

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 17, 2020

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:29pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Frandsen.

ROLL CALL: Jerry Geiger, Tim Brain, Tom Trainor, Dean Hinz. Randy Waddle. Absent: Joe Sigona and Ed Savage.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2019 MEETING: These minutes were not approved as they were not available.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was a deposit of \$525 made in January for dues collected. \$3431.96 paid for the Glendale show expenses (some of the expenses will be shared with AJ show). Discussion on adding an additional \$500 of goodwill for Michael Bradley for the transport of the Fairbanks Morse engine for a total of \$1500 - \$750 to be split between both Glendale and AJ show costs. Motion by Dean; seconded by Tom to approve additional funds for transport.

The financial stats are as follows:

MAIN CHECKING: \$XXXXXX SAVINGS: \$XXXXXX CASE ACCOUNT: \$XXXXXX

Tom motion to approve treasurer's report. Seconded by Randy

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hayden's Ferry Festival - Rob Moore from the Tempe Historical Society gave a presentation on asking for club participation in their annual festival. This year, the Historical Society and City of Tempe would like to get back to the roots of Tempe with their show and utilize antique equipment – tractors and engines for static displays. The event is on March 8th from 12-4 pm at the Tempe Museum Complex (Southern/ Rural). There will be an eclectic group of demonstrators at the event – live music, basket weaving, cotton gin, food vendors, antique cars to name a few confirmed. The tractor club would be a great addition to their show. Being that it is 1 week prior to the AJ show, it would be also a good opportunity if we had 4-5 tractor/engine members present to showcase and also talk about the AJ show the following weekend. Dean is going to send out an email blast to the membership on additional details on how to participate and support the Tempe Historical Society's event.

FARMLAND: • Repair was done on the blowout of the irrigation pipe on the south-end of the farmland. Red, Paul and Rickey were the ones to complete the repair. It is all fixed and working properly. There will be additional training and operating procedures for irrigating the fields so that the valve does not blow out again.

Fields are lasered and ready to plant. Fertilizer is scheduled to be spread on Wednesday, February 19th. So as long as the weather holds for the weekend, corn is expected to be planted. Oats will be planted on the Northern border of the land and silage in the remaining. Discussion was had on if planting corn was a good idea because there was a surplus from last crop. Additional discussion was needed with Ed on what plans he had made with the local dairy on selling any silage to them. If we sell the silage, we may expect to get about \$5600; depending on yield and weight and market price.

Discussion on the demonstration field at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Ed was in contact with the city that they wanted to plant corn and cotton. 3 rows of each and then alternate. By doing so, the thought is it would keep the coyote population low so as not to be a nuisance to the other animals that roam the park. Randy and Ed will need to discuss with the City on

what can be accommodated. Sam McConnell indicated that we may be able to get the seed and fertilizer donated for the demonstration field with the only costs be labor and fuel used by club members. The corn after getting to about 10' – 12' would be green chopped or mowed under.

SAHUARO RANCH PARK SHOW: • Jason Muller reported that everything went well for the show. The weather was great and no major problems arose. The gates were lower than normal for pedestrian traffic but additional items were bought at the club store than normal. There were 23 other festival type events in the valley the same weekend so lots of competition for attracting foot traffic. The format of the show was similar as years past but a few enhancements were done this year to keep the show fresh. New location for vendors, silent auction, club store and kids zone this year. The response was positive of the new changes. Silent auction was significantly down this year. No large ticket items on the auction this time.

APACHE JUNCTION • Tim and Phil updated that everything is in order with the show. Still looking for quite a few volunteers for the club store. Randy will be doing the threshing demonstration again this year. No Baker fan demo this year.

AHAA will be placing 5 tractors that were donated to the club over the years on the silent auction at the show. Phil presented a list of the tractors and a preliminary starting minimum bid amount. The tractors are being stored at various member homes and not being utilized. Discussion was had on a couple of the tractors on the low minimum starting bid. Discussion was had that if it were to high to start, that may discourage any bidding. The hope is that all the tractors go to good homes and the club will not own any after the show.

AHAA • David Delong mentioned to Sam how much help the FFA kids provided at the Glendale show with the kid's activities, that he wanted to request a \$500 donation be made to the chapter for appreciation from the club. Motion by Tom and seconded by Tim to approve a donation of \$500 to the FFA chapter for their help at the show.

There was discussion on providing a scholarship for an FFA student. This will be tabled for the next meeting for additional discussion.

GILBERT TRACTOR PROJECT • Todd Bakken updated the board that the project is complete with the exception of adding foam to the tires so that they don't deflate over time. The cost is about \$690 per rear tire. Phil is going to get this completed. When Todd spoke to Mark Tate with an update. he appreciated the club for keeping the costs for the project so minimal that he asked Todd to have the club add an additional \$5K to the bill. Todd asked for an invoice from Tim for \$15,000 to be sent to the developer so the club can be paid.

WEBSITE • Dean presented that the club website had about 1,000 views in the month of January which is about 2X the normal traffic the website receives. Quite a bit of traffic from the tourism sites. The top viewed pages are the events and news/happenings section of the webpage. 157 members of the 290 membership logged in to the website at least one time in January. The email blasts that have been going out are getting opened 52% of the time in January. The phone project has not been converted as of yet. Dean reported that it would be completed prior to the next board meeting. Jerry is going to contact Mike Condi to get the Facebook credentials over to Dean so that it can be updated and maintained.

STEAM ENGINE UPDATE • There are no updates to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tom reported he would appreciate some help on the club's Farmall F12 so that it can be up and running for the AJ silent auction.
- Jerry reported that Jon Konwiser mentioned that he would be interested in donating his tractors to the club at some point. More details to follow on that.
- Mike Westfall was present as somebody interested in the Porsche Jr. tractor. He saw it at the Glendale show with it being advertised for sale. Discussion was had that it would be placed in the AJ silent auction with a \$7K minimum bid on it. If it doesn't sell, Mike would be interested in being the caretaker for the tractor as a club member and potentially purchasing it at some point.
- The annual meeting date is set for May 2nd and it will be held at Phil and Brenda Frandsen's home with a catered meal. An email blast will go out to the club membership about the meeting.
- Dean received an email from the Christ Lutheran Church about a request to the club about using a tractor for a static display for an upcoming event. Phil will be representing the club by taking one of his tractors.
- The Lost Dutchman AJ parade is set for February 29th.
- Jerry reported that Richard Stratz's son contacted him that Richard could use some extra prayers for his ongoing battle with dementia. Richard has a 1947 John Deere AR that he would like some help selling. He is asking for \$3700 OBO.

ADJOURNMENT • Tim made a motion and Tom seconded to adjourn at 8:46pm. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16th 6:30pm at SRP's Project Administration Building (PAB), located at 1500 N. Mill Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85281. Park on the north side of the building under the solar panels and enter the main entrance on the north side.