

NATIONAL EDGE & TA



Board of Director's Meeting called to order 8:30 p.m. July 14, 2007

Roll call: All directors present

Larry Voris, Dorene Yearian, Howard Hodson, Don Young, Dick Tombrink, George Christmas, Wayne Timchuck and Sec'y-Treas. Ruth Warnock.
One Advisor, Darrell Carter from the NC area

1. Petting Zoo

This was discussed at great length.

The board voted to carry insurance for the current year only..

2. INSURANCE PREMIUM COST FOR NEXT YEAR.

Dick Tombrink gave the insurance report

As of the end of 2007 we will have a running surplus of \$13,914.00. That's down \$886.00 from 2006 so we are cutting into our surplus a little bit at a time. If we continue with the rate that we have now, of \$5.00, in 2008 estimating the insurance premium at \$50,000.00. In 2006 it was \$50,000.00, 2007 it is \$47,886.00 but we haven't added on to it yet so it can get back up there to \$50,000 based on 9400 members at \$5.00, then we'll deduct our surplus by another \$3000.00. So this is working as planned. We are taking from the surplus slowly. Dick said if we want to cut it quicker than that we could reduce our premiums, but the feeling is the \$5.00 is working and we are cutting our surplus. Howard made a motion we leave it at \$5.00, Dorene 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

3. INSURANCE QUESTIONS.

Larry asked if we have any questions about insurance.

There were none.

All agreed that it was good that Carrel came to the National show and everyone was able to meet our insurance agent and visit with him.

Larry said all questions go to Carrel.

4. EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

a) Standard for meals \$25.00 per day.

This will remain the same

b) EXPENSES FOR SHOWS

How many days for expenses are we allowed.

We should get there the day before the show and leave the day after.

That way we are there to assist with the hosting branch if needed and we should be visible at all times until the show ends.

c) Airport Parking

Okay to pay if we have to.

Dick brought up **car size rental** that is on our expense guidelines. It says we need to rent mid-size vehicle. The idea is not to abuse this. Large/tall people can not fit into mid size vehicles. Change to read “pays for car rental”

- d) **Driving vs. flying**
 - o.k.

5. SHOULD WE RE-IMBURSE DIRECTORS FOR GOING TO BRANCH THAT IS HAVING A PROBLEM?

Ruth said that this should happen only after all other avenues have been taken. Emails and phone calls.

Discussion:

Howard suggested we put in our manual that this can happen only with board approval.

All agreed.

6. Antique Vehicle Insurance program.

A little history to update everyone on this subject. Several members had asked if we could get a "physical damage insurance" for members equipment. Larry went to Our insurance agent and asked him to work up a program or a couple for us to compare. Carrel talked to Hagerty Insurance Co, which made a presentation to the board before the National show started. Carrel then made another presentation from Hanover Insurance Co. Carrel told us he would go back to Hanover and see if he could get a better proposal than he presented to us at the meeting.

Larry asked what every one thought of the program last night, this being a proposal from Hagerty Insurance Company and the proposal from Carrel which was the Hanover Insurance Co.

Hagerty has possibilities. What Carrel proposed he didn't think we were ready for the big layout of funds that they ask for. Carrel did tell us that he would get back to them and see if he could get a better proposal and report back to us later.

We need to have Hagerty put something on paper that we can see as far as a list, cost, he would like to see that.

Dorene said, what she would like to see is for each one to go to Haggerty, give them a list of what we have, and for them to give us a quote.

The Hagerty presentation was very broad. From what we could get from the discussion, there would be a \$100.00 min. payment from each member applying for coverage. The Hagerty program appears to be a modified automobile policy.

Lengthy discussion.

Larry asked if all were in agreement with the Hagerty Co vs. Carrel.

Reply by all was yes.

George said that it is all individualized. He said what we need to do is to state that Hagerty has a program to insure your items. Then the member can contact Hagerty, and tell them what they want. Tell them they offer comprehensive, collision, and liability.

