

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING December 20, 2021

Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:00 pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Frandsen.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Jerry Geiger, Mark Sion, Tim Brain and Jason Muller

Absent: Ed Savage, Lyle Clark and Sarah Geiger

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021 MEETING: Mark moved to approve the minutes as emailed to the board and posted to the club website. Seconded by Tim. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report was presented by Tim. Expenses paid for the club this past month included upcoming show flyers (\$41.00), tractor drive expenses (\$30.94), Baling hay (\$1,695.00), Fertizona for farmland chemicals for 2022 prepay (\$7,481.00), Wild Apricot website (\$110.00) and club telephone (\$19.99). We deposited \$50.00 from membership renewals. We also had some hay sales deposits for \$1,113.00.

The main checking account balance is \$30,012.00.

The savings account balance is \$63,732.00

The Case account balance is \$10,185.55.

Motion made by Jason to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FARMLAND: Ed was not present to update on general farmland activities. Jerry reported that he and Debbie are going to be taking over the management of the hay sales for the farm. They will be coordinating the communication when the alfalfa is cut and baled and ready to be picked up. Jerry will be putting together a spreadsheet of the hay sales from the inception of the new alfalfa stand to present. We just had our 6th cutting. This spreadsheet will incorporate watering costs, chemicals, labor to cut, rake, bale and stack the alfalfa bales. We have seen costs increase with watering, chemicals and labor for harvesting the alfalfa. There has been some discussion that we need to adjust the price of our bales to club members to adjust for our additional costs. It was discussed and decided that effective next cutting, that a

bale of alfalfa will be adjust to \$10/bale for club members. Our hay is rated as #1 alfalfa hay in the market and in high demand. #1 alfalfa hay is averaging \$16/\$17/bale retail. We will continue to monitor our club costs for harvesting the alfalfa and reserve the right to adjust the costs at a later time.

Mark moved to increase the cost of an alfalfa bale from \$8.50 to \$10/bale. Seconded by Tim. Motion carried.

We have recently received more requests for hay than what we can produce. In order to keep it fair amongst club members, it was decided that we will continue to use the haysales@aedgeta.org email for those wanting to put in an order for hay. It will be a first come first served basis with a max order of 30 bales per order. Hopefully we can fill everybody's request and if there is left over hay, it will be offered to the members in email order that requested more than 30 bales on a first come first served basis. This is the only way we can monitor and keep the hay sales in order for the club.

The two northern borders the past couple of years were under the care of a few club members to manage. As of recent, the borders were not maintained and weeds were growing. Jerry had a conversation with the Northern Borders group of guys and it was decided that both borders would be moved back under the management of the farm manager. This will ensure that crops are grown and harvested together with the large east field with the northern borders. It will be easier to manage the chemicals, watering and harvesting. It is encouraged that all club members that are interested in participating out at the club's farmland to have the opportunity with all activities.

AHAA - No update

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE - No update

MEMBERSHIP – No update

STEAM ENGINE • No update

CLUB EVENTS:

- **February and March Shows:** Still on track for our Glendale and AJ shows. Jason reported that he had a personal commitment come up that conflicts with the show weekend and will be unavailable to be attend. He committed to continue to help plan for the show with Ed but asked for support of the members present at the meeting to help out Ed the weekend of the show in his absence.

NEW BUSINESS/EVENTS:

- Club's Metal buildings Update – Discussion was had on working with the City of Glendale on our two buildings that we own. Jerry asked Sam to set up a meeting with Jerry Weirs, Ian Hugh and Bart Turner and himself to discuss options on partnering with the city on a multi-purpose use for the buildings. Jerry has the engineered drawings for the buildings and will bring to the meeting. This has been talked about in the past but it appears the city is ready to move forward with getting something finalized. More information to follow.
- CHRISTMAS PARTY - Party was held December 11th at Fred & Sarah Ferguson's. It was well attended and everybody enjoyed the fun night of conversation, good food and present exchange. Thanks to Fred and Sarah for hosting at their beautiful garage.
- The Club's JD B Tractor Project: Sam updated the Board that the first workshop will start January 15th. He will contact Sarah to get an email out to the membership on exact times.
- Fiesta Bowl Parade: Saturday, December 18th. We had a handful of club members attend and represent our club in the annual parade. It was a beautiful day for a parade!

- Hay wagon Events: Sam reported that both the Glendale Hometown Christmas parade and the City of Peoria evening parade were successful with no reported issues. We had a good volunteer group to tow wagons. There were some last-minute route changes than what were discussed that made it a challenge to get a tractor and wagon in and through the congestion but all worked out. Next year if we are asked to participate, Sam will communicate to event organizers on route preference.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tim made a motion and Mark seconded to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17 at the club's farmland off of 87th Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.