

PRESENT:

Jesse Abernathy	Richard Wilkerson	Jayden Wilkerson	Jeff Collins
Thomas & Crystal Sitton	Kenneth Carson	Chester & Angela Abernathy	Susan Clow

Thomas Sitton called meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and Chester Abernathy led in prayer. Chester motioned to accept the minutes, which were approved. Jesse Abernathy gave the treasurer's report in Lela's absence. Ending balance was \$1,128.20.

In a new development, Susan Clow will no longer be able to be secretary. Ken Clow has developed cancer and both of them will be unable to continue their services for the club. He and Roy Wink are not doing well at this time. Lela Kinney is also retiring as treasurer, so we will need a new officer for that as well. On a good note, both Angies are doing well. Thomas says he is 60 days from retirement.

Susan is planning to be available to organize and help with the MAC pull on February 10, but someone else will need to take over after that. Crystal Sitton is going to take on the treasurer position and help with the secretarial duties at the pull. The account is maintained by Regions Bank. We need someone(s) to please consider taking on these duties for the 2018 year! Note: The organization needs a slate of officers due to being incorporated. Will need to have an acting or temporary secretary until one is elected.

OLD BUSINESS

- Thomas is checking with sponsors to renew for next year.
- Dues for 2018 are \$25 per family. Ken has been a blessing with the web site and flyers. Note that we had a minor at the Sweet Potato pull that was not registered to drive and did not fill out the waiver. It needs to be announced and enforced that all drivers are registered and waiver(s) signed.
- Richard Wilkerson brought up having blank cardstock sheets available where they could handwrite a number and classes on them. The numbers would have to be put on the entry forms for the rosters. Need a good turnout for the Feb. 10 pull in Bastrop, and several offered to take care of the pull, if Susan was unavailable at the time.
- Tires, hub and bearings, and brakes need work. Frost Trailer has parts. Sled can be taken to Thomas' to be worked on. Glen Jones is still doing pulls. Also, need to get with Larry Wink about the lease.
- No news on the insurance problem and change. To use the same insurance as East TX, drawings have to be done for each pull and they want a lot of details about the venues. Thomas is working on this.
- Need to send the certificate of insurance to the MAC, Cary Gardener. Thomas is going to talk with Goldman's at Mer Rouge about a pullback tractor, and reserve a block of rooms at Best Western. He also has banner sponsorships.

NEW BUSINESS

- Thomas recommended backing off doing new pulls at this time until things get settled. The state fair has the reputation of not wanting to pay more money, are hard to get along with, and it's not a good track. Simsboro might be a good pull, but wouldn't want to take it on and lose money. Ruston is a really good pull because they cover the arena fee with attendance money.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 2 @ PICCADILLY IN MONROE

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