

**April Meeting Date is April 1 which is Easter therefore April meeting will be held
March 25, at Washburn Snowmobile Club**

Meeting of the Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club, March of 2018

President Phil called the meeting to order at 2:05. The Secretary's Report was accepted. Treasurer Sandra gave the following info for end of February: Checking acct. balance was \$7,031 and the savings acct. balance was \$10,101. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

The fall banquet date and venue was discussed. Some indicated they did not care for the food last year; therefore, Sandra is going to look into the Caribou Motor Inn and perhaps catering by Danny Collins maybe at the Shrine Club. She will have further details in a month or two.

Phil asked each committee chair regarding his/her respective committee for any additional information or items the membership should know. The tractor trek will be held in Central Aroostook this year with Robin, Tami and Danny working on the event. Danny will plan the route. Dates and stops, etc. will be announced later in the spring or early summer. Robin is also working on the memory board which will hang in the museum.

At this point the following is the list of tractor pulls, and 1 or 2 we are still waiting on paperwork: Bridgewater (6/16), Limestone (6/30), Fort Fairfield (7/21), Presque Isle (7/28), Island Falls (8/4), Washburn (8/18) and maybe Fort Kent (8/11). Also, it was announced Richmond, New Brunswick will be having pulls on 8/24 August 24th if you are interested.

The Pulling Committee: No major changes this year. **VERY IMPORTANT:** When pulling, drivers' rears must be kept in the seat and no riding on the rear of the seat. Also, if drivers go over speed, they must go back to start line and begin again. The second time the horn blows, drivers are disqualified. Regarding pulling, all equipment will be fixed and ready. Phil is building the stands for the speakers.

Restoration Tractor: It was ready to go when it sprung a leak. Phil will look into a new radiator and then it will be ready. Tami is working on a sponsor board. A big thank you to the sponsors for the restoration. \$3,000 was donated which is wonderful. Unfortunately the Trade Show at the Forum was canceled. Venues where we could have a display and sell tickets was discussed. Among possible venues is the Forum's Trash and Treasure, the Sportsman Show, and the Southern Aroostook Recreation Show. It was moved, seconded and accepted that we go to the Southern Aroostook Recreation Show in Houlton. Already about 8 members have volunteered to work the show. We will also be at the Top of Maine Show in Madawaska.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Cheney, Secretary

P. S. Since the meeting I followed up re going to Houlton, and they said they would like to have us so at the next meeting we will discuss set up and work schedules. Best of all it is only \$150 for two days.

