

PRESENT:

Larry Wink

Roy Wink

Chester Abernathy

Ken & Susan Clow

Dennis & Kathryn Wink

Edgar Wink

Thomas & Crystal Sitton

President Thomas Sitton called the meeting to order and Edgar Wink gave the prayer. Minutes were read beforehand and Chester Abernathy motioned to accept the minutes, which were approved. Since Lela wasn't at the meeting, there was no official treasurer's report, but Chester brought the bank statement and the ending balance was \$396.66. A \$30 water bill was discussed and it was decided that it was probably over several months.

OLD BUSINESS

- In old business, we were reminded that the lights and trailer registration are done. The trailer is fine to remain in Chester's name.
- Ken Carson's daughter has the button machine working and will have 60 buttons for the Ruston pull.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ken Murphy is providing the pullback tractor and driver for the Ruston pull. Angela has a packer for use. Thomas will try to get hold of Jim Saxon for announcing. Carl Wilkinson may know his phone number. Members discussed former announcers such as Kim Ruffin, Chris Abernathy, and someone that Chester was going to talk with Brenda to see if she remembered who it was.
- The Jena pull is October 21. Not sure when the state fair pull is since it's not posted on the internet yet.
- The Piney Woods ad for the Ruston pull is in the August journal and cost \$138. Thomas brought up buying an ad for the Bastrop pull, but no decision was made. He has flyers for both pulls and is going to distribute. Dennis Wink got some from him to distribute also. The club thanked Ken Clow for his work on the flyers and website, and said he was doing a really good job.
- Crystal Sitton is volunteering to sell the t-shirts and caps at the Ruston pull. Susan will need help at the registration desk to take money and help get pullers signed up in classes. Thomas said Laurie Faulk has volunteered to help with registration.
- Chester said his neighbor has quite a bit of land and expressed an interest in hosting a plow day for us, perhaps in the fall sometime.
- Larry and Dwayne Wink are checking with a lawyer about drawing up a legal contract between the family and BRATP to protect all parties. Betty Wink used to be paid \$100 and then she returned it back to the club, we might continue to do something like that.
- Susan Clow has questions about getting the state paperwork done, including relicensing the name and corporation taxes. She found tax returns up to 2014, but not any later. Brenda and Lela need to be contacted to see about how that was done in the past and what needs to be done now.
- Thomas asked about when we want to do the Bastrop pull next year, to get it on their calendar. It will have to be a shortened track due to arena design, and they are concerned about oil, so an oil spill kit will need to be on sled. There is a barrel racing event that Friday lasting into the night, so can't pack the track until midnight.
- The sled and scales are to go to Ruston Friday morning. Susan is still getting ready and has to add the new classes. Bastrop pull is Sept. 30. Springhill is having a sawmill/lumberjack day with tractor show on Oct. 14.
- Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting and it was approved unanimously.

NEXT BRATP EVENT: ANTIQUE DAYS OF RUSTON PULL – AUGUST 19

NEXT MEETING: SEPT. 1 @ PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, MONROE

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