

FLORIDA ANTIQUE TRACTOR CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2011

Opening:

The Florida Antique Tractor Club Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on March 5, 2011 by Bill Mugler at Bill and Renee Mugler's home.

Present:

Board Members: Bill Mugler, Rob Waller, Jeff Gregory, Frank Paulhamus, Dara Bainter, Courtney Canfield, John Edwards, Dan Neumann, Bo Waller, Todd Zellner, Don Zellner, Rodney Brown
Members: Renee Mugler, Genie Jernigan, Pat Bainter, Stan Bainter

Approval of Past Minutes:

The BOD minutes of the previous meeting dated May 22, 2010 was distributed but not approved. Rob remembers one more board meeting in October -- Dara to follow up

Approval of Treasures Report:

The treasure's report was unanimously approved.

Balance foreword:	\$8967.72	which includes \$2500.00 for years 2010 and 2011 scholarships and \$251.00 petty cash
Income:	6917.01	
Expenses:	<u>6055.08</u>	
Total:	\$9829.65	

At this meeting Rob gave Frank a check from NOCIA for \$5305.00 and Stan gave Frank a check from Bronson ACE Hardware for \$100.00

Agenda:

All Agenda items were unanimously approved.

Safety

- Discussion:
1. Too many people walking across track in the way of pullers and equipment traffic.
 2. Vehicles in line to pull get too congested around the sleds.
 3. NOCIA is concerned with the amount of alcohol being consumed at pull.
 4. Does Insurance policy require EMT/ambulance on grounds during a pull.
We have an EMT/Orange County Fireman that attends pulls. He does not accept payment.
 5. Sink at concession hut does not meet DOH FAC.
 6. Need track fire extinguishers.

- Conclusion:
1. Food Concessions on both sides of track -- Bill arranged 2 concessions for 2011 pulls
Temporary toilets on both sides of track -- Rob will make arrangements
Track workers will wear florescent vests -- Bill ordered vests
 2. Set ropes up to route pullers onto track --

3. Signs at gate "Alcohol Prohibited" -- Bill ordered signs
4. Meet with agent to clarify insurance policy requirements – Frank to inquire
5. Remove sink or plumb into a holding tank – Rob follow up with NOCIA
6. FATC has fire extinguishers – Rob will check the charge

Class

- Discussion:
1. Number of tractors in V-8 car motor class is growing but several tractors are too heavy for 4500 lb class.
Heavy tractors could pull in 4500 lb class but not receive points.
This would cause spectator confusion if a heavy tractor wins but is not announced as winner.
Create 3 classes.
Cannot afford to lose tractors.
Eliminate 4500 lb class. Create 5000 lb class.
 2. Jeff would like to meet with members who pull garden tractors to discuss rules and classes before making official changes for 2011.

- Conclusion:
1. Eliminate 4500 lb class, add 5000 lb and keep 5500 lb.
 2. Send a letter to all members who pull garden tractors to announce meeting right after drivers' meeting on March 19, 2011 -- Dara

Professional

- Discussion:
1. Mike Stuber has the skills, knowledge and personality to announce, is doing a great job and the board would like Mike to know he is appreciated for all he does for the club.
 2. Sometimes announcer, spectators, pullers miss track activities such as pulled distances and line up order. Announcer should not be recording distances, there should be plenty of help in the booth. Outside interruptions could be problem.
 3. Rule consistency at the scales
 4. Do we want to continue with ribbons, ribbons don't mean much to some pullers but do mean a lot to others.
 5. Umatilla High School FFA members may be interested and available to help run the pulls. It may be appropriate to count volunteer hours as community service hours considering FATC is a non-profit and FFA and FATC have compatible missions.
 6. Puller talk at Super Pull regarding accuracy of distance monitors
 7. Sled needs repairs and a green strobe light.

- Conclusion:
1. Thank Mike and encourage him to continue announcing.
 2. Create class/weight flip chart to be displayed on sleds – Rodney to follow up
Consider communications for track personal/announcer – Bill & Jeff shopping around
Bill said he has an idea that will solve line up issue.
Board agrees booth needs insulation and door.
 3. Bill has a volunteer to staff the scale throughout the pulls to oversee rule consistency.
 4. Order ribbons – Dara
 5. Frank's family is in the process of organizing -- Frank
If appropriate, create form to validate community hours for students – Dara
 6. We can calibrate at track – Dara

7. Repair sled July and August -- Bill and Rob collaborating

Rules

Truck Rules

All Truck Rules will continue to be the same for 2011 except for the following changes:

General Truck Rules

1. Must have receiver style hitch fixed in all directions, not to exceed 26 inches to the top of hook point, with a minimum 3 inch inside diameter. 2WD modified class allows 28 inches.

2-WD Modified

1. Limited to ~~6200~~ 5200 lbs
7. Hitch not to exceed 28 inches.

4X4 Street

1. Limited to ~~6200~~ 6400 lbs

4X4 Modified

1. Limited to ~~6200~~ 6400 lbs

4X4 Heavy

1. All 4X4 trucks exceeding the ~~6200~~ 6400 lbs limit.
2. D.O.T. approved tires only. ~~or under 35 inches~~

Tractor Rules

All Tractors Rules will continue to be the same for 2011 except for the following changes:

Open Gear Rules

19. Must have a roll bar, ~~and~~ seat belt, high back seat and helmet.

V-8 Car Motor Rules

3. Must have a roll bar, ~~and~~ seat belt, high back seat and helmet.
4. Must have fenders to keep driver off tires ~~and high back seat.~~
9. 5000 lb ~~4500- &~~ and 5500 lb classes only – speed limit for these classes will be 14 mph.

Garden Tractor Rules

Refer to Class, Conclusion, 2.

Open Issues:

1. Should club consider “pay outs,” the various ways of organizing payouts, or allowing pullers to organize their own pay outs among themselves.
2. With the accumulation of track equipment, it may be necessary to build pole barns for storage.

3. Announcer booth needs a door, insulation and possibly an overhang.
4. Are protest fees as written in the rules sensible, practical, and manageable?

Good of the Order:

Bill recognized Stan Bainter as an honorary member for the many things he does monthly at the track to get ready for the pulls. Frank included Marilyn Bainter, for without Marilyn, Stan probably would not be as productive.

We especially would like to thank Renee for welcoming us to her home and preparing a very delicious breakfast.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Agenda for next meeting will include but not be limited to all above follow up items.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM by Bill Mugler, President.

The next Board of Directors' meeting will be at 9:00 AM on March 19, 2011 in Zellwood at the track.

Minutes submitted by: Dara Bainter, Secretary
March 13, 2011