

PRESENT:

Thomas & Crystal Sitton	Lela Kinney	Ken & Susan Clow	Angie Abernathy
Shelby Abernathy	Lexi McLarrin	Jessie Abernathy	Jimmy & Kim Ruffin
Dennis & Kathryn Wink	Bill Little	Edgar & Nisha Wink	Richard Wilkerson
Kenneth & Kathy Carson			

After dinner and the split the pot drawings by Kim Ruffin, Thomas Sitton opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Dennis Wink led in prayer.

The minutes were approved after a motion by Edgar Wink and seconded by Jesse Abernathy. Lela Kenney gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$1,711.51 with an ending balance of \$1,132.02. Motion was made by Dennis to accept the treasurer's report, seconded, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Thomas reported on the sponsorships' progress. He has obtained six sponsorships so far, and displayed a sample banner. Rawls DeSigns will be making the banners for \$75/each. These will be 3x5' and he's ordering six at a cost of \$450 plus tax (\$499.45). The sponsors are paying \$250 each and we will be profiting the difference this year, and realizing the full amount in subsequent years by using the same banners. Boeuf River has a banner in the trailer.
- Information was handed out regarding changing to the new insurance and Susan Clow went over the paperwork, which was to be submitted after obtaining signatures at the meeting. Using this new insurance means a number of changes to forms, and everyone will need to sign a waiver for the season. A different waiver is required for minors to pull. Susan added a waiver paragraph on the pull entry form under the guidelines and will have the waivers and guidelines available at the pulls. Thomas reiterated that Allied will pay an additional \$5000 over health insurance, and cover liability at events.
- Signs will be put up at events about spectators not being allowed on the track.

NEW BUSINESS

- It was brought up that we need to check with Larry about how to handle the lease for the property that we have been paying to Betty in the past. Discussion took place about whether the old lease is still legal, or if a new lease needs to be obtained. The current lease is \$100 per year. Water and utilities have been paid.
- Jesse is going to check on getting Betty's memorial sticker put on the trailer, since it hasn't been done yet.
- Jimmy Ruffin said the scale trailer (utility trailer) needs registration tags at Oak Grove by the police department. Work is being done on the parking lot and track at the Lingo Center.
- **The Fiske Union pull is scheduled for June 10.** Also, reminded that the Ruston pull is on August 19. Discussion took place about membership. Although membership isn't mandatory using the new insurance, some concerns were raised that maybe it should be mandatory, or be a member of another tractor club.
- The new open division guidelines prepared by Ken Clow were reviewed and were okay except for addressing the 4-wheel drive issue. It was clarified that a tractor can be 4-wheel drive, but must not be engaged or used while pulling. **THE FLAGMAN RULES THE TRACK!** There used to be a track master, and Bill Little did a really good job when he was the track master.
- Richard Wilkerson is going to work on the sled seat to make it more comfortable.
- Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was approved by all.

BRATP SWEET POTATO PULL at OAK GROVE – APRIL 1

NEXT MEETING will be APRIL 7 at PICCADILLY CAFE in MONROE