

3/16/19 Tractor Club General Meeting.

Kitt Keagy, President, called the meeting to order @ 8: 14 am. 21 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

The minutes of the 2/16/19 meeting were read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was given by George Hillary.

Current Balance: 5,042.74

2 outstanding checks: \$340 to EDGTA membership and \$72.67 to the print shop for the new signs, leaving a reserve of: 4,630.07. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

George notified us that as of 3/19/19 he will be unable to do online banking as his computer does not meet the new standard of the bank. Kitt suggested he talk to John Speidell regarding a solution.

He brought the 2 new 24X30 signs to the meeting and they met everyone's approval. He plans to make an A-frame stand for the signs out of conduit.

The safety report was given by Bob Sachs: We are starting a new year; and there will be more actions regarding safety. Each tractor at a show will need wheel chocks and a fire extinguisher- this is required by EDGETA. There will be some extra fire extinguishers available if needed. He reminded us to use common sense in all situations; for example during tractor rides, there is no need to hurry to try and keep up; it is no big deal if a tractor doesn't keep up to the one ahead. Safety Report approved.

Dick Lape plans to have this year's buttons made and ready to be passed out at the next show. This year's buttons will have a picture of his crawler on them.

Bill Johnson let everyone know that his wife has recently passed away and thanked everyone for their thoughts and offers of help. The club appreciates everything Bill has done over the years and he will continue to have our thoughts and any assistance we can offer if he needs anything.

Election: This year the position of secretary is up for election. Next year the position of treasurer will be up for election. Colleen Speidell was nominated and voted in as Secretary for a 2 year term.

Events: The next parade will be in Prescott Valley on 5/11/19. After that comes the Frontier Days parade on 7/6/19 in Prescott.

Tractor Rides: The event last year with a tractor ride, hay ride and picnic was greatly enjoyed. After discussion, it was decided that we would have a tractor ride at Ron Jakola's place in the Prescott Valley area on 8/10/19. There will be a hay ride and a picnic afterward.

Bob Sacks then suggested a second tractor ride at his house in Groom Creek in June to include wagon rides and again, followed by a picnic. It was decided to hold this event on 6/22/19.

The Cottonwood show is currently on yesterday and today; reports are that is a good event.

We will be considering shows at the Prescott Valley race Track in the future.

Newsletter: Glen Blomgren has taken over publishing the newsletter and samples of the new newsletter were passed around. Members can access the newsletter in several ways: on the website, at the meetings, by email, or by snail mail. Members present today indicated their preference on the sign-in sheet.

3/2/19 event at Tractor Supply in Prescott: We had a good turnout- at least for a few hours until the event was rained out. We will try again at the 5/18/19 event which will again be at Tractor Supply in Prescott. This time it will include tractor pulls. There will be prep work needed prior to the show on the dirt lot north of the store to get it cleared for the tractor pull. More information is coming.

Website: the website is now up and available for viewing. More work is still being done. Glen Blomgren would like to do regular updates on the website after each show and he will be getting together with John Speidell to get access to the website. Future plans include putting the newsletters and general meeting minutes on the website as well as pictures- of events, of members' tractors, whatever is of interest to the membership.

Fund Raising efforts: There is a raffle planned for the 5/18/19 Tractor Show. Diane Keagy is

requesting everyone to work on getting donations for the raffles – store certificates, NAPA coupons, anything like that. A silent auction is also being planned for the fair. And items will be needed. Costco does give out gift certificates to non-profit organizations but they only accept online requests to the corporate office. Diane volunteered to work on this; we may be able to get hot dogs or other food items for the tractor ride picnics as well as items for donation or silent auction. The club does have forms detailing it's 501-c status to have when requesting items from local businesses.

Tractor pull: Paul is working on making the tractor pull and how the sled works more understandable to bystanders; is looking at putting advertising on the sled as well.

No further business and Kitt adjourned the meeting at 9:02 am.