

## Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club January 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

President Phil called the meeting to order at 2:00. The first order of business was to present our outgoing Treasurer with a plaque and a gift card to Governors. **Sandra Bartley** has served as the club's first treasurer for over 8 years plus contributing to the club in so many other ways. Phil, on behalf of all members, expressed his deep appreciation for all that Sandra has done for the club. We are all happy that Sandra will continue as the membership chairperson.

The **Secretary's report** was accepted. Tom Berube presented the **Treasurer's report** which was accepted. The financial statement for December: 11/30/19 opening balance - \$12,834.73; Bills paid - \$3,779.51; Deposits - \$37.00, and Ending balance for 12/31/19 – 9,092.22.

Carolyn read a thank you note from **Robin Haynes** for the donation from the club to Hospice which occurred at our annual banquet. Robin explained that the donation will help many people.

### **Committees, Chairpersons and reports if available**

**Tractor Train:** Chair/co-chair needed

**Awards Banquet:** Carolyn Cheney

**Sunshine:** Carolyn Cheney

**Museum:** Tom Berube

**Youth Safety:** Dwayne Dow Phil explained that per EDGE&TA, a new mandatory requirement for youth pullers is that they must be tested on every tractor they plan to pull. This fact must be documented on the youth safety certificate.

**Scholarship:** Tami Kilcollins

**Safety Officer:** Dennis Quint

**Pulling Committee:** Meredith Folsom. Candy Folsom and Scott Jordan offered to serve on the pulling committee.

**A big thank you to Meredith** for making a speed board stand and to Sloat's Machinery and Fabrication of Houlton for donating the steel and iron for the project.

**News from Phil:** Phil announced that our insurance will not cover pulling on inclined tracks. Also our truck has seen better days. The motor is gone. Caldwell's in Fort Fairfield has found a bus with a usable motor. Phil announced that the motor, installation and everything else needed would be in the price range of \$5,000 - \$6,000 range as a minimum. Dennis made a motion which everyone supported that Phil, Tom and Chris go ahead and do what is necessary to get the truck road ready.

Our local insurance company needs an **inventory of all equipment in the trailer**. This must include value of each item plus the value of the scales. Up to \$20,000 can be insured with no increase in premium. **Thanks to Carol Bell** who will handle this project.

**Raffle Tractor:** The Farmall Super C restoration project needs some sponsors. Please feel free to ask businesses or individuals to support our project by becoming sponsors for \$200.00.

**Recent changes in the Club's By-laws** were approved by members present. The effective date for the updated by-laws is January 5, 2020. The updated by-laws will be posted to our website shortly.

**Handbook:** Bonnie Quint said she would like to see a handbook for the club. She will put some ideas together and get back to the club at the next meeting.

**Tractor Trek:** This year the trek will be held in Northern Aroostook County. Many thanks to **Robin Haynes** who will chair this event.

**Interesting Fact:** Phil reported that according to an EDGE&TA newsletter one of the clubs the company represents has an average age of 75. He is curious as to the average age of our club so at the next meeting he will be sending a

paper around requesting everyone to put their age down....no names will be used. It should be interesting. My thoughts.....we have 90 yr olds who pull, and not only pull they often win!

**Phil closed the meeting saying he has been concerned** with some negativity in the club with some folks writing letters and emails to others with bad feelings toward others. This activity has caused concern among a number of club members, and it must stop. This is 2020 now and let's make this year a productive, fun year in the lives of club members. If you have any concerns or questions, always feel free to talk to an officer or a member of the Board of Directors.

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Washburn Snowmobile Club

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Cheney  
Secretary

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