

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 21, 2022

Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:08 pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Frandsen.

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

Absent: Ed Savage

MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2022 MEETING: Mark moved to approve the minutes as emailed to the board and posted to the club website. Seconded by Lyle. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report was presented by Tim. The club's computer with the financials was at the accountant's office so a full report was not able to be presented. Tim did confirm expenses paid for the club this past month included USPS mailbox rental (\$232.00) and club telephone (\$19.99). He reported that the Glendale show brought in \$10,667. The breakdown was \$5,525 (gates), \$232 (soda and water sales), \$1710 (membership renewals), \$300 (vendors) and \$2900 (silent auction). Expenses for the show are still being processed and will be updated at the next board meeting.

Tim brought to the Board the need for a new club computer for the bookkeeping needs of the club. The current machine is out of date for support and repairs. It was decided that a new computer should be ordered for the treasurer to use for the club's financials. Motion made by Mark to have a new computer and software purchased at a price no more than \$2K. Seconded by Jason. Motion Carried.

The main checking account balance is \$31,447.

The savings account balance is \$63,737.00

The Case account balance is \$12,030.00

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 the farmland activities. Tom reported that the eastern half of the northeast border has been planted with field corn for the club's use for shows and school events. He is waiting on the correct planter seed plates to plant the sweet corn in the western half of the northeast field. He will work with Ed and Larry Rovey on obtaining the plates. Larry Thiel irrigated the alfalfa over the weekend and will not be watered again before the next cutting. He did report that on the south border of the west field there is a blown-out area due to gophers. Larry and Jerry will work on getting some dirt filled in and corrected.

Jerry reported that the alfalfa sales are going well. All current buyers have been updated with the new pricing of \$10/bale. He said that he will work with Ritchie on getting settled up on the outstanding debt he has with the club for the bales that he purchased last year that has not been paid.

AHAA - No update

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE/MEMBERSHIP – Sarah is going to work with Brenda Frandsen on setting up a reminder with Wild Apricot for the members that have not renewed their membership.

Jerry reported that at the Glendale Show, the club had 51 membership renewals and an additional 11 new club members join. Jerry and Debbie had each member fill out an updated membership form so that the information can be uploaded into Wild Apricot. Debbie will also be present at the AJ show to capture membership renewals and getting information up to date with the membership.

STEAM ENGINE • No update

CLUB EVENTS:

- **February and March Shows:** The Glendale show was successful and well attended. It was evident that a one-day show was well received. There were not any club members that stayed around on Sunday to display equipment. It was primarily a load-out day. The AJ show is on track and ready to go. The club is expecting a big turn out for the one-day show in AJ. The Sign-Up Genius has been posted and emailed out to the club to get volunteers for the show.
- Phil reported on upcoming events for club members to participate in. If you have any interest in any of the following events, please reach out to Phil for further information. He will have a Sign-up Genius created for the events to gauge on who is planning on attending. He has said that he could also help assist on storing some equipment at his place for these events if that helps on transportation since the events are going on about the same time and in the same part of the valley.
 1. **Lost Dutchman Annual Parade** in Apache Junction on Saturday, February 26th. This parade is a great event to promote the AJ show. Looking for tractors to drive through the parade. There will also be a hay wagon available if any club members and families want to ride in the parade.
 2. **Roots and Boots** at the Rodeo Grounds in Queen Creek. They are looking for static tractor and engine displays. Event runs from March 17th – 20th. It is a well-attended rodeo and the club will get LOTS of visibility.
 3. **"Agri-tainment" Park** at Schnepf Farms. This is their 2nd annual carnival event that runs from March 10th – April 3rd on Thursdays – Sundays. They have always enjoyed having the club bring out tractors and engines for a static display for their events. It is also well-attended and a great opportunity for the club.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Club's Metal buildings Update – No update provided

- The Club's JD B Tractor Project: No update provided.
- Magneto Donation to Club: Of the 83 magnetos that were donated to the club, 23 have been sold and shipped out. \$4260 has been collected from the sales. The remaining magnetos will continue to be advertised on various online boards to get sold. Jeff Smith has been very instrumental in marketing the magnetos.
- Discussion was had on what to do when approached from a non-member on help selling tractors/engines. At the January board meeting it was discussed that the best route would be to direct them to the club's Facebook page online to post an ad with their information and pictures of what they want to sell and they can use our platform to get out the message but the sale and risk would be between seller and buyer. We would have no financial interest in any sales. If the seller does not want go that route, they can join the club for \$25 to post on the classified section of our website.
- John Konwiser has approached the club about donating some tractors to the club to a member who has children interested in tractors or a program like FFA. Discussion was had on the best way to select who would be the recipient of a tractor. Sarah has come up with a great suggestion on how to partner with FFA chapters in Arizona to be a recipient of tractor for their program. The board would have a subcommittee dedicated to this effort and would involve the FFA chapters that are interested in nominating their chapter and why they would like the tractor. Attached to the meeting minutes is an outline that Sarah has put together which was well received by the board. Lyle has volunteered to work with Sarah to get this program started and off the ground. More information to follow at the next board meeting with an update.
- A club banner with our logo and mission statement will be located (there is one in the club trailer that was made a few years ago) and hung up out at the farmland next to the flag. Since the farmland is where the board meetings are held and various club events are held, it is appropriate to have the banner displayed for all to see.
- The board approved for the remaining area under the canopy to be finished in concrete. The first phase of concrete was paid for with donations and the last phase will also be covered with donations. The work will be completed soon, perhaps by the next Board meeting and for sure in time for the annual business meeting in May. Motion made by Mark to finish the concrete pad under the canopy. Seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tim made a motion and Lyle seconded to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21st at the club's farmland off of 87th Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.

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Proposed Tractor Donation Program

Proposed Name: Arizona Early Day Youth Tractor Donation Program

Create committee and program specific email address for year-to-year consistency

Secure 1 tractor per year to donate to an AZ FFA Chapter (with honorary club membership) to build an ongoing rapport and relationship with FFA members around the state of AZ and build future club membership and buy-in

Purchase a permanent plaque to mount on tractor with names of the chapter, person who donated, AHAA, and AEDGE&TA

2022 Timeline:

2-weeks to assemble application, by 3/4/22

2-month open application, deadline: 5/9/22

Committee to review between 5/10-5/13/22

Present chosen application at Board Meeting, 5/16/22

Notify tractor recipient by Wednesday, 5/18/22

Present tractor to winner at AZ FFA State Leadership Conference in Tucson, 6/9-6/11/22

September 30th – semi-annual follow up with chapter

March 31st – semi-annual follow up with chapter

Application:

Standard Contact Information

- Chapter Name
- Advisor Name
- School Address, Class Phone, Teacher Email, Teacher Cell Phone for questions and to make arrangements
- Chapter President Name

Questions

- If selected, what would you do with the tractor?
- If/when repairs are needed, how do you plan to go about obtaining parts and making repairs?
- How do plan to use the tractor to make a positive impact on your community and educate them about agriculture?
- Please write an essay telling us why you (as a chapter) feel historical agriculture is important and how you can continue to share about it with others.