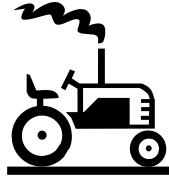


# SOUTHERN MAINE TRACTOR CLUB



**MARCH 2009**

**WEBSITE: WWW.SOMETRACTORCLUB.ORG**

**NEXT MEETING APRIL 5 12:00 K OF P**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Free snow, will deliver, as much as you want. I have had enough! But it is nice to have longer hours of daylight. Are you ready to pull? April 25<sup>th</sup>, at Shaw's Ridge Equipment Open House. It will be a fun pull starting at 9:00 am. There will be an open house at Shaw's Ridge in Concord on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The pot luck lunch and meeting was a success, so we will try it again on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon with a meeting after. At the meeting we will have the second reading of the by-laws changes with a vote to follow.

The Good Sam Club of Maine has invited the Southern Maine Tractor Club to show tractors at their Fall jamboree at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Information is on the website. We can camp for free. There will be games. There will be a lasagna dinner for a small charge. If interested you need to register as soon as possible.

Joanne Bond had her shoulder replaced in February. She is back home and doing good and Tom is waiting on her hand and foot. Get that arm better and get back on your John Deere. If you want to send her a card, her address is 174 Bond Spring Rd, West Newfield, Me 04095.

Some of you know our black lab dog. I have decided we got the wrong one. She doesn't like to ride on the John Deere Tractors. She stole my John Deere hat and tore it to pieces and buried it in the barnyard. We brought her a John Deere toy and she tore that apart. Then to top it all off she was in the truck with us and she pukes all over her John Deere blanket. So she has got to be a red blooded Farmall hound. Do you think it would help to paint her green and yellow? No spouse not. Frank Bumford

## Treasurer's Report

BALANCE 1/31'9	2114.58
2/5'9 mailing	-58.80
2/12'9 deposit	165.00
2/12'9 checks	-26.20
2/14'9 dinner supplies	-23.49
2/15'9 K OF P	-50.00
2/24'9 office depot	-118.64
2/26'9 STATE OF ME FEE	-35.00
2/26'9	31.89
2/26'9 postage	-8.40
BALANCE 2/28'9	1990.94

## **Several important notes:**

- The address for the club has changed to 88 Milton Mills Rd Lebanon Me 04027.
- **DUES ARE NOW DUE**  
Membership \$20.00  
Sponsor \$25  
Insurance 15 per person/ \$30.00 per family  
If you would prefer your newsletter by email, send your email address with your dues.
- 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.

## **Minutes**

**February 15, 2009**

### **K of P Hall**

Frank called the meeting to order at 1:15 and thanked everyone for coming.

### **Secretary Report**

The minutes of June 9<sup>th</sup> were read. Dick Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded and accepted.

The minutes of December 12<sup>th</sup> were read. Dick Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded and passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dick Smith made a motion to skip the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.

### **Old Business**

#### **Porti Potties**

Lenny Tibbetts has been looking into the porti potties situation and has a price. He will be in charge of making sure the potties are at the pulls that require them.

### **Appreciation Gifts**

Terry Hillsgrove, Willie and Marie Ball were presented with a small gift of appreciation for their service to the club last year. They were absent from the banquet and this was the first chance to present the gift to them. Also, Willie Ball was given Ernie Ball's trophies for high points.

### **New Business**

#### **Banquet**

The banquet was discussed. It was decided to have the banquet at the same location as last year. Frank will contact Paul Hokinson and secure a date for the banquet.

### Concessions

We have an interested concessionaire and we are researching our options. A decision will be made at a later date.

### Insurance

We had several options as far as insurance is concerned. The options were discussed and it was decided to go with Batchelder Bros Insurance Company. Woody Cone made the motion and it was seconded with one negative vote. Roxanne will contact them with the decision.

### Bylaws

Roxanne was looking at the Bylaws and found some housekeeping issues that needed to be addressed.

**Now: Article III Section 2:** Membership of the head of the family shall include all membership rights for the member and the member's **spouse** including voting rights. All other family members shall have all membership privileges except voting rights.

**Suggested change Section 2:** Membership of the head of the family shall include all membership rights for the member and the member's **significant other** including voting rights. All other family members shall have all membership privileges except voting rights.

**Now: Article IV Section 1:** Regular Elections shall be held in the **late fall** by the ballot system sent to the membership. The members shall return their choice by mail sent to the **Secretary or Treasurer.**

**Suggested change Section 1:** Regular Elections shall be held in **December or January** by the ballot system sent to the membership. The members shall return their choice by mail sent to the **designated ballot counter.**

### ARTICLE XV - DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION None now

**Section 1:** If this organization dissolves, all its funds and assets, remaining after payment of bills, shall be donated to a charitable organization chosen by the remaining members at the time of dissolution.

### Acton Fair

The fair would like the tractor club to put a truck pull in the schedule to increase attendance. The pros and cons of this

were discussed. The club is worried about the safety issues involved with a truck pull at this location. Other different ideas were discussed to spice up the pull. Lenny and Frank will be attending an Acton Fair meeting in the near future to talk with the fair committee.

### Rule Change

Neil Parkhurst asked if the pulling committee if they would consider a change to the lost weight rule. As not enough members of the pulling committee members were present. Frank will call Greg Haley and ask him to discuss it with his committee.

No other business was brought up. Bob Hanson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2:50. Next meeting will be at the K of P Hall April 5<sup>th</sup> at noon with a pot lunch dinner with meeting to follow.

Roxanne Burnford

Thank you to our sponsor



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