More discussion.

Individual needs are different and states are different.

Is everyone in agreement.

***Note at bottom of page.

7. Mission Statement

Dick asked what the mission statement was. Larry said he heard those words and didn't know exactly what it was.

The mission statement is the Purpose in the by-laws.

Dick read this to all. He said he didn't think garden tractors qualified.

Garden tractors were discussed and there are many that are dated 1947-48 and they are antiques. Howard said we don't need to do away with garden tractors. All agreed.

8. Update manuals.

Larry asked if all directors had their manuals updated from the web site.

9. Web site

Calendar of events. Red dots indicate branch hosted events. Blue/black are just events put on the calendar.

The red dots indicate that it has been reported to the insurance company.

Dick had a request from Alane to put a place for a fax number on the Additional Insured form. This request will be written by Larry and forwarded to Ruth to submit to Sally.

10. Web domains

We found out that the (.com) is still in Jerry Mac Martin's name and is paid up until 2009. It is recommended that all domains be registered in EDGETA's name with a current officers to receive all invoices for renewal. The webmaster shouldn't be the owner of the domains. The webmaster should have all needed passwords to the domains and keep the EDGETA contact informed of any changes that need to be made. All of the domains should be linked so anyone of them (.com), (.org) or (.net) will open our web site. Larry said, he will see that all the confusion on the web ownership will be taken care of. It will not happen immediately but soon.

11. Branch reporting of officers and directors.

Ruth said for the most part this was done in a timely manner. There are always stragglers. But it was beautiful this year.

12. Are there any forms that need to be updated or changed.

Dick mentioned that the "Additional Insured" form needs a fax number added.

Ruth said at one time there was a form under required forms where the branches could go on and print. They couldn't type into it, but it was used as a guideline for the information needed from the branches to the EDGETA secretary. I was the one that had it taken off when we were getting things back on line. Well at the beginning of this year I had several branches ask where that form was. I didn't realize how many used it.

Ruth said she would like to see some kind of form put back up that branches could type into and print or attach to an email. Ruth said she doesn't care what format it is in.

Larry asked Ruth if she would handle this. She said yes.

Discussion.

Dick said he thought if Ruth can work something out with Sally to do it. All agreed.

13. Membership cards:

Ruth used to order 5000 cards @ .69 each. This time she ordered 10,000 cards at .52 per card , including freight it came to .53 per card. There is always an overrun so she got 11,000 cards.

This isn't up for discussion, Larry is just letting the board know about it.

14. Slot Punch

Ruth brought all the information about purchasing one. She will send the information to Dorene for branch 16. The company is www.jamplastics.com. We have a P-10 Hand Held Slot Punch The strap clips are 505-SDL Long strap clips. The current price now is \$86.00 and the clips go from .14 to .31 depending on the size of the order. They do say on the website that they will adjust the punch.

15. Country store. Larry asked if it was still being used. Ruth said occasionally she gets a request from a branch or individual that said they saw it on the country store.

16. New Brochure update

Ruth brought one with her to show the changes. Discussion: pros and cons

Ruth said the last time she did the brochures the cost for 2500 was \$259.00 or about 10 cent each.

Dick asked what we do with the brochures. Ruth said it started out that the directors had them to pass out when they went to shows. Ruth would put a few in the box when a new branch started up.

More discussion. Questions asked if we really need them.

Ruth said it is an added expense and a lot of these were destroyed. If you send a bunch to each branch, you're going to be going around the grounds and pick them up after people read them and throw them away.

Ruth said she thinks if we save the money there, we could put more ads in magazines and they reach a lot of people.

Dorene said instead of doing the brochure We need to work up a generic ad that we all agree to and then we can each use it as needed. Ruth said she only puts out one ad in the Farm Collector magazine. There is also an organization in Iowa that we could send an ad to.

Final result was to discontinue printing the brochure.

All agreed. Advertising in the tractor & engine magazines is a good idea and a generic ad should be worked up for individual use.

