

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 19, 2021

Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:02 pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Geiger.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Jerry Geiger, Jason Muller, Mark Sion (via phone), Ed Savage, Tim Brain, Sarah Geiger and Lyle Clark

MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2021 MEETING: Minutes were reviewed.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasure report was presented by Tim. We had a handful of membership renewals come in from online totaling \$275.00. Farm expenses were \$1,406.45 which includes water from SRP and chemicals from Fertizona. We also had some repair work done at Jackson's Trailers on the announcing trailer that cost \$502.44.

The main checking account balance as of July 18, 2021 was \$34,422.64

The savings account balance as of July 18, 2021 was \$63,719.10

The Case account balance as of July 18, 2021 was \$10,185.55

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

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FARMLAND: • Ed reported that the fourth cutting of hay has been completed. We had a total of 88 bales that were cut and baled on the last cutting. The low count is due to the extreme heat that we have had this summer. The alfalfa is being irrigated on a regular basis. The new email system of reserving bales is working and Ed and Jason get notified when a club member would like to purchase alfalfa. Any leftover bales have been donated to Aero Horse Rescue. They have been very appreciative of the donation from the club and have added our club's name to their social media for exposure of who we are. They are looking to have the club out to do hayrides at a couple of their fall/winter events.

The east field has been planted in sudan grass. Ed has arranged for Ritchie to take the cuttings in exchange for lasering services. Based on the value of the sudan grass and the number of cuttings, the club should be able to have our lasering needs covered for the remainder of 2021 and 2022 because of the agreement.

The club's corn patch will be ready to be picked in the next couple of weeks. Tom will let Sarah know when he will get the group together so that an email can be sent out to the membership if they want to come out to help or watch.

Ed suggested the club look at investing into a gravity wagon for the club's corn crop. We made the utility trailer idea work last year in a pinch but we need a better way to store the club's corn to keep it dry and safe from critters. Ed was asked to work with Sarah to put together an email to send out to the membership to see if any club member had a wagon that they would like to donate to the club or sell at a reasonable price. Ed has identified a few back in Wisconsin for about \$700 that he could trailer back to Arizona if we need to go that route.

Ed mentioned that he is in talks with the University of Arizona and Maricopa Ag Extension office about a study that they would like to do at the farm. It would be a good opportunity to involve the agriculture community and the club on soil conditions in Arizona/Southwest. Ed will gather more information and report back at the next board meeting on the program and what our involvement would be should we decide to move forward with it.

The arrangement with the field split between the North Border Group and the main fields was discussed. It has been one year since the arrangement commenced so it was a good time to review how it worked. The overall feedback was that the group only produced one crop of oats within that year's time and the crop went directly to Randy (he paid for them) without notifying the membership of the availability for a purchase. They have done a great job of cleaning up the borders and providing a place for plowing. However, not a single email or club notification went out to the membership on any activities that they hosted or did which they were asked to do to involve the whole membership. The intent was not to have a few select members of the club to have access to their own parcel of land to work but to involve the whole membership on activities. Jerry will set up a meeting with Red and Randy to discuss moving forward with this arrangement. It was suggested we use the northeast border for watermelon, pumpkins, and sweet corn for the benefit of the membership as the next crop rotation.

The North Border Group was not present with an update on their two borders.

AHAA • Sam was present to talk about the John Deere B that was donated to the club a few years ago. It is time to either sell off the asset or fix it up and use it. The board discussed it was not in favor of selling the John Deere B. It would be better to have the club spend some time getting it put back together and running so that it can be used out at the farm and for kid's events/Young At Heart. It was discussed that Sam will arrange to get the tractor and the parts moved to the farm where the tractor (if it fits) and parts will be stored in the Connex box while it is being restored to running condition. It was suggested that the club host one-time a month workshop (most likely on a Saturday or Sunday) at the farm for whoever would like to come out and wrench on the JD B. Sam will be the organizer of the repair clinic details and get the information to Sarah who will email it out to the membership. The hope is to get the B running by late fall.

The club's Porsche tractor also came up in discussion as an asset that has been with the club for many years. It was offered for sale at the AJ show on the silent auction with no takers. Mike Westfall is the current caretaker

of the tractor and showed interest in purchasing the tractor to mechanically restore to be used at club functions and shows. Mike has spent quite a bit of time working on the tractor to get it running. It is at a point where some extensive time and parts are needed to finish making the tractor mechanically correct. The board discussed selling the Porsche to Mike Westfall for \$4K. Mike has accepted the offer and will send payment to the club. It was discussed that if Mike were to sell the tractor at a later time that the club has first right to purchase it back.

Tim made a motion and Ed seconded to sell club's Porsche tractor to Mike Westfall for \$4K. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE • Sarah and Dean are working through some of the transition of the board position and getting the details moved over to Sarah. The new phone system is working but still need to get the voice mail retrieval system figured out. Sarah needs to work on getting access to the club FB page so that videos and pictures can be uploaded. The postcard campaign that was done back in May stirred up some interest in getting memberships collected. Either Jerry or Tim will go to the club mailbox to collect any payments that were mailed in.

STEAM ENGINE • No new information to update.

CLUB EVENTS:

- **City of Queen Creek's Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center** – No update or discussion
- **City of Buckeye's Annual Halloween Event** – No update or discussion
- **Club Fall Tractor Ride and Engine Display/Fall Meeting** – Jason to contact Leon to get an update on the event. Tentatively, it is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th. Pioneer Village is the target location but due to COVID, it is currently not available so need to get additional details ironed out. Once the date is confirmed, Jason will draft an email to have Sarah email out the membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jerry is going to reach out to Fred about hosting the Christmas party on December 11, 2021.
- Ed is working with Westgate Property Management about the club participating in a static display at Westgate this fall and doing hayrides during the holiday season.
- Ed is also working with Pleasant Harbor with doing some hayrides with their fall activities.
- Tom reported he participated in the Prescott Rodeo Days parade and events. The highlight was Tom using his Farmall to tow a John Deere that broke down!
- It was reported that former member, Dick Lape's wife, Karen passed away recently.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tim made a motion and Ed seconded to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 16th at the club's farmland off of 87th Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.