roads are inspected to make sure they were not damaged during the ride. Leon is going to contact the insurance company to get a certificate of insurance which is required when submitting the route permit. The Board agreed to funding this ride. An email will go out to the membership so people can get the dates on their calendar with more information to follow. We will discuss more at the next Board meeting about the ride and get some particular details to share with the membership. All tractors that participate will need to display the SMV sign on their tractor and maintain a speed of 10mph. More information to follow on the route details, staging and loading/unloading areas, and luncheon location.
- Lyle suggested we invest in some lighting inside the Connex boxes. Since we are using the farm for our meetings, at the end and we are cleaning up, it is dark and for safety reasons, we should have some sort of lights in the boxes so nobody trips and gets hurt. Jerry said he would work on that project.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mark made a motion and Ed seconded to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

*The next meeting is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> at the club's farmland off of 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.*

**THERE IS NO MEETING IN JUNE 2021**