

PRESENT:

Jessie Abernathy
Richard & Jayden Wilkerson
Lela Kinney

Angie Abernathy
Ken & Kathy Carson
Ken & Susan Clow

Jimmy & Kim Ruffin
Thomas & Crystal Sitton

After dinner and the split the pot drawing by Kim Ruffin, Thomas Sitton opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Jessie Abernathy led in prayer.

The minutes were approved after a motion. Lela Kenney gave the treasurer's report. After the tractor pull \$955 was deposited (including \$150 seed money). Balance of \$2,129 plus the \$955 came to \$3,084. Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, seconded, and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Susan Clow reported on the pull. Money collected totaled \$750, which included 60 pulls, consisting of 20 pullers on 23 tractors, 5 scratched pulls, and 4 new memberships.
- **Due to a conflict with a Louisiana two-cyl. engine club event on June 10, the Fiske-Union pull was changed to June 3.** Allied Insurance will need to be informed and new paperwork submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion took place on the utilities at the group's Fiske-Union pull site, specifically about whether it's necessary to have on all year long. One reason mentioned is that the turn on/off fee is enough that the utilities may as well be left on.
- Richard Wilkerson brought up a past topic of purchasing red/green lights and speedometer/distance monitor equipment, that would cost about \$1500. After confirming that the club was doing well enough financially at this time, a motion was made and approved to purchase the equipment. Richard is going to handle the particulars.
- Having more tractor events was discussed, since we have two unused events covered by our insurance. The new Winnsboro arena has been put on hold due to lack of state funding. The Bastrop arena was mentioned as a possibility, as well as another scheduled event at the Ruston arena.
- The need for advertising was discussed. Possibilities are Oak Grove radio stations, and the local tourist guide and 98.9 station (for a donation). The group approved a \$100 donation and Jessie will be the contact person. More advertising was suggested at Ruston radio stations, LA Road Trip, and the Piney Woods journal. Everyone was encouraged to think of any others. Our part of joint advertising with Northeast was \$500 and they contributed \$500. It was considered doubtful that we could purchase the equipment and cover that amount of advertising ourselves. We are probably limited to a \$500 budget.
- Richard brought up that since we have opened up classes for any tractor, we need to remove "antique" from headings on future flyers, and downplay the antique part except in our name.
- The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 5 @ PICCADILLY CAFÉ, MONROE

NEXT BRAPT EVENT: FISKE-UNION PULL – JUNE 3