



**SOUTHERN MAINE TRACTOR CLUB
DECEMBER 2008**

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www.southernmainegardentractorclub.com**

President's Corner

I don't care if it's politically correct or not but I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

A couple of apologies: I was remiss in not thanking the Tibbetts family for a fun day at their farm. I also did not remind everyone to go to Tom and Joanne Bond's Christmas Tree Farm. I feel it is a good idea to support our club sponsors.

Also it has been brought to my attention that the girls that waited on the tables at the banquet were not tipped. Normally tips and gratuities are included in the price of the banquet. If anyone runs into the two ladies, please apologize, we should have given the 50/50 to them.

The Berwick Christmas Parade was lots of fun with Woody Cone on a John Deere H, Don Clark on a John Deere H, Dave Gilmore on a John Deere A, Justin Hokinson on a Farmall cub and me on a John Deere 50. We got to escort Santa Claus.

In this newsletter is a ballot for the Garden Tractor Rules Committee Members. There is also a list of people nominated for the positions in the Antique Tractor Division. Due to the ice storm, many people were not able to attend; I did not expect to have a meeting until 20 people showed up. So to make sure that everyone has a say, we are accepting written nominations until January 1st. We will mail out the ballots in the January newsletter.

We are looking for a new insurance. The one we had is no longer insuring tractor pulls and the alternate is too pricey. The next meeting (to be announced), we hope to have some other quotes to look at.

At the meeting one of the Farmall drivers asked for a new rule that all John Deere 60 tractors had to use a longer chain. Don Clark's answer to this was "Whatever it takes to make it fair for the others."

I hope Santa brings you the tractor of your dreams.
Frank Bumford

Minutes

Knights of P Hall

Berwick, Me

12/14/2008

The meeting was called to order by Frank Bumford, President. He thanked everyone for their effort to get to the meeting.

The minutes and treasurer's report were waived and will be in the newsletter.

Insurance

The insurance has been cancelled and the new insurance by the same company will cost 225.00 per event up to 22 events or 175.00 per event if we have 23 or more. The amount will have double from the cost of last year's insurance. Punky is looking into insurance through a different company. Bob Shepard suggested we contact the Maine State Pullers, Maine Antique and East Coast Tractor club to see if we could get them to join with us in insurance for a better rate. We have research Edgeta but found some rules that were not acceptable. If you would like to see the rules, go to the www.edgeta.org. We discussed the fact that we have no rules about turbo chargers and rpm.

Ribbons and Trophies

It was discussed about changing most of the events to just ribbons. Lenny Tibbetts made a motion to put it on the ballot to change from trophies to ribbons, Bob Shepard seconded it. Motion carried.

Truck Pull

Lenny wants to run a truck pull to raise money for the club.

Mi Tee Jo Campground

There will be a pull there June 6 & 7 and this year it will be a points pull. This is a very nice place and the Milton Fire Department sells food.

Speed limit for sled.

Lenny Tibbetts wants to adopt a speed limit for the transfer sled. He would like to be able to purchase a digital speed limit sign. After discussion Lenny Tibbetts made a motion to adopt a speed limit of no more than 6 miles per hour.

PortaPotties

Lenny Tibbets will look into getting a better deal on portapotties.

Concessions

There was discussion on concessions.

Nomination of Officers:

It was decided to go ahead with nominations in spite of the ice storm but written nominations will be taken until January 1st.

President:

Lenny Tibbets nominated Frank Bumford and was seconded by Bob Shepard. There were no other nominations.

Vice President:

Walter Osborne nominated Lenny Tibbets, it was seconded.

Don Clark nominated Woody Cone and it was seconded.

Secretary/Treasurer

Marie Ball nominated Roxanne Bumford and it was seconded. There were no other nominations.

Pulling Committee

Greg Haley 2 yrs left

Carroll(Boomy) Lord 1 yr left

We need three additional members

The following were nominated:

Dave Gilmore – refused

Bob Shepard

Greg Reed

Bruce Gammon

Willie Ball

Bob Hanson

Walter Osborne

Dan Stearns

Lenny Tibbets made a motion to adjourn and was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50PM

Treasurer's Report

BALANCE 10/31'8	1959.34
11/3'8 Tut's Trophies	-93.00
11/5'8 AWARDS	-350.47
11/5'8 DEP	360.00
11/22'8 postage	-4.20
11/22'8 copies mailing	-83.79
11/22'8	160.00
BALANCE 11/30'8	1947.88

PUNKY'S TIDBITS

Hello. I will start off by saying.....once again the food and company was awesome at our potluck/meeting on Dec. 7th. Thank you all for coming and participating. I am very proud of our club members representation and willingness to put time and effort into what we do to have fun.

We covered many subjects and it is hard to relay all the information to those who could not be there.

Here are the highlights:

* Leesa covered the club inventory, shared the correspondences letters to the club, and handed out the club treasury report.

* A vote was passed to make a donation to the Willowbrook Museum.

* Insurance coverage for next season is being researched.

* Make-a-Wish committee for 2009 will be Charlie Cole, Ernie Lowell, Mike Curit, Mark Cassette, and Leesa Noble.

* Having club jackets made up is being researched by Leesa.

* Points pulls, fun pulls, and a "Ladies" class pull.

* A non-member pulling fee for those who just want to show up and pull for one time.

* Larry Folkum will be safety director and "Show" tractor organizer.

* Flag persons will do some training, to all be on the same page while doing the task at our pulls.

* Next years schedule of events and pulls.

* Thank-you cards out for members to distribute to the sponsors of 2008.

* Safety on tractors- seat jumping and hands on wheel. (parents discretion)

* New membership contest for 2009. We will welcome new members on the website, keep a tally of who brought them in and have a reward for the one who brings the highest number at the end of the year. There are many parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles and children that could have fun with us next year. So, lets go for it!

* There are 3 pulling committee positions up for vote for 2009. The nominees are:

1. Charlie Cole 2. Rene Tardiff 3. Dave Lank 4. John Mayo 5. Stubs

PLEASE...fill out the ballot and return. These people work closely with your chairman and they are important to the success of our club.

Thanks to all who have sent my family a lovely holiday cards. We enjoy them very much. *We wish you all a very Happy New Year.*

Our next meeting is January 11th at the American Legion in Alfred. Pot luck at 12 and meeting to follow. Members and possible NEW members are welcome.

Chairman, Punky Noble

Several important notes:

The address for the club has changed to 88 Milton Mills Rd Lebanon Me 04027.

The antique tractor club is looking for a scorekeeper. The requirements are to type

up results, keep track of the points, to prepare the boards for pulls and to email the results so they can be placed on the website. We are also looking for someone to be in charge of T shirts, jackets, hats and other sale items and to be at the pulls to sell them. There will also be a sign up sheet to move the scales.

Garden Tractor Division Ballot

Please return to:

Roxanne Bumford

88 Milton Mills Rd

Lebanon, Me 04027

**BY JANUARY 10TH OR BRING YOUR
BALLOTS TO THE MEETING ON
JANUARY 11TH. WE WILL COUNT
THEM THAT DAY. ALL MEMBERSHIPS
ARE ALLOWED TWO BALLOTS**

Vote for three:

Charlie Cole _____

Rene Tardiff _____

Dave Lank _____

John Mayo _____

Stubs _____

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All members are allowed to vote but are not required to.

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