

# Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 25, 2022

### Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 6:05 pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Geiger.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Jerry Geiger, Mark Sion, Tim Brain, Jason Muller, Ryan Thorman  
Sarah Geiger and Ed Savage (by phone)

**MINUTES OF May 16, 2022 MEETING:** Ryan moved to approve the minutes as emailed to the board and posted to the club website. Seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's Report was presented by Tim. Tim presented both the May and June 2022 financials. Tim reported that the club ended the 2021 fiscal year with a \$10,584.08 profit. Bills that were paid this past month were the farm expenses (2,830.88), club phone (\$19.99) and bank fees (\$3.82). Membership renewals received that last two months were \$225.00. The new club treasure computer is in-use and the new financial software has been installed and all the old data has been moved over and updated.

The main checking account balance is \$43,257.88

The savings account balance is \$63,752.19

The Case account balance is \$12,205.55

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

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**FARMLAND:** Ed reported that the corn was harvested at the end of June. 6-7 semi loads of silage was harvested this year compared to the 4-5 trucks from last year. Jerry stopped by Rovey Dairy to inquire on the payment. They were still figuring out quality, weight and market price. He will report back at next meeting the status of payment. The east field has been planted with forage sorghum and it is already showing growth. It was planted on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Ed has been in talks with both Larry Rovey and John Hunt about the pig weed in the alfalfa. It needs to be treated again to minimize the growth. Ed reported that the cost of the herbicide/pre-emergent is about \$450/gallon which would be enough for our entire field. Upside is it should take care of the pigweed and downside is it will stunt the alfalfa a bit for a couple of cuttings. Another suggestion is to plant oats in with the alfalfa this fall which should help snuff out the pigweed and that will give our alfalfa a good mix of both oats and alfalfa. The horse buyers of the alfalfa like that mixture so we should have no problem selling it. We average about 8-9 cuttings a year from our alfalfa stand. It was planted November 2020 with the first cutting in early spring 2021.

Ed reported that this year the club is on track to use about 60–80-acre feet of water at the farm. That is far less than what our allotment is and therefore the club is practicing good water stewardship. There was a request from Leon to have the monthly SRP water usage report available at each board meeting. Ed reported that this report is emailed to him each month and will have it available at future meetings.

Discussion was had on the cost of the alfalfa bales that the club sells to club members. Currently it is set at \$13.50/bale. The board committed to keeping it at that price for the next cutting. Jerry is going to look into the cost of the water, chemicals, cutting and baling costs and report back what each bale costs the club to produce to see if we are selling the bales at the correct price point with the recent cost increases the club has gotten. Market price for a 3-string bale of grade A alfalfa is running about \$20-\$21/bale.

**AHAA – No Update**

**COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE/MEMBERSHIP – No Update**

**STEAM ENGINE • No Update**

### CLUB EVENTS:

- **Glendale and AJ Shows:** No update

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Mile High Club** – Mark reported that he met with the club’s insurance broker and explained to them what the club is considering in a potential partnership with the Mile High Club. They don’t have any concerns with folding in an additional club under the AEDGETA policy. The premium is based on overall membership numbers. They currently have our club at 450 active members. Jerry reported that we do not have 450 active members in our club currently. He and Debbie are working on cleaning up our list so that we can update the insurance carrier of current active members for accurate pricing. What Mark is going to follow up on with the insurance carrier is if the pricing is per member or if pricing is based on a range of members. Once that is cleaned up then we can see how much, if any the insurance premium increases with adding the Mile High Club under us. It was also discussed that ongoing conversations are still being discussed on how to make the partnership work. The board feels that each club maintains their own “identity” in their respective areas of the state. The Mile High Club would become a satellite/charter member to AEDGETA. AEDGETA would provide insurance and support to Mile High Club but they would still be responsible for their own financials, meetings and events. They

would have one board position available to them on the AEDGETA board. Members in each of the clubs would automatically be a member of the other. No need to be a paid member in each club.

- **Club's Metal buildings/City of Glendale:** The board was again approached by the City of Glendale of the dog park location as a potential spot to put up our building and farm the ground. This property sits at NW corner of 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Grand Avenue. Jerry asked Sam McConnel to get a meeting set up with the City of Glendale and the Board at this location in the next couple of weeks to look at the property and see if it something that the board wants to move forward on discussions with the City of Glendale.
- **Club's JD B Tractor Restoration project:** Dan Whitehead reported that he was able to go through the carburetor and magneto and installed on tractor. He can't get the tractor to fire. He will continue to work with Sam and others on getting the tractor to fire. It was suggested pull starting it to see if that would help getting it to run.
- **Magneto Donation to Club:** No update
- **Club's FFA Tractor Donation Program:** Sarah reported that the State Convention was a success with the tractor donation. It was awarded to the Casa Grande FFA Chapter. They intend to use it within their program on some of their farming practices that they do at their school along with using it with school functions to promote their FFA program. There were 5 different FFA chapters that applied for the tractor donation program. Sarah is going to follow up with John Konwiser on how everything went since he is the one who donated the tractor. Sarah will do a write up with pictures and put it on the club's website and FB page.
- **Storage Enclosure at Farm for Big Engine:** Jerry reported that he and Rex Condi will be meeting soon to discuss the enclosure for the Big Engine at the farm. Currently it is sitting out in the elements and will be nice to have it protected under cover from the elements and theft/damage. Jerry to report back.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Death of Longtime Club Member:** Jerry reported that longtime club member Wayne Stevens passed away on July 24, 2022.
- **Farmland Meeting with SRP:** Larry Rovey is meeting with an SRP representative on August 5<sup>th</sup> to share with them an update on what we have done with the farmland since it was taken over by the club several years ago. The club has done quite a bit of improvements to the parcel and proud to share with SRP all the good things that this parcel of land has done for both the club and the community.
- **Tractor Drive for Fall 2022:** Tim inquired about having a club sponsored tractor ride again this fall. Last year's ride was a success! Leon was asked about helping organize another ride and he said that he would help organize a ride so as long as there are a minimum of 30 riders committed. Last years ride had about 18 riders in attendance. Sarah will send out a club-wide email to see if there is any interest of getting club members committed to attending a ride. If 30 members don't commit, Tim will step up in organizing a smaller club sponsored ride this fall for who is interested. More information to follow on this event.

#### **Questions from audience in attendance:**

- **Chemicals used at the farm:** Leon asked to get a couple of gallons of Round Up for spraying weeds out at the farm. It was discussed that the use of chemicals at the farm are to be coordinated with Ed Savage as the farm manager. Ed currently is the club's representative on the growers permit and is responsible for managing the chemicals used at the farm and filling out the 1080 forms each time chemicals are applied. Ed will work with Leon on working out a solution on getting the needed Round Up applied at the farm. The chemicals are locked up in a separate container and not accessible to the

general club members in accordance with the growers permit we have on file. Ryan Thorman is a certified Applicator and can also help out properly applying chemicals out at the farm.

- **Equipment at the Farm:** Leon inquired on the status of the Ridger plow at the farm. He would like to use it but couldn't locate it. Ed said last time he saw it was along the north fence line behind the Case tractor. Leon to confirm if that is where it is or not. \* After the meeting it was confirmed that it is there sitting along the north fence.
- **Plow Day Watering and Notice:** Leon asked when plow days are set up that if the ground can be watered a few days prior to soften the ground. Ed reported that he doesn't always get enough notice when others will be onsite to harvest the crop and when the next crop will be planted. In the case of the last plow day, there was a short window once the corn was removed to prepare the land for the sorghum crop planting and to get in a plow day over a weekend. There wasn't enough time to water it without it creating a huge mess for plowing and planting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Sarah made a motion and Jason seconded to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Motion carried.

***The next meeting is scheduled for August 15th at the club's farmland off of 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.***