

Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club

May, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Pres. Phil called the meeting to order at 2:00. The minutes of the March meeting were accepted; there was no meeting in April. Sandra presented the Treasurer's Report for March and April which were accepted. March stats: checks written \$5,377.88; deposit \$2,595.00 and balance as of 3/31/18 \$4,248.69 and April stats: checks written \$2,293.64; deposit \$1,851.40 and balance as of 4/30/18 \$3,025.07.

Committee Reports: Tractor Train – There is a lot of interest in the Tractor Train this year, and Tom is getting it ready. The calendar of tractor train events is: Caribou (6/7), Ashland (7/7), Northern Maine Fair (7/28 thru 8/4), Houlton (8/11), Washburn (8/18) and Houlton (9/15). Sonny will use his tractor for the Houlton events (two), and Meredith and Chris offered to drive the train to some of the events. Please call Tom at 551-5636 to volunteer your time to help at these events. Need caboose riders, folks to man the stand, and relief drivers for the tractors. Many of you at the meeting may have signed the sign up sheet, but if you didn't and can help please call Tom. These events are great money makers for us and give us a lot of publicity **but we need workers**.

Banquet: Annual banquet and auction will be held Nov. 3 at the P. I. Inn and Convention Center.

Museum: Chris will check into the outside renovation planned for the building. Carolyn will contact the bike group that is coming to the area and let them know we would like to open the museum to them if there is interest. Also she will again call a couple of the local schools to see if they would like a tour.

Pulling Committee and Related Items: Contracts for all of the pulls are being distributed to the appropriate folks for signatures, etc. All nine pulls are set with location and start times of 10:00 with the exception of the Potato Blossom pull and at the pull at the Northern Maine Fair which will be determined and announced. New speed board was displayed, and Richard will make a storage box for it. Dennis or Phil will supply a generator to run it. Danny announced the amplifier is ready, and Phil will make a stand for it. It was decided to order a new lime spreader, and Brandon will handle that.

Truck: Tom has been getting the truck ready. It has a few problems, but he said he has been running it off and on for a couple of weeks, and it is doing well. He altered the fuel system and put a larger filter on it to give higher capacity. A decision was made to put a new valve on and see how it goes which Tom will handle.

Tractor Trek: The date is July 15th in Central Aroostook. The committee will finalize its plans and let everyone know.

Trophies and Ribbons: Larry will check various places for prices.

Raffle Tickets for Tractor: Phil gave a big thank you to all the members who worked so hard selling tickets at shows in Presque Isle, Houlton, and Madawaska. Their hard work resulted in sales of

\$4,668.10.....outstanding. For anyone needing tickets, call Joe at 227-1334.

Displays: Phil said he would like the club do some displays this summer possibly during the Potato Blossom Festival.

Scholarship: Tami announced there was one applicant for the \$500.00 scholarship. She conferred with the committee, and it was determined it would go to the one candidate.

Booking for 2019: Grand Isle has invited the club to do a pull July 4, 2019 to help the town celebrate their 150th birthday. After discussion, it was decided to participate.

Pulling Schedule for 2018: Bridgewater (6/16), Limestone (6/30), Fort Fairfield (7/21), Northern Maine Fair (7/28), Island Falls (8/4), Fort Kent (8/11) Washburn (8/19), Springfield (9/2), and Westfield (9/9). Please check the NMATC website for any changes or updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00. Next meeting is June 3rd at 2:00 at the Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Cheney
Secretary

P.S. Your secretary has a tendency to listen too much and forget to write so if there are errors or omissions, feel free to let me know.