

PRESENT:

Jesse Abernathy	Holden Musgrove	Molly Musgrove	Lela Kinney
Thomas & Crystal Sitton	Dennis & Kathryn Wink	Ken & Susan Clow	

Thomas Sitton called meeting to order about 6:50 p.m. and Dennis Wink led in prayer. Dennis motioned to accept the minutes, which were approved. Lela Kinney gave the treasurer's report. Ending balance was \$1,246.81. Sound system was paid for, and a \$250 banner sponsor was deposited (Collins Plumbing). Jesse Abernathy motioned to accept the report, and it was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- The new PA sound system has been bought and is better than anticipated. It is programmable for music, corded mics, and will be able to play the national anthem at the pulls.
- Thomas Sitton is checking with sponsors to renew for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- Allied Insurance Company is raising their basic rate from \$1000 to \$2500, which would cover up to 10 pulls a year. We cannot afford the new rate, so Thomas and Richard Wilkerson are checking into this now since it's not something we can wait on. The February pull is still covered under the contract.
- Spring pulls announced were Jena on March 17, Henderson on April 20-21, and our Bastrop pull of February 10. Flyers are expensive to print. However, they are on the web for people to print at home, or do a few to pass around.
- A work day is needed to work on the sled, including the brake pedals. Would be great to have some chili for lunch at that time.
- Mildred Jones passed away and the club should send a card and/or plant for the visitation/funeral. Lela volunteered to take care of this. Susan mentioned that she needed to do a letter reserving our meeting night at the Piccadilly Cafeteria if that was where we would continue to meet in 2018. It was agreed upon to continue meeting there.
- Lela brought up wanting to retire as treasurer and hopefully someone would be interested in taking this on. Ken Clow said he would do it.
- We haven't received a new lease yet. Jesse indicated that he would check with Larry about this. We apparently paid Betty \$100 and then she donated it back. A contract needs to be agreed upon and drawn up. It was a good year with five pulls!
- It was brought up that it would be good to find a place to do a play day. Also, could get in touch with the Simsboro group and see if want to do a pull. Evidently the East TX club and state fair officials are having difficulties. See if BRATP wants to take it on, if their arrangement falls apart. It's not a good track though; tracks are good at Ruston and Bastrop. Richard Sanders, Richard Wilkerson, and Ken Carson are great track graters! Thomas would like to take on the state fair pull if we get a chance.

Dennis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 5 @ PICCADILLY IN MONROE

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