

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING March 21, 2022

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, Tim Brain, Jason Muller, Lyle Clark and Ed Savage (via phone)

Absent: Sarah Geiger and Mark Sion

MINUTES OF February 21, 2022 MEETING: Tim moved to approve the minutes as emailed to the board and posted to the club website. Seconded by Ed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report was presented by Tim. The club's computer with the financials is still at the accountant's office so a full report was not able to be presented. He reported that the AJ show brought in \$20,758. The breakdown was \$10,585 (gates), \$1,651 (soda, water and club store sales), \$1,025 (membership renewals), and \$7,497 (silent auction). Expenses for the show are still being processed and will be updated at the next board meeting.

*Update regarding new computer for treasure and announcing trailer: Phil reported that QuickBooks is willing to donate 2 computers with QuickBooks software to the club at no charge. Phil to call and get the process started to get the computers arranged.

The board approved a \$500 donation to the Maricopa County Fair Buyers Fund for the upcoming fair. The club has participated in the fair for several years with a financial donation.

Motion made by Ed to approve the donation amount. Seconded by Jason. Motion Carried.

The main checking account balance is \$40,522.73.

The savings account balance is \$63,740.32

The Case account balance is \$12,030.55

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FARMLAND: Ed reported that the alfalfa will be cut and baled this week pending Lonnie's schedule. The northwest border has the beds ready for the watermelons. In addition to the watermelons in the northwest border, part of it will be planted in okra and sunflowers.

The northeast border is planted in field corn and sweet corn. The sweet corn was planted at two different intervals so that it isn't ready all at the same time. Once that crop is rotated out, Ed would like to plant cotton to see how it grows.

Once the alfalfa is cut and baled, Kevin Johnson will be spraying for pigweeds. This may stunt the growth temporarily, but should not affect the overall crop that much.

Ed reported that after this year, he is stepping down from being the farm manager. He would like to suggest to the board that the farm manager position be an elected position and not to serve any more than a 4-year continuous term, like the current board positions are set up in the bylaws. He would like to have the board start to look for a replacement for him so that person can be trained up on chemicals and water usage out at the farm. Jerry said that the board would table that discussion for the next meeting.

Jerry reported that the alfalfa sales are going well. All current buyers have been updated with the new pricing of \$10/bale.

No updates on the outstanding debt that Ritchie has with the club for his purchased hay in 2021. Ed was asked to reach out to Ritchie on getting an update on when payment will be made to the club. Both Ed and Jerry will discuss once Ed talks to Ritchie on getting the debt collected and report at the next board meeting an update.

AHAA - No update

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE/MEMBERSHIP – Phil reported that the membership software was updated to email all club members who have not renewed their memberships to go into the software and complete the renewal. Discussion was had that there needs to be communication between who handles the membership software and the treasure to report who has paid. The treasure only sees a credit on the bank statement from an online payment, not the members name of who paid.

Jerry reported we had 27 renewals and 11 new members registered at the AJ show.

STEAM ENGINE • No update

CLUB EVENTS:

- **March Shows:** The AJ show was successful and well attended. It was evident that a one-day show was well received. More people attended than what we expected. We will need to order 2500 buttons for the 2023 show as we ran out of buttons early this year. As a result of such a good show, the board would like to send a donation to the Campo Verde FFA who sent 5 students to volunteer at our show. The board approved \$500 for a donation to the Campo Verde FFA chapter. Additionally, the board approved a \$1,100 donation to the City of AJ – Parks and Rec Department.

Motion made by Ed to approve the donation amounts. Seconded by Jason. Motion Carried.

- Phil reported on recent and 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.

1. **Lost Dutchman Annual Parade** was successful and turned out great.
2. **Roots and Boots** at the Rodeo Grounds in Queen Creek. The club had approximately 8-10 tractors on display at the event.
3. **"Agritainment" 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. To date, the club has approximately 12 tractors on display at the event. It will be wrapping up in the next couple of weekends so if you would like to come out and participate, it will be a good time. Both Engines and tractors are welcome.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Club's Metal buildings/City of Glendale: No update provided
- Club's JD B Tractor Restoration project: No update provided
- Magneto Donation to Club: Jeff Smith still has about 25 magnetos left to sell. Sales have slowed up quite a bit but still hopeful he will be able to get them all sold and shipped off. Proceeds from the sales are being put into the Case Steam engine account.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Club's Pedal Tractors – Sam has 7 of them in his possession and Jerry has 2 in his possession. The 2 that Jerry has are in need of repair. Sam will pick them up from Jerry and get them repaired so that they can be used at the next club event for the kids' activities.
- John Konwiser will be working with the club on donation of his tractor collection over time. Currently, his 1947 Farmall BN will be the first tractor to be part of the Arizona FFA program contest that Sarah is working on. John approved of the idea and will be instrumental in working with the club and the FFA programs on who will be selected as the recipient of the tractor.
- Mile High Club of Prescott representatives, Paul and Jason Laipple were present to discuss the possibility of merging their club with AEDGETA. Discussion was had on what that would entail for insurance and memberships. More importantly, they have an upcoming show at the lot next to Tractor Supply on Saturday, May 14th that they would like to partner with for that show to start with. We would have our kids' events and kids' tractor ride event at their show. The board also agreed to lending them our sound trailer equipment for their pulling announcements. The board agreed to help partner with them for their upcoming show and discuss at the next board meeting on how we could make the merger work. Our current board suggested we have a couple of our members attend their next couple of meetings to meet their membership and see how we can help them out. There was interest in making this happen but need to figure out a few logistics on how to do it correctly.
- Fairbank Morse engine is now at the farm for permanent storage. The board agreed to building a removeable surround to protect the engine and parts from the elements. Jerry is going to lead the charge on getting the structure erected with whatever parts we have from our building parts inventory. There are a few items that will need to be purchased but very little cost will be involved.
- Annual Business meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 7th** at the club's farmland. It will be a catered dinner and the business meeting with board elections following. Jerry and Mark will be heading up the nomination

committee on getting members involved with running for a board position. Currently, both Lyle and Jason's positions are up and both have an opportunity to run for a second two-year term on the board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Lyle made a motion and Ed seconded to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18th at the club's farmland off of 87th Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.