

**PRESENT:**

Chester & Angie Abernathy  
Lela Kinney  
Ken & Susan Clow

Shelby Abernathy  
Jimmy & Kim Ruffin  
Dennis & Kathryn Wink

Jessie Abernathy  
Thomas & Crystal Sitton

Kim Ruffin did the split the pot drawing which Lela Kinney won. Thomas Sitton opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m., and Chester Abernathy led the prayer.

Crystal Sitton moved to accept the minutes, and they were seconded and approved. Lela gave the treasurer's report. The ending balance is \$2,548.02. Motion was made by Jessie Abernathy to accept the treasurer's report, was seconded, and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Thomas reported that the light system/speedometer the group voted to purchase at the last meeting has not been produced yet, per Richard Wilkerson. We will have to wait and buy it when available.
- June 3 is the next pull and Thomas won't be able to make it. There won't be a meeting Friday night, June 2, but will have a meeting at the pull, under the direction of the vice president, Chester.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion took place on raising the property damage on the Allied insurance. Thomas checked into it and for \$100 more per year, we can up the coverage from \$100,000 to \$300,000. He talked with the people at the MAC (Morehouse Activity Center) and all they require is \$1 million liability coverage, so we are good there with what we have. We are probably responsible for damage by spectators. This issue was tabled to be discussed again and voted on before the Ruston event.
- Thomas checked with the MAC to see about having a pull there. Two weekends are available that are not stacked on top of another pull/event, and they are Sept. 23 and 30. The fee is \$400/day for the arena and \$50 for the grade tractor. We could bring in equipment the day before, fenced in, and RV spots are available. No admission would be charged this year, if we do this. The event could be moved to February/March next year if we want to. **Dennis Wink moved to have a pull at the MAC on September 30, seconded, and approved unanimously.** The director will prep the track, but equipment doesn't work too well. The length of the pull would have to be shorter, about 175-180, since it's not open at one end. Three gates are on the sides to bring tractors in, not enough room around the sled. They will furnish concessions (very good and can have special requests). We can attract vendors at a \$50 charge for them, but no food vendors allowed. (Exhibitors don't have to pay.) Will need an EMT also to be in compliance with insurance. Tractor display is not as good as at Ruston, but would like a display. They were concerned about drips, so we would need drip pans, and he was asked if we have a spill kit on the sled. We can get one and keep in the trailer to put on when needed. The MAC needs a \$200 deposit to schedule and hold a date. There are a couple hotels available in Bastrop.
- Thomas has been in touch with vendors for Ruston, which does not charge. This weekend he will check for more at the Dubach trade/flea market he and Crystal are going to. Everyone is encouraged to locate vendors. (The MAC is trying to get additional space for exhibits and is by the fairgrounds.) So far we have Dan Littleton (pens & knives) and a lady who paints sawblades coming to the Ruston pull. Hit and miss engines are to be there. (See if anyone can get the guy who makes tractors out of sewing machines.)
- Advertising: La Market Bulletin advertising is free, Road Trip & Piney Hills charge \$200 per month. Jimmy brought a farm/ranch bulletin sample. Flyers can be downloaded from the website and placed around the area.
- We still have one more event available to hold under the current insurance, so everyone be thinking about if a trail ride can be organized and where, or another pull, or other event. Star Home Place was discussed.
- Jessie motioned to adjourn the meeting, second, approved, and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**NEXT BRATP EVENT & MEETING: FISKE-UNION PULL – JUNE 3**