

To: Members of the NMATC. We are going to send out the minutes after the meetings to keep folks informed as to what happened particularly for those who cannot attend. We are going to see how this works and not do the News Bits at this time. **Please note date changes for certain events.**

MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN MAINE ANTIQUE TRACTOR CLUB

May 2017

President Phil called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. held at the Washburn Snowmobile Club with 43 members present. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sandra and accepted. The Secretary's Report was presented by Carolyn and accepted. Sandra read the correspondence (a thank you note from the Snowmobile Club for the donation in memory of Don Akeley).

NEW BUSINESS:

Tractor Train: Phil discussed the issues of the tractor train. It is insured, and he has the engineering certificate. Now we must apply for a state license (\$300.00). Once the license is received, it will cost \$100.00 to have it inspected. The club will go forward with the tractor train for this year and see how things go. Barry suggested we contact our local legislators to see if they can look into this situation and perhaps make some changes in the process.

Awards Banquet: Sandra is making arrangements for location and date.

Museum: Time for spring cleaning and tidying up. May 13th was cleaning day. Also the bathroom is being put in shortly. Joe suggested adding an overhang on the back of the building to keep large equipment. If the club decides to do this, Carol will take the suggestion to the fair board.

Pull Schedule: Four out of seven contracts have been signed by the towns and returned. Bridgewater pull date has been changed from **June 10th to June 17th**.

Raffle Tractor: Phil announced the raffle tractor will be at the Theriault outing, and it will be taken to the car and tractor shows and to the pull during the Potato Blossom Festival.

Tractor Trek: The trek will be August 13th in the St. John Valley. Robin is working on the details.

Scholarship: Tami who is chairing this committee announced there are 5 applicants.

Best Wishes: to Terry DeMerchant's daughter who has been released from the hospital after a long illness.

Children's Tours at the Museum: Phil brought up the idea and folks were very supportive. It was agreed the middle school in Presque Isle would be a good place to start, and the children are about the right age to appreciate the museum. Carolyn agreed to contact the principal at Presque Isle Middle School.

Top of Maine Show - Madawaska: Phil thanked everyone who came to work and sell tickets. He said it was wonderful so many folks drove to Madawaska and worked for the club. The result was **\$1700.00....one of the best ticket days ever in Madawaska.**

Picnic Date: The wonderful yearly event at James Pelletier's camp has been changed from **June 4th to June 11th**. Please bring a salad or dessert and your beverage of choice.

50-50: Meredith won it and graciously donated it back to the club. Thank you Meredith.

Show at Theriault Equipment: Date has been changed to **May 27th**.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 but not before wishing **Marolyn Carter** a very Happy Birthday.

Also many thanks to the ladies who brought delicious sweets and made the coffee for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Cheney