17. Committee reports.

Steam ok

Safety o.k.

National/Regional shows. O.k.

18. National/Regional Shows.

All agree that Gus does a good job.

19. Magazine article.

Discussed. No changes at this time. Larry said it is hard to come up with topics for the E & E article each time. If you have a topic please let him know.

20. Newsletter. Everyone said they need to be reminded.

21. Insurance audit.

We collect the money from however members we have and paid for 8700 members and this year we had an audit and paid for 9400 members. The additional premium was billed to the general liability, not to the excess lines that's why there was a difference.

22. Show Buttons

Dick asked about the show buttons for next year. Ruth said she thought they were going to use one with a tractor in the tulip fields. Dick asked if we could get the buttons out before the first of the year. Ruth said no way. Dorene said she thought Ruth did a good job. Howard said he didn't need them until April. Ruth said many branches are asking for them because they went to a previous officer and not passed on.

Dick brought up the group from Montana that joined, and was assigned branch # 180. They decided not to stay. Dick said some of those members still want to be part of EDGE&TA. Since they already paid for their membership, could he take them into his branch. Ruth said that Dick needs to send a list of these members to her and she would check them against the 180 list. See note at bottom.

23. Election of officers

Secretary/Treasurer: Larry Voris moved that Ruth Warnock be re-elected. Dorene Yearian second. All in favor. Motion carried

President: Larry said he would take it again. Dorene Yearian made the motion to re-elect Larry. Howard Hodson second. All in favor motion carried.

Vice President: Howard Hodson made the motion to re-elect Dorene Yearian, Dick Tombrink second all in favor motion carried.

Committees

Steam: Remains the same. George will contact Tim

Safety: Dorene wants to be taken off. All others remain the same

Insurance: Add Dorene. All others remain the same

Hall of fame. Howard Hodson

National/ Regional show coordinator: Gus Peterson

Newsletter editor Ruth Warnock

Web page committee. Larry/ Ruth/ Jan

24. Discussion on youth driving.

Howard said they are allowed to drive on public streets if the parade goes there and if they have their certificate. Ruth thought it was just on private property.

Dick said he had read the following: youth drivers can drive on public roads as long as the state says it is o.k. for example the state of Montana 12-16 can drive on back roads.

Dorene said the tractor clinic says, that after a youth goes through the program they are allowed to drive at an EDGE&TA sponsored show. Is that correct? Larry said yes. Howard disagreed. George said that it is up to the state. They have the final word. If they say no farm machinery that's the law. Howard said you are probably right.

Larry went to the youth section in our manual and read the following:

On May 29, 2002, Scottsdale Insurance, our insurance carrier, agreed to allow the youth, between 12 and 16 years of age or until the youth reaches the age a Motor Vehicle Operators License from the state in which he/she resides can be obtained, who are members of EDGE&TA, have completed the EDGE&TA Youth Driver Training Program and passed the Operational Safety Tests, to operate tractors and other motorized vehicles at EDGE&TA functions.

Larry said, The way he reads this, we only have authority to authorize the youth to operate a vehicle at a EDGETA sponsored event. (The Youth Driver program was implemented so we could cover the youth under our insurance program at an EDGETA sponsored event). We have no authority to authorize anyone to drive on a public Streets. Driving on a public street is up to the state in question.

Howard made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

** Note: Ruth called Sally to verify all of this. Sally said that once the form is submitted and the requestor gets a copy, that is proof that it went to the insurance company. If it didn't go through, there would be an error message.*

The insurance company, Dick and the requestor all get either the form or acknowledgement based on the form being successfully submitted. Sally said that the form they receive is generated the same as the previous form that they received except it does not go to their email.

*****Note: This money has now been returned to the president of this group. They would need to pay Dick's branch now if they want to become members of EDGE&TA.***

******Note: Carrel came back with another proposal from Hanover Insurance that we need to take a close look at. This program has a lot more options when we look at the big picture.***

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth Warnock, Secretary