

# NATIONAL EDGE & TA



Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association  
Board of Director's Meeting  
April 13, 2008, 8:30 a.m.  
Mt Vernon, Washington,

**Attendance:**

Directors, Larry Voris, Dorene Yearian, Howard Hodson, George Christmas, Wayne Timchuk, Don Young, Dick Tombrink and secretary, Ruth Warnock.

**1. Reporting of events:**

Larry said if we keep the same insurance, Scottsdale, all events that have already been reported for 2008 may have to be reported again.

Dick said that he gets copies (via email) of the events and certificates. He can resubmit them to the insurance company, but they will get all, including ones that have already been reported. Old as well as new and they would have to sort it out.

Possible ones that might be missed are the ones that have been faxed to the insurance company but he doesn't think there are too many of those.

Larry indicated that if this was the way it was going to have to be done he would contact Alane (insurance).

Dick suggested that all directors take a look at the calendar to make sure that branches in their area have reported their events. There are a lot slipping through the cracks.

**2. Animals-Dog bites**

Reply from the insurance company to the question about dog bites

The owner of the dog should be primary but we do not have any "animal" exclusion of the policy and our policy would come into play if the dog owner does not have personal liability insurance to cover the claim. First time they would pay and then it would probably become an exclusion. Don said we should follow the laws of the various states. CA has a law Penal Code 3342. The owner is responsible.

Question asked if we should allow the branches to contact our insurance company and let them get and pay for the exclusion if they wanted. Answer was that we should not get involved, if they want to purchase their own insurance outside of ours for this purpose they can. Don will follow up with the branch that had the question.

George suggested something be put on the Q&A page regarding dogs.

Larry will write something up, send out to all for approval and then put it on the Q&A webpage.

**3. Barrel Train**

Questions come up from time to time from different branches regarding barrel trains. Recently Dick has been working with a member who submitted his proposal to Dick. Larry said it really has some pretty good merit to it. There was a lot of discussion. Topics covered were, how the grounds are where these take place. On asphalt, grass or gravel, etc., weight of the garden tractor was discussed, limit to how many barrels,

limit to weight of barrel plus child, adding mirrors to the tractors, supervision by an adult while loading and unloading, designated loading and unloading area, speed of the train etc. The directors decided to take all into consideration,

Motion was made by Dick Tombrink that he would re-write the requirements based on this discussion, and put it out to a vote of the directors and then add to the Barrel Train Requirements on our WebPages. Second by Dorene Yearian, motion carried.

#### **4. Crawling on tractors**

Request from a member from Nevada asked for a change to our by-laws to include ways to keep people off exhibitor's equipment.

This is not a National Problem. This is a branch problem and should be handled by the branch. Suggestions are to rope off your equipment, put signs to "keep off" or better still stay with your equipment. George said actually it is a member's problem. Don said that he was in a meeting when this came up and this person didn't indicate that it should be a change to the national by-laws, that it would be a change to their branch by-laws.

#### **5. New Beginning date for organization**

Larry said that he talked with Ruth regarding this and she said the date we have is working. It has taken a few years to have this all come together. Branches (for the most part) are getting their dues in on time, updating their branch officer/director forms. If we change it we have to change everything. All the ordering of materials and this will move things into the holiday seasons. Larry said we have a few branches that have shows right after the end of the year (April 15<sup>th</sup>) or beginning of the New Year and getting them reported so they can have Additional Insured Certificate and Proof of Insurance Certificate is the problem.

Dick said one of the problems is when a branch has a show right after April 15<sup>th</sup> and they need certificate of insurance and the insurance (Scottsdale) company says "no we can't issue until we get the renewal and we don't get it until the 15<sup>th</sup>". It puts the branch in a bind and they get hassled from the fair grounds etc saying they need that certificate 2 weeks or whatever prior to the event. If we go with a different insurance company this year, we may be able to work with them and get the renewal done prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>. If we do that, it will eliminate one of our big problems. We could also work with the insurance agent and maybe they can hold on to them until the renewal date and then issue the certificates the next day after renewal.. Currently this is not happening.

Perhaps some of these problems may go away if we go with a different Insurance company. Howard said changing the date is not the solution to the problem.

Whenever we have it, these problems will follow us with the current insurance.

This subject has been tabled for now until we see what our insurance will be for the New Year.

#### **6. Stickers**

Suggestion was made to place both years on your membership cards to show when shows overlap insurance periods. Put the new sticker either above or below the old sticker.

#### **7. Discussion: Insurance:**

Philadelphia Insurance has come through with a proposal. Carrol said that prices will be similar but there will be changes for the better. We'll know more about it on Monday.

Decision will have to be made on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will stay in telephone contact.

Larry said we should probably keep the requirements the same. All the shows need to be reported and that way we know where things are. We can do away with the estimated number of attendance.

D&O insurance will stay with Chubb.

## **8. Credit cards**

Ruth indicated that she has not increased the credit cards for a long time. However, now with the gas prices being as high as it is she knew the cards weren't going to cover everyone traveling. She explained how she went to the credit card and all that they have asked for and continue to ask for. We have been with them for 10 years and she feels as though they are putting her through hoops. She went to Bank of America where our checking account is and talked with the manager. They are putting together a new program for companies and I told her I would be in to see her after I returned from the National show.

She asked for a cap. After discussion, Dorene made a motion to increase the amount of the credit cards for Director's to \$2500.00 and Secretary to \$3000.00.

Motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Howard second, all in favor, motion carried.

## **9. Website**

Larry had a report on what was happening with the website. At one point Larry and Ruth looked it over and realized that Sally was not charging for things that she should have been charging for based on the original contract with her. Sally and Ruth worked out what had been done, we thought we owed her a little more than she said and Sally corrected this because we were giving her too much money. Larry said it looks like we are spending about \$2100.00/year. Larry said she has done a great job and the calendar creation is very useful. Dorene said "very professional". Larry said we still need a picture gallery. Ruth said she does put them on for individual branches, but it would be nice if there was one gallery that all could look at. Ruth said she would talk with Sally when she got back. Ruth explained to the directors that when a branch fills out their new officers form, she gets a copy and Sally gets a copy. Sally updates the web pages and also the branch mailing list. Then she also lets me know that she has completed the update.

Dick said while we are talking about the web pages. He noticed on the Required Forms page it said please send your dues 2007. Ruth said she would ask Sally to change this to 2008. Also, the branch information form. Can that be changed to when you put in the branch number the last information comes up and you only have to make changes?

Ruth said this only has to be done once a year and this is the way we catch the new phone numbers, email addresses etc. It is too easy to skip over them if it is defaulted. Ruth said she didn't think this should be done. She could see where records will not be accurate. Ruth said she will be contacting the branches that have not filled out their forms this year. If they don't respond, she will contact the director for the area. Larry said he thinks we should compliment Sally for a job well done. All agreed it is Very Professional.

## **10 Newsletters**

Articles are due to Ruth on time in order to get the newsletter out on time. She has only received Wayne's. Dick said he needs to be reminded..

## **11. Report on number of branches.**

New this year, branch 185 Pochontas, AR, branch 186 Peru Kansas and branch 187 Columbia Falls, MT. Total 139 branches. A new one on the table.

We can vote on it today

Bryan County Antique Tractor Club in Oklahoma

They said they have 79 members. Howard said he had met with them. They have a webpage. Howard made a motion to accept. Don second. All in favor, motion carried. Ruth will notify them. That will make 140 branches.

**12. Safety was discussed. No changes made at this time.**

**13. Physical Damage program.** Larry said directors need to get on this and promote it to the branches or the company will drop us. Larry said he needs to send something out to the branch presidents again. He will also put it in the newsletter.

**14. Expense Accounts.**

Flying vs. driving.

This is a bad year and it is probably going to get worse.

8 days of motel bills on travel. Sometimes it might be cheaper to pay for the spouse to fly than for you to drive to get the spouse there. Ruth said you would have to change the by-laws. This year you have 3 driving a long way. Next year you will have 3 driving the other way.

Howard said he kept his expenses in his computer on the way out. He said it cost him 540.28 to get here. Fuel, food, motel. He said it wasn't practical to fly out of his local airport because they charge a premium just like all small airports. Then if he drove to Tulsa, pay car storage, gas, etc to get there, it wasn't practical for him to fly.

Ruth suggested that she send a report to the directors with their expenditures and then they can revisit this. Bottom line is EDGE&TA is only responsible for the payment for the director's and secretary's expenditures to attend the National meeting.

**15. Web domains**

Dot com, dot org, dot net are all in edge&ta name with Larry as the primary contact. Ruth's name is on as the billing contact. Everything is changed. Larry has copies and Ruth has a copy of the passwords etc in file also.

The only thing that will cost us this year is the Dot Org which is due July 6, 2008

**16. Financial Report**

Dick talked about the financial report. He questioned what "donation" stood for.

Ruth said that was the category she used to give the branches money for their National/Regional shows. Decision was made to call it National/Regional Meeting expense. This is something we look at each year to make sure we can continue. Also how the branches are using the money they receive.

Ruth suggested that we look and see what our new insurance is going to cost, what our expenditures are for the year and see if we need to make any adjustment to this figure.

Dick said we need to keep the insurance money collected from the branches separate from the dues money. We can't draw from the insurance money to pay for show expenses and advertising etc. Ruth keeps these figures separate in the Excel spreadsheet. Dick said at this point there is no reason to increase the insurance premium we will just carry it through and see what the new premium is and we may also have some more that we may owe for this last year. Larry said he is sure there will be an audit from Scotsdale. Wayne suggested that we stay where we are for the next year and see where this fuel is going to shake out and see what our expenses are going to be for this year.

All agreed.

We need to watch our surplus fund.

Dick said we agreed to pay the deductible if we had any insurance claim, so that's another reason that savings account needs to stay in tact.

Larry said it should come out of the insurance surplus if we need it. Not the dues money. Dick said that originally it was said that EDGE&TA would pay the claim and that would mean out of the dues. At that time we didn't have any excess money in the insurance account. Dorene said the surplus is to be used for insurance costs should the insurance premium go up.  
All figures will be looked at again at the end of the year to see exactly where we stand.

### **17. Election of officers**

1. Motion made by Howard to re-elect Larry Voris as President. Seconded by George
2. Motion made by Dick to re-elect Dorene Yearian as Vice President. Seconded by Howard,
3. Dorene made motion to re-elect Ruth Warnock as secretary/treasurer, seconded by George

All motions were unanimously approved for the following positions for another term: President, Larry Voris, Vice President, Dorene Yearian and Secretary/Treasurer, Ruth Warnock.

At the election of the general membership meeting, Dick Tombrink was re-elected as NW Director and Don Young was re-elected as SW director.

It was brought to our attention after the general membership meeting that some of the committees did not give a report. It was suggested that all committees make a report at the general meeting to inform the membership of happenings in the association and to keep the membership updated.

### **18. Committee appointments for 2008-2009**

Steam: George Christmas, Chairman

Dick Tombrink

Alan Schurman

Darrell Carter

Safety: Don Young, Chairman

Wayne Timchuk

Howard Hodson

Insurance: Dick Tombrink, Chairman

Curtis Cook

Larry Voris

Dorene Yearian

Hall of Fame: Howard Hodson

National/Regional Show Co-coordinator: Gus Peterson

Magazine articles: Larry Voris

Newsletters: Ruth Warnock

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth A. Warnock, Secretary