

Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club Minutes of December 2, 2018

President Phil Kilcollins called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Secretary's report of August, 2018 was approved as members received it. Also thank you notes from Hospice of Aroostook, the Visiting Nurses and the House of Comfort were read thanking the club for the donations at the November banquet. Treasurer's reports for September, October and November were presented. The November 30th ending balance was \$9,210.51.

Phil told the group the dates of the **Northern Maine Fair** are going to be June 28 – July 3rd. Discussion ensued as to getting the museum ready, and Phil said dates will be set later in the spring. Also he reminded everyone of our commitment to the pull at Grand Isle on July 4th which we agreed to this year.

Sandra discussed the **banquet** held in Nov. There was a wonderful turnout, and it was agreed it was a great time. All seemed to especially enjoy the auctioneer. Total cost of the event was \$2,813.78. Our revenue was \$3,446.00 realizing a \$632 profit. The auction alone brought in \$2,132 which is included in the revenue.

Various committee reports were presented. **Sunshine Club:** Carolyn will handle with a plea to please let her know when people should have a card. **Museum:** Discussion about the tractor train and truck and their location. Tom informed everyone how successful the tractor train was this summer and he gave a big thanks to all who helped with it. Also from the Secretary on behalf of the club members a very big thanks to Tom for taking the lead on the tractor Train. **Pulling Committee:** Meredith will plan a meeting in January at the Rec. Dept. for the committee. Discussion took place regarding the need for a secretary for the pulling committee. This will be worked out. **Raffle tractor for 2019:** Work will begin on a John Deere H Dec. 8th at Phil's workshop; all are welcome to come and work on the tractor. Club members are very happy to hear Bob Bartley is home from the hospital. Phil mentioned all of the work Bob has done over the years and especially his success in getting sponsors for the raffle tractor which are \$200.00 each. Phil suggested perhaps some members give him a call to see if they can help him regarding sponsors this year as he might not yet be up to par. Sandra announced the 2018 raffle tractor brought in \$9,177.65 in ticket sales. **Scholarship:** At the banquet the winners of the 2018 scholarships were announced: Lane Moir and Colby Kingsbury. Carolyn suggested that starting in 2019 just one scholarship be awarded, and that it be presented at the student's recognition awards ceremony in the spring.

Phil announced some changes in our **insurance plan for members**. The change involves an increase in benefits with a small increase of \$5.00 in the insurance cost.

The floor was open for nominations for 2019: The slate is: President – Phil Kilcollins, Vice President- Tom Berube and Scott Jordan, Secretary- Carolyn Cheney, and Treasurer – Sandra Bartley. Due to Arthur York's resignation on the Board of Directors, there is one three year term open. Candidates are Carol Bell and Danny Raymond. Elections will take place at the January 7th club meeting at 2:00 p.m. At the Washburn Snowmobile Clubhouse. If at all possible, please try to attend. Club by-laws state nominations shall occur in November and elections will be held in December. However, a November club meeting was not held; therefore, nominations were accepted in December,

and elections will be held in January this year. If folks cannot make the January meeting there is a policy for absentee ballots. An absentee ballot may be requested from the Secretary, and it must be returned to the Secretary by December 31, 2018. A big thank you goes out to Arthur, our retiring board member, who has served and worked on the club inception to now, and hopefully his contributions and presence will continue at the club's events.

On a very sad note, Marolyn Carter, Richard's wife passed away December 2nd. Our deepest condolences to Richard and his family. Marolyn was a big part of our club and will be sorely missed. She loved working on the banquet committee, helping at the tractor pulls, and she was fun to be with. Her wonderful contributions to our refreshments were always special. Marolyn made and donated lovely jewelry to our auction each year which we all appreciated. Her work during the Northern Maine Fair was endless. She and Richard had their camper there, and we could always count on them to help. Rest in peace Marolyn; you will be missed by all of us.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Cheney, Secretary