

## **August 4, 2019 meeting of Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club**

President Phil Collins called the meeting to order at 2:00. The Secretary's Report was accepted. There was no correspondence. **The Treasurer's Report** was presented and accepted. Stats: Opening Bal: \$12,530.01; Bills Pd: \$1,756.67, Deposits: \$4,590.93; and Ending Balance: \$15,364.27.

Phil indicated trophies for pulling had been paid up to date. **The Northern Maine Fair** was discussed. Unfortunately attendance at the fair was low; therefore our raffle ticket sales were not as good as we had hoped. Stats are: \$118.93 (Tractor Train), \$796.00 (Raffle Tickets), and \$780.00 (wood) with 2 more payments to come in. Tom has already ordered the wood for next year, and it can be left beside the museum.

**Tractor Trek** was a big success with 14 tractors. \$875.00 was raised for the memory board. Thanks to all who contributed. Many, many thanks to Tom Quint and family who served a delicious meal to all the trekkers and friends and family. There are some great pictures on facebook of the trek.

Tom discussed the **tractor train's** next events. It will be in Houlton for two events, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Phyllis Folsom said she will work the first event. Please give Tom a call if you can help with the Houlton events. The Washburn pull is August 27<sup>th</sup> and Chris Langille will bring his tractor to help with the pull. August 29<sup>th</sup> is the last event for the train on Sweden St. in Caribou, and Carolyn and Joe Cheney, Tami and Phil Kilcollins have agreed to work. Always can use more help. A plus....the food available on Sweden Street is wonderful. This has been a very busy summer for the tractor train. **So far \$1,033.93 has come in.**

Discussion on the security of the Museum was discussed because anyone can really unlock the door with a screwdriver. It was decided **Richard Carter**, with his skill set, will install a deadbolt to the door.

Phil announced **August 10 is the Fort Kent pull at 12:00 with a parade at 10:00.** Tractors are very much welcome for the parade. The pull will be across from Daigle and Houghton.

**Raffle tickets are available, and it is hoped all will take some to sell. Diane Folsom perhaps you could bring a few with you to Fort Kent. So far we have sold \$4,183.60 worth of tickets.**

**Phil announced** that he is unable to have the tractor restoration at his facility this year. If folks decide to do a restoration, we will need to get a tractor and find a new place to work on it.

University of Maine at Presque Isle is having home-coming weekend the end of September, and they would love to have some tractors there beside the new agricultural facility. **Joe may be able to take his tractors.** Others who are interested, let me know, and I will call and get details.

Phil cannot do **plow day** this year. If folks know of a farmer who would allow the antique tractors to plow let us know.

**Some happy news.....**The Top of Maine Show in Madawaska has informed us we will only have to pay half price next year. Apparently, there was a drawing, and we were the lucky ones.

Larry reminded everyone of **Washburn Days and the replica of the Vietnam Wall** that will be there. I have seen the one in Washington, D. C., and it is very moving especially for folks who served in Vietnam.

**Election of Officers will be coming up shortly.** Those who wish to be considered, or want to stay in their current positions, or if you wish to nominate someone that info must be to the nominating committee by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Call any member of the committee who are Tami Kilcollins ( 473-7830), Barry Bartley (760-7105), and Meredith Folsom (538-9543). Some folks have been doing their jobs for many years, and hopefully with the number we have in the club some other folks will offer to take on some of the jobs.

**Also, Tom will not be doing the tractor train next year.** He has done a great job, but he says it is time for someone else. It's a very important job, and hopefully someone will step forward to do it. If you have any questions, give Tom a call.

**NEXT MEETING: Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 and not 2:00.**

**Banquet Date: November 16<sup>th</sup> at Presque Isle Inn and  
Convention Center.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Cheney  
Secretary

