

## Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.

### Membership Meeting

Date held: March 10, 2015

Began: 7:31 PM

Josh Martin Presiding

There were 15 members in attendance.

Secretary's report accepted as read, motion by: Ira Lessman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dave Lohr, Motion carried.

Amount in the bank: \$13,600.69

CD: \$4,009.23

Treasurer's report accepted as read, motion by: Kenny Frymoyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mike Lessman, Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Mike Lessman mentioned that there are some changes made to the Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association's pulling dates. These changes are: August 1<sup>st</sup> has been changed to July 18<sup>th</sup> and the pulls in October will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We are still waiting on a price for the ice from Weis. The price that Jeff got was per bag and they are trying to get a better price for us.

Kenny Frymoyer mentioned that we discussed adding more classes of tractors to the tractor pulls. He then asked how old is an antique tractor. We are looking at around 25-30 years old would be considered an antique. We then discussed what weight classes we want to add to the pulls. Josh Martin mentioned that the 12,500 lb. and 13,000 lb. classes are good classes to try. Also an 11,500 lb. class was mentioned. It was suggested that instead of having a 500 lb. difference between classes, to go with 12,000 lb. and 13,000 lb. classes. After discussion, Kenny Frymoyer made a motion to try the 12,000 lb. and 13,000 lb. classes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Greg Bingaman, Motion carried.

We then discuss setting a pace for the pulls. It was suggested setting the pace at 4 ½ MPH. We then discussed what age of the tractors we should go with. It was decided to go with 30 years and older to be classified as an antique tractor. This will put the age at 1985 and older. We also discussed which day we should pull the added classes. It was decided to go with Saturday.

During the discussion of the tractor pulls, it was suggested that we should set an age limit to pull a tractor. It was mentioned that there are some very young children pulling tractors and some of them need to have help. There are many concerns for the safety of everyone involved with the tractor pulls and if the person driving does not have complete control of the tractor, someone could get hurt. So, it was suggested that we should set the age to a minimum of 12 years old for the farm tractors. It was then asked what do we do about the garden tractor pulls.

After discussion, it was decided to take some time to think about how we want to set an age and what age to go with. During some more discussion, it was decided to go with the following phrase instead of an age: "The tractor driver needs to be able to fully operate the tractor independently without any help." This statement will affect both the antique farm tractor pulls and the garden tractor pulls.

Greg Bingaman asked if there was any way that we could help out the Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association with their sled repairs. It was mentioned that without their sled, we would have to rent one or buy one. It was suggested that we could raise our hook fee to \$6.00 per hook and give the S.C.T.P.A. a dollar per hook to cover some of the repair costs. It was also suggested just helping them when needed with the repairs and maintenance. After discussion, it was decided to help them with the maintenance and repairs when it is needed. It was also mentioned that the 2 added classes should be enough to pay for the maintenance or repairs.

Mike Lessman said that he called Moyers Gas and they think that we are not contracted with them and that Moyers is only charging us for what propane we use. They are not charging us for the tanks. It was decided to continue to look around for propane prices.

Todd Willow checked on frying oil prices at Sam's Club again. The price in Williamsport is \$18.99 and \$18.29 in Harrisburg.

Discussed the shirts and hats. It was suggested that we should put the train logo on the front with the clubs initials and the design on the back. The printers in Middleburg said that there would not be an artwork fee if we got more than 50 shirts made. We need to decide how many shirts we need made and which sizes. It was decided to get in t-shirts: 12 L, 12 XL and 12 2XL. In hoodies: 6 L, 6 XL, 6 2XL and 6 3XL. In zipper hoodies: 6 L, 6 XL, 6 2XL and 6 3XL. This gives us a total of 84 shirts. We still need to pick a color of the shirts yet which needs to be done by the next meeting.

**New Business:** It was decided again to plant oats again at the Community Gardens for a buffer zone.

Discussed cleaning the barn out to fix up the museum.

It was mentioned that the scrapple is all gone now and the bacon is ready and sealed for the show. It was also mentioned that more sausages were made and we should now have 1325 links available for the shows.

At 9:37 PM, Delphia Lohr made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Ray Hummel, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Clark, Secretary