

**PRESENT:**

Dennis & Kathryn Wink	Edgar Wink	Kenneth & Kathy Carson	Jessie Abernathy
Jeff Wiggins	Richard Wilkerson	Jayden Wilkerson	Dan & Carol Little
Lela Kinney	Chester Abernathy	Chris Abernathy	James Knight
Thomas & Crystal Sitton	Bill & Faye Little	Jimmy & Kim Ruffin	Ken & Susan Clow

After the split the pot drawings by Kim Ruffin, Thomas Sitton opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Chester Abernathy led in prayer. Copies of minutes had been handed out and Bill Little moved to accept the minutes. Dennis Wink seconded and the motion carried. Lela Kenney said the bank statement comes in a week after the meetings and it would cost \$3 for a copy if she wanted it earlier. Kim commented she could use the previous statement. The beginning balance was \$1,683.51 and after the month's activity the ending balance was \$1,711.51. Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, seconded, and carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Thomas reported on the scale trailer and it is working. He and Bill collaborated on it and reinforced the frame. It is tricky to load and unload. Jesse supplied the lights.
- A lengthy discussion took place comparing EDGETA and Allied insurances, debating merits, pros, cons, and comments by various meeting attendees. Both insurances are liability only, and neither covers participant medical expenses. Tractor/driver insurance is separately maintained by each participant, again, neither covers drivers/tractors, except liability—just like car liability insurance. All workers are covered for liability; however, all participants and workers must sign waivers. One blanket waiver per person should cover the 2017 season. In addition, Allied will pay up to \$5,000 for participants after their health insurance pays. Allied's quoted premium is \$1,000 per year for up to five (5) events, with \$200 per event for additional events. Spectators on the track are NOT covered! Switching insurance from EDGETA will allow another class for newer tractors in an OPEN CLASS. Still limited to 100 HP. However, if members want to pull at an EDGETA-covered event, they will need to join that club, or pay the EDGETA fee at that pull. With more classes, our limit of 3 pulls could be cut back if needed to 2, to avoid a much longer day. After an aborted motion and vote, it was decided that the club actually needed to take a count of votes per insurance company. The club voted to change from EDGETA to Allied insurance. The club will pay \$1,000 for up to 5 events, and collect the money from membership dues and hook fees at the events. Then Bill Little brought up that since leaving EDGETA, the North Louisiana club would not be a joint sponsor of the Ruston pull, and he, as a NLVTC board member, would not be in charge of the event. Their members can attend individually, however. Our \$25 membership per household would stay the same, but we would not charge extra for additional pullers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Thomas brought up business sponsors and suggested \$250 for annual sponsorships and the first year would buy 3x5 vinyl signs for \$100 each, to hang on fences or posts. After that purchase, all monies would be for club. He has 3 already, and anyone can sell these at any business they know. Dennis Wink moved to do advertising this way, seconded, and carried. However, it was decided that no alcohol, tobacco, or firearms could be advertised. These would be one-color banners w/grommets on corners. Boeuf River already has a banner.
- In other new business, Susan asked about addresses and using hers for membership forms, etc. Lela's home address is the official club address and she will continue to use that for financial stuff. Minutes need to be mailed every month to ones without an email address. Ribbons were counted and we need more. Jessie said he would ask Brenda to get in touch with Susan about how many to order. Lately we've been using The Trophy Shop in West Monroe.
- Richard Wilkerson is to write up rules for the new class. No changes on the others. Open Class will be limited to 6 mph and 100 HP. Tractor can be any year. Since it's lots of work to keep changing the sled for different weights, it was decided that all the weight classes will run following each other, going up through them (Farm, Comp, Open).
- Ken brought up a flyer he'd designed for Ruston. It's to be the same, but contacts changed to Thomas and Richard, plus new insurance. Jimmy and Kim will take over making of the buttons from Bill, and get the machine from him. Thomas will "try" announcing at the pull, and see how it goes. Will need help at the desk. A motion was made, seconded and voted on to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING will be MARCH 3 at PICCADILLY CAFE in MONROE**