

August 21, 2015

Regional Meeting at Ruston Expo Center

PRESENT:

Ronny Davis	Kenneth Carson	Barry L. Howard	Jim Ruffin
Edward Lambright	Dennis Wink	Pamela Howard	Kim Ruffin
Nancy Lambright	Kathryn Wink	Dan Little	Ronnie Colvin
Guy Lambright	Bill Little	Carol Little	Lanell Colvin
Richard Sanders	Faye Little	Rev. David Matlock	
James Burns	Jesse Abernathy	Shawnda Matlock	
Joe Ward	Brenda Abernathy	Thomas Sitton	
Brandon Howard	Gerry Holt	James Faulk	
Wayne James	Stanley Sanders	Laurie Faulk	
Jayden Wilkerson	Mark Smith	Terry Fusilier	
Richard Wilkerson	James Little	John Camp	

Barry Howard called the Regional Meeting to order and asked his pastor, Rev. David Matlock to open us with prayer. Barry also welcomed everyone to our South Central regional meeting. This meeting was hosted by the Boeuf River Antique Tractor Club from Oak Grove, LA, Branch 178 and North La. Vintage Tractor Club of Winnfield, LA. Barry led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

Appreciation for all their hard work for this Regional Tractor Pull and planning went out to Angela, Director of the Ruston Expo, Dennis Wink, president of Boeuf River Tractor Club, and Bill Little of North La. Vintage Tractor Club.

Officers from Boeuf River Tractor Club and North La. Vintage Tractor Club were recognized along with members from each of these clubs. Other clubs in attendance were also recognized.

Barry then introduced us to Mr. Clyde Brummett and his wife of Arkansas who is the South Central Director of the EDGE & TA insurance program.

Mr. Brummett told the members that we need to be diligent in our clubs to incorporate the younger generation whenever possible to do so. He stated that a few years ago when he took office he had 42 clubs and is now down to 38. Several of the smaller clubs are struggling to keep 20 active members with insurance in order to maintain the EDGE&TA insurance. EDGE&TA is in process of trying to rework the regulations to allow lesser members in order to get insurance. Mr. Brummett stated that they were open to any suggestions to draw more people into tractor pulling. Send any suggestions you might have to EDGE&TA.

The following were rules that the National Board would like to remind Clubs about:

- The legal name of each club is to have the EDGE & TA listed in it.
- Golf carts or ATVs do not have coverage at any of EDGE & TA events.
- The trains that are often used for kiddie rides are not covered at any non-EDGE&TA event.
- Please observe all rules from EDGE&TA. Safety is the major purpose of these rules. Also, insurance premiums are based on number and cost of accidents, so fewer accidents will result in premiums not being raised.
- The location of the Regional Shows for the rest of the year was read and members were encouraged to attend when possible.
- The 56th Annual Nationals will be hosted in Wasilla, Alaska on June 10-12, 2016. Lots of attractions and events are planned for these Pulls. (Information will be listed on websites for Edgeta and our clubs)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.