

Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2019

President Phil called the meeting to order at 2:05. The Secretary's minutes were accepted as distributed. Sandra presented the Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance: \$6,903.71; Paid: \$223.90; Deposits: \$1170.00; and Ending Balance: \$7,849.81. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. As of January 1, 2019 the Savings Account was \$10,106.36.

Attending the Springfield Fair for an 8:00 a.m. Pull was discussed. It was decided to not attend and instead have a pull in Westfield on either August 31 or September 1. Chris is looking into this, and will let the club know the date. Also a pull on July 6th at the Presque Isle fair grounds was discussed, and the group voted to attend.

Phil asked that we think about ways we could do some kind and thoughtful things for folks. Carolyn mentioned how Joe and Keith took their tractors once to Leisure Village and left them for a day or two for folks to look at and enjoy. The residents enjoyed seeing the tractors invoking many memories. Phil announced that a town had requested some financial help and Carolyn (her opinion) replied that the club now does a great deal of charitable working including annual donations to Hospice of Aroostook, C A N C E R and funds an annual scholarship, and there needs to be a limit on what the club can do.

Committee Reports:

Tractor Train: Tom indicated the train is in decent shape, but needs a little work. Last year was very successful for the train bringing in \$2,000.00. After discussion about raising the fee for train usage, it was voted to keep the same fee of \$200.00 each time the train is used by an organization. A big thank you to the folks who get the train to its destination using their own truck and gas. It is greatly appreciated. Also many thanks to the folks that take care of the train once it gets to its destination.

Scholarship: One scholarship will be awarded this year with the deadline for applications April 29, 2019. The application (revised) is on our website. If folks cannot access it, let Carolyn know and she will get you a copy.

Pulling Committee: Janet, Secretary of the Committee brought up two rule changes that Committee wanted approved. These changes were discussed at the January meeting. Although rule changes are to be done before January 1st per the by-laws, Tami made a motion that we overrule the date in the by laws. The motion was seconded and the group voted approval. The rule changes: (1) "No parts can be removed from any tractor to make a weight class if it effects the safe operation of that tractor" and (2) "a youth under the age of 18 years old, who has taken the safety course and passed, can pull twice, per tractor pull event on a different tractor, even if that tractor has or will be pulled twice by an adult". Motion was made, seconded, and the club members approved the changes.

Raffle Tractor: Phil said the tractor is almost finished, and that Tami will get the posters, etc. ready.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE April 30, 2019

Tractor for Sale: Tom announced Barrett Parks who won the 2018 restoration tractor wants to sell it. It was brought up that perhaps the club should purchase it for use with the tractor train; however, Phil said it would be another item that we have to get to the event. It is easier to have one of our members use his own tractor at the event.

Diane informed the club that unfortunately **Bob Bartlett** is back at EMMC. His cell phone no is 532-0022. Also, the hospital has a service whereby a patient can receive e-mails. Our get well thoughts go out to Bob. We miss him and Jane at our meetings.

Web Site: Theriault Equipment has an employee who has offered to help the club with website design, etc. We accept the help, and Janet and Carol who are doing a great job will work with her.

Sign up Sheets were distributed and the following are the schedules for work:

Kawanis Show, Presque Isle Forum:

March 23rd.

AM: Barry Bartley, Nancy, Sky, and Terry Deschaine, and Meredith Folsom

PM: Richard Carter, Chris Langille,

March 24th

AM: Tami and Phil Kilcollins, Charlie Currier

PM: Carolyn and Joe Cheney

Houlton Show

April 6th

AM: Diane & Sonny Folsom, Phyllis & Meredith Folsom

AM & PM: Pauline & Kenny Folsom

April 7th

AM & PM: Tami & Phil Kilcollins, Pauline & Kenny, and maybe Phyllis & Meredith

Janet Wright will be glad to help set up; just let her know when. Also, I trust our super salesman, Larry Bull, will be at both shows. Thank you to the above workers for signing up. **WE NEED MORE WORKERS EVERY DAY OF THE EVENTS SO PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO HELP OUT.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35. **Next meeting April 14th**; not April 7th.at Washburn Snowmobile Bldg.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Cheney, Secretary

