



Southern Maine Tractor Club

February 2019

President's Corner:

Hello all!

I am in hopes that you all have wintered well. With the majority of February in the rear view mirror it's time to think about tractor pulling!

As you will see by the minutes attached we had our winter board meeting. A tentative schedule has been set which closely resembles last year. Other big things coming out of that meeting is that A) we did not schedule any events at Coles mine, B) we determined what the jackpot class will look like, and most importantly C) reviewed and amended the club rules. I strongly encourage you to review them as there are a number of changes. For those of you wondering why we did this ... Well they hadn't been fully reviewed or modified since 2014. It was time to say the least! D) We also discussed track and event management with regards to volunteer help and will be asking that you all pitch in. Finally during that meeting it was clear that there were some secret weapons coming this year maybe being driven by the class weights being modified for the 2019 season. I will be interested to see if the rumor mill is accurate in that there will be a different color Bumford or Kennedy tractors this year among other things!!!

On a side note, a huge congrats go out to Buzzy Knowles and Matt Poirier both of them got engaged this winter (Not to each other) and if you have a minute give Willie a call she recently had a hip replaced. Actually you might give Bob a call I think he could use some help... Love you Willie...lol

Hope to see you all May 18 at our first pull. Please arrive early as we will having our spring meeting prior to the pull!

Think Spring!

Glenn

Southern Maine Tractor Elected Board Meeting 2/9/2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am by President Glenn Davis. The following members were in attendance: Zack Kennedy, Ken Hayes, Al Williams, Kathy Davis, Thomas Knight, Greg Haley and Roxanne Bumford. Others in attendance were Ryan Hamilton, Frank Bumford and Gini Hayes.

Schedule

The dates for the 2019 pulling schedule were discussed. Below you will find the schedule:

5/18 Acton Fairgrounds stone boat

6/1 Acton Fairgrounds stone boat

6/2 Acton Fairgrounds sled

6/16 Acton Fairgrounds sled

7/6 Acton Fairgrounds stone boat

7/7 Acton Fairgrounds rain date

7/20 Sebago sled

8/3 Greg Reeds stone boat
8/24 Acton Fair truck pull- Mark's sled
8/25 Acton Fair tractor pull- Mark's sled
9/14 Acton Fairgrounds stone boat
10/19 Acton Fairgrounds stone boat
10/20 Acton Fairgrounds sled

Review of rules

The rules had not been revised since 2014. Each rule was reviewed individually and discussed. Changes were made. There was a motion made to accept the rules as revised by Zak Kennedy. The second was made by Al Williams and the motion carried unanimously. The revised rules will be included in the newsletter and posted to the website. **Be sure to review them.**

Lunch was provided by Glenn and Kathy Davis at 12:25 and a half hour break was taken during the rules review.

Jackpot Class

There will be a new class this year. It is a fund raiser and does not count toward the 2 class per tractor rule. There is a \$100 participation fee per tractor. The participant must be a club member with insurance. The weight class will be 4750. It will only be pulled on transfer sled pulls. The speed limit is 5 miles per hour. It is an open class with no tire, horsepower or rpm restrictions. Points total determines the winner at the end of the season. The winner will receive 50% of the pot collected during the season. The remaining 50% will belong to the club.

Track help

There was a discussion on getting people to help on the track. Also getting people to help with set up before the pull and take down after the pull. It was decided to place a signup sheet for each class with 2 spots for track and 1 spot at the scales next to where participants sign up for classes. This will be voluntary but please remember without help the pulls cannot be successful.

Rain outs

The rainouts will be continued to be determined by the pulling committee. They will be posted on Facebook and each pulling committee member will have a list of participants to call.

There being no more business to come before the board Ken Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 and Greg Haley seconded it. The vote was unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Bumford

SOUTHERN MAINE TRACTOR CLUB PULLING RULES-ANTIQUE TRACTORS

1. All pullers must be a member of the SMTC and have paid their insurance. They must have a signed waiver on file with the Club Secretary.
2. Any two wheel-drive rubber tire tractor not newer than 1970 can participate.
3. No cut or radial tires allowed. Tires are not to exceed 18.5" in the 2650 lb through 8000 lb class.
4. Any Bolt-on or Secured weights are permitted. If any weights come off and hit the ground while in the pulling area the tractor and driver will be disqualified from the class.
5. Any weight will be allowed to stick out no more than 30" inches from the most forward point of the tractor excluding the wheels. All front weight must be strapped or pinned in place to a bracket making for a non-moveable mount
6. The Pulling point face will not exceed 20" in height and not less than 18" from center axel (18" measurement is from the back of hole) (20" measurement shall be at the top of the drawbar or spacer/washer, if needed.)
7. When hooking up to the drag, drivers will put the tractor in neutral and raise their hands.
8. The driver shall remain seated during the pull. Additionally, when a puller is hooked onto the drag, the puller must have at least one hand on the steering wheel.
9. All tractor engines must not exceed the manufacturer's recommended HP and RPM by more than 10% and must be equivalent to the engine made for that tractor.
10. All tractors must have working brakes.
11. Drivers must be eligible to have a driver's license. (16 years old or older)
12. No alcohol is to be consumed by any competitor before or during the pulling event.
13. Only one person allowed on a tractor (no riders).
14. Drivers shall follow all directions given by the hook person and /or flag person(s).
15. During a stone boat pull, tractors may have two tries to achieve a full pull. The pin must fall over completely to be classified as a full pull. If the track conditions are very muddy, when the stone boat stops, the pull is done. This will be determined by a pulling committee member.
16. One driver per class per tractor. Not to exceed two classes with the same tractor with the exception of King of the hill or Jackpot classes.
17. Spectators shall stay at least 30 feet from the edge of track. They may be closer if solid barrier or fence separates spectators from the track.
18. The Pulling Committee and its designees shall determine the width and length of the pulling area prior to the event. Once established if any part of the tractor touches a boundary line during a pull, the puller is disqualified. When pulling the sled it must be pulled in the direction that it was set up to go. No turning it around. It may not be moved more than 90 degrees in the two pulls.

19. The Hook Person or flag person(s) shall determine if tractor has achieved its full pulling potential or needs to be stopped for safety reasons. Upon notification to stop the operator shall stop immediately.
20. Grievance during the pull shall not be discussed during the pull. All grievances must be filed with a Pulling Committee member or club officer after the pull.
21. No coaching at anytime unless a rookie driver or a mechanical breakdown.
22. There will be no raking between the first and second hitches of each contestant.
23. The speed limit for transfer sled pulling will be set at the drivers meeting.
24. All tractors must have wheelie bars in order to pull. The wheelie bars at a minimum must be flush to the back of the tire and not extend more than 10" beyond the back of the tire. It must be no more than 10" from the ground. The wheelie bars must be rigidly fastened to the axel housing or rear end housing and not mounted to the drawbar or drawbar assembly unless approved by the pulling committee. The wheelie bar system must be able to support the weight of the tractor in the heaviest class pulled. Jacking up the pads so that the tractor is completely off the ground is a good test of the strength of the system's support ability. *The pulling committee reserves the right to test any wheelie bars and any failures will not be allowed to pull.*
25. Continual violations of the rules will not be tolerated. Termination of club membership may result. The Board of Directors will make the final determination.

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR MAIN CONCERN

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