

## **Minutes of the Feb., 2018 Meeting of the Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club**

President Phil called the meeting to order at 2:00. Asked for Secretary's report. Carolyn asked if anyone had any questions regarding the minutes of the Dec. and January minutes. The minutes were approved. Budgets are available for anyone to look at; just ask Sandra or Carolyn.

Carolyn brought up that Joe Cheney had looked into possibly purchasing some plaques for the sponsors of the tractor transformation. After discussion a vote was taken that we not do so because most of the folks that support the tractor transformation would not want the recognition.

Sandra presented the Treasurer's report. Begin. Checkbook Balance: \$6,413.00; Checks written \$2,629.00; and Balance for Jan. 31, 2018 is \$4,406.00. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

President Phil discussed the various committees and what is happening in the groups. He asked folks to think about joining one or more of the committees to perhaps give some folks who have been on the committees the ability to take a break if they wish. We are so fortunate to have such a large membership and hope that more folks will join a committee. If you are interested, please let one of the officers know. At the March meeting Phil will present the list of committees so folks can ask questions if they wish as to what is involved in committee membership.

Larry Bull asked for help with the Washburn Pull, and Dwayne Dow said he would help out.

Tractor train Chair, Tom Berube, discussed the train and indicated costs are going up to run it and perhaps we could find some way to raise funds. The inspection and the insurance for the train is approximately \$400.00 per year. Tom wants members to think about having two sponsors for each train car. With two sides and 8 cars that would be 16 sponsorships. Tom mentioned small businesses and individuals could be contacted. The sponsorships would be reasonable and help with the expenses. Further discussion at the March meeting. Also, Tom asked anyone who would be willing to transport the train or drive the train to contact him. It is hoped it will be going quite a few places this summer.

Tractor pulls so far for this summer include Potato Blossom, the Northern Maine Fair, Washburn, and possibly Island Falls. Phil is going to be talking to the chairs of the various pulls to see where we stand and hopefully have a pulling schedule by spring. There was a Pulling Committee meeting following the regular meeting.

Phil announced the raffle tractor transformation is coming along nicely and almost ready for painting. Also, the little tractor just arrived. There are approximately 18 sponsors for the raffle tractor which is wonderful news and a big thank you to the sponsors. We will be at the show at the Forum and also at the Top of Maine Show in Madawaska.

Phil is hopeful we can again participate in the John Deere Show and help at the Car Show during Festival.

**NEXT MEETING IS March 4, 2018 at Washburn Snowmobile Club at 2:00.** We hope to have good weather and a great turnout. Thanks to all those who braved the nasty weather and made it to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG. FOLLOWING MARCH 4 MTG.**  
Carolyn Cheney, Secretary