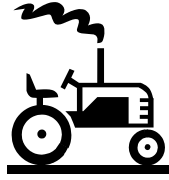


## **SOUTHERN MAINE TRACTOR CLUB**



**March 7, 2017**

**WEBSITE: [WWW.SOMETRACTORCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.SOMETRACTORCLUB.ORG)**

A Full member lunch meeting will be held **April 9th 2017 AT 1:00 pm** at Lynnski's Restaurant 530 NH 25 Ossipee NH. You will be able to pick from 3-4 different entrees @approximately \$10 each exact selection to be decided. (Knowing Glenn it will be normal people food..lol)

### **President's corner**

Hello all

I think we can assume that spring is nearly here, some of you have been making sugar, that's always a sign of good things to come. I have heard that some of our IH owners have been up to no good over the winter and there may be new pulling prospects. I think the pulling committee might enjoy tech-ing these tractors when we get to see them. *wink..wink*

Things for the club have not be dormant over the winter the big news/ issue has been Acton Fair and how we are going to deal with that particular pull. The Fair in the past has been a significant revenue source for us however we are hesitant at this point on it until we get some confirmations from the fair about securing financial support for the more expensive replacement transfer sled, Without it I think we are putting the club at a financial risk. As you will see in meeting minutes this was discussed at length as they want to have us manage a pickup truck pull as well. Speaking of finance the fundraising committee will be warming up and getting back to us with some ideas on that front, I for one am anxious to see what they come up with! Don't forget we are adding the 4000 & 5000 classes this year so get your tractors ready! I suspect these classes along with trying to utilize Zak Kennedy's sled at a number of club pulls this year (mostly on the two day events) will affect the points challenge for all of us. As a reminder as you get ready to pull this year please take a closer look at your safety gear (wheelie bars and hook points) and make sure everything is up to snuff! Finally a tentative schedule has been laid out you will notice we are at Coles mine more this year than we have been in the past as it is a little more rain friendly place to pull and we will not be pulling in Sandwich.

See you all in May!

Glenn

## **SMTC February 2017 meeting minutes**

The Southern Maine tractor club board met Sunday February 19th 2017 at the Home of Glenn & Kathy Davis

Glenn Davis called the meeting to order @ approximately 12:30 PM

Present were:

Glenn Davis, Frank Bumford, Al Williams, Ernie Ball, Buzzy Knowles, Zak Kennedy, Kathy Davis, Ken Hayes and Shelby Foster.

1. The annual meeting minutes were read, along with the treasury report. Al Williams made a motion to except the minutes as read Zak Kennedy seconded it.

2. Old Business:

Acton Fair

As the Orange sled was no longer available to the club Northeast sled services (NESS) was contacted and has agreed to provide their sled. There is a significant change in the cost however. Knowing this Glenn, Frank & Ken Had met with and made a proposal to the Acton Fair committee as requested for managing the tractor transfer sled pull as well as a new pickup truck pull for the 2017 fair. The cost was going to be in the area of \$6000 for the fair to do both.

Frank had since met up with and discussed the proposal further with a fair committee member. They have offered to pay \$4000 for the club to put on both a tractor & truck transfer sled pull. With all revenue gained from hook fees, membership, insurance, 50/50 etc to go to the club. The clubs exposure would be \$3600 for the sled rental and an approximate additional \$200 for trophies. Glenn's concern is what happens in the case of a weather cancellation is the fair going to honor the \$1000 per day minimum charge from NESS for the cancellation if they do not, it would be a financial hardship on the fair if a weather cancellation was required. Frank was going to check back in with the fair to confirm weather related costs were going to be covered by the Fair.

A short break for lunch was taken and the meeting resumed at 1:20

Fundraising:

A fundraising committee was appointed at the December meeting. The Fundraising committee had not yet met. As Zak & Shelby are on the board Glenn requested they gather the rest of the committee and bring forth some ideas. Other clubs fundraising efforts were discussed as both the NH Antique and Maine Antique raffle off a tractor each year and do very well with it. The Committee will be looking into this and other ideas SOON.

Under-age tractor drivers:

Under age drivers were discussed at length as well what could be done for them some ideas were slow races and course driving but not pulling. It was agreed that Glenn will contact our insurance company to get a clear definition of what if anything is allowed by them for the full membership meeting.

### 3. New Business

A tentative schedule for 2017 was laid out as indicated below. We will be utilizing Zak's Transfer sled on one day of each of the two day pulls. Further use may occur if issues with moving the blocks is present. Or as the pulling committee decides. Zak's sled was further discussed and it was decided that his sled should only be used for club pulls at this time.

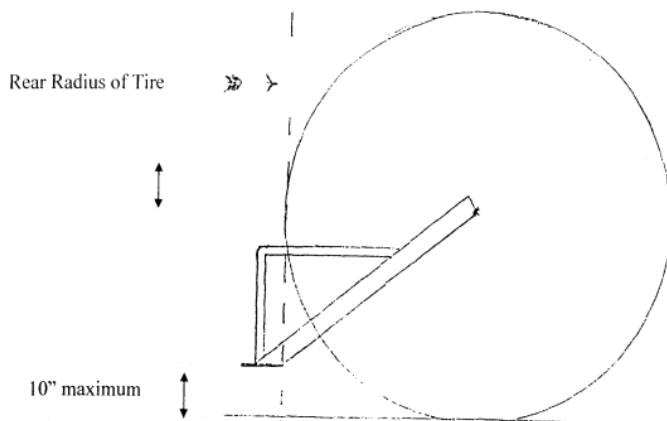
May 21	Cole Mine	Treasurer's Report:	
June 3-4th	Mi Ti Jo	Dec 2016 Balance-	\$1547.91
June 18	Cole Mine	Register Scales	-\$18.00
July 1-2	Cole Mine	Website	-\$35.85
July 15-16	Greg Reeds	ME Filing Fee	<u>-\$35.00</u>
August 13	Cole Mine	Balance 3/1/17	\$1547.91
August 27	Acton Fair		
September 10	Greg Reeds		
October 22	Cole Mine		

### 4. For the good of the order:

Wheelie bars and rules pertaining to them were revisited, after much discussion it was decided to leave the rules alone and remind the pulling committee to check each tractor for safety prior to hooking them.

Al Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting Ken Hayes seconded it, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM

Attached is the membership form and insurance waiver. Please make sure you fill out the insurance form also!!!



*Above picture Referenced from the 2/17/2008 meeting minutes*