

51st National Meeting Aug 20, 2011

Branch 79, Winfield Kansas

Co- hosted with Branch 11

President Floyd Moore of Branch 11 in Winfield Kansas thanked all the directors for coming

He said he would be hosting the Massey Harris Days at his place in Wellington KS June 8-9.

Floyd turned it over to President Branch 79, Jeff Ferguson. Jeff said he hoped everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanked Larry and the rest of the board.

Larry said they have all enjoyed themselves.

President Larry Voris started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Larry then said a brief prayer and thanked branches 79 and 11.

He then introduced the national officers and directors.

Dorene Yearian, VP and NC Director

NE Director, Wayne Timchuk

SE Director, George Christmas

SC Director, Johnny Burger

SW Director, Don Young

Larry announced that NW Director, Dick Tombrink, was here yesterday but had to go back last night for his own branch show.

National Secretary, Ruth Warnock couldn't be here but said he had just talked with her on the phone and she wishes all of you well being and hopes you have a great show.

He introduced himself: I'm Larry Voris, the Director at Large and President of the Board.

Ruth is retiring, as most of you know, and we have taken some resumes. We have some that look real good. We have put on the website, we will stop taking applications as of September 1, so if anyone wants to turn in an application, turn it in now.

Roll Call of the branches taken by Dorene.

Larry announced that we have 174 branches with 11 new ones this year and approximately 10,500 members at this time. Last year we ended with 11,916, so we are ahead of this time last year. The last branch number was 228. We don't re-use numbers.

Dorene asked if there were any ballots to be turned in.

There are 9 branches and 31 members present.

Old business:

None

New business:

None

Discussion

Reports of the committees:

Don Young Safety Chairman:

Announced that we have some mandatory safety rules you must follow if you want to be covered by insurance.

Engine displays must have two ropes around them, each tractor must have a fire extinguisher, must not have more than one person on the tractor unless there are provisions for two people on the tractor. Every tractor must have a kill switch.

Everything I saw today was pretty much o.k. except for more than one person on a tractor and fire extinguishers. I didn't find too many.

Mostly common sense, watch what you are doing, where you are driving and we won't have a problem.

Hall of Fame:

Tom Yearian, chairman, couldn't make it to the show.

Dorene announced that this year there were 5 people inducted into the Hall of Fame,

Arnold Price, Br 207, Monroe, NC

Dale Richardson, Br 54, Lewiston, ID

Gary Yaeger, Br 187, Helena, MT

Robert Rhode, Br 29, Springboro, OH

Sheridan Hansen, Br 134, Cedar City, UT

Dorene announce that the application is on the webpage. She announced that the honorees are added to our Hall of Fame pages, and that their names are on the large plaques, and they each receive a plaque.

Steam, George Christmas

He said guidelines are posted on the web page and to feel free to contact them anytime they have questions.

Insurance: Larry announced:

We need to be safe to retain our inexpensive premiums. \$4.00 each. We have had a couple of claims and they have been paid. We try to keep a little extra in the overpayment fund to take care of this. We have already voted not to raise our dues for the next year.

Larry stated "we do not want to be known as insurance, this is a benefit of belonging to EDGE&TA". We are not in the insurance business.

Larry asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

Director at Large. Larry said he is the seventh director, and the director at large. He said he was then elected president. I'm not president of EDGE&TA, I'm president of the board.

Our secretary couldn't be here and I don't have a report from her.

Website. We have an excellent website hosted by Sally Walker. All of our regulations and forms are on the website. Sometimes the website is down, get in touch with the secretary, or a director and they will get in touch with Ruth and she will contact Sally. We do everything through the secretary. If we all start calling the webmaster then we get in trouble. If they call me I just call Ruth. We work that through the secretary.

National/Regional show coordinator, Morrie Robinson couldn't be here. Here is the list of shows for next year.

The National will be in Huntley MT and hosted by our director Dick Tombrink, br 29 on Aug 18 and 19.

NW Regional, Puget Sound Wa Aug 1-4 (Seattle area) br 26

SW Regional, Cedar City, Utah, br 134 3rd weekend in Oct

NC Regional, Cabol, Mo Oct 12-13 hosted by branch 28

SC Regional, Arkansas, br 147, 1st weekend in Oct, the 6th and 7th

SE Regional in Eagleville, TN Oct 5-6

NE branch and location has not confirmed as of this date.

Wayne Timchuck announced that for those of you that don't have a computer, you can go to your local library. There are a multitude of things on there. They will hook you right up. There will be someone there to help you.

Magazine articles. We put an article in the E&E (Engineer and Engine magazine). Larry said he is presently doing this, trying to push it off on Johnny. We like to have articles from our members. If you have something, send it in.

The national newsletter is written by our national secretary, Ruth Warnock, and she has problems with our seven directors to write articles, she gets pretty steamy sometimes. When it's time to get mailed, she will call me and ask why someone hasn't sent their article in. Ruth keeps needling us and finally we get it done.

We also have a Youth Driving Program

Don Young will talk about that.

I am the coordinator, and the insurance company has agreed to insure youths between the ages of 12 and 16. There is a course on line. When the youth takes the test it should be mailed to Don and he will send a card back.

Election of a directors:

We had two openings. NW Director Dick Tombrink. No one ran against him so he was re-elected

The SW Director position held by Don Young. Don ran again and Ed Stewart ran also.

24 branches out of 174 sent in their vote.

Don got 21 votes and 3 for Ed Stewart. So Don will continue on as SW Regional Director

Larry turned it back over to the host.

He thanked them all again for coming, and introduced the rest of the branch officers.

VP Curtis Rink
Secretary Austin Toombs
Floyd is also the Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth A. Warnock, Secretary.

Taped by Wayne Timchuck, NE